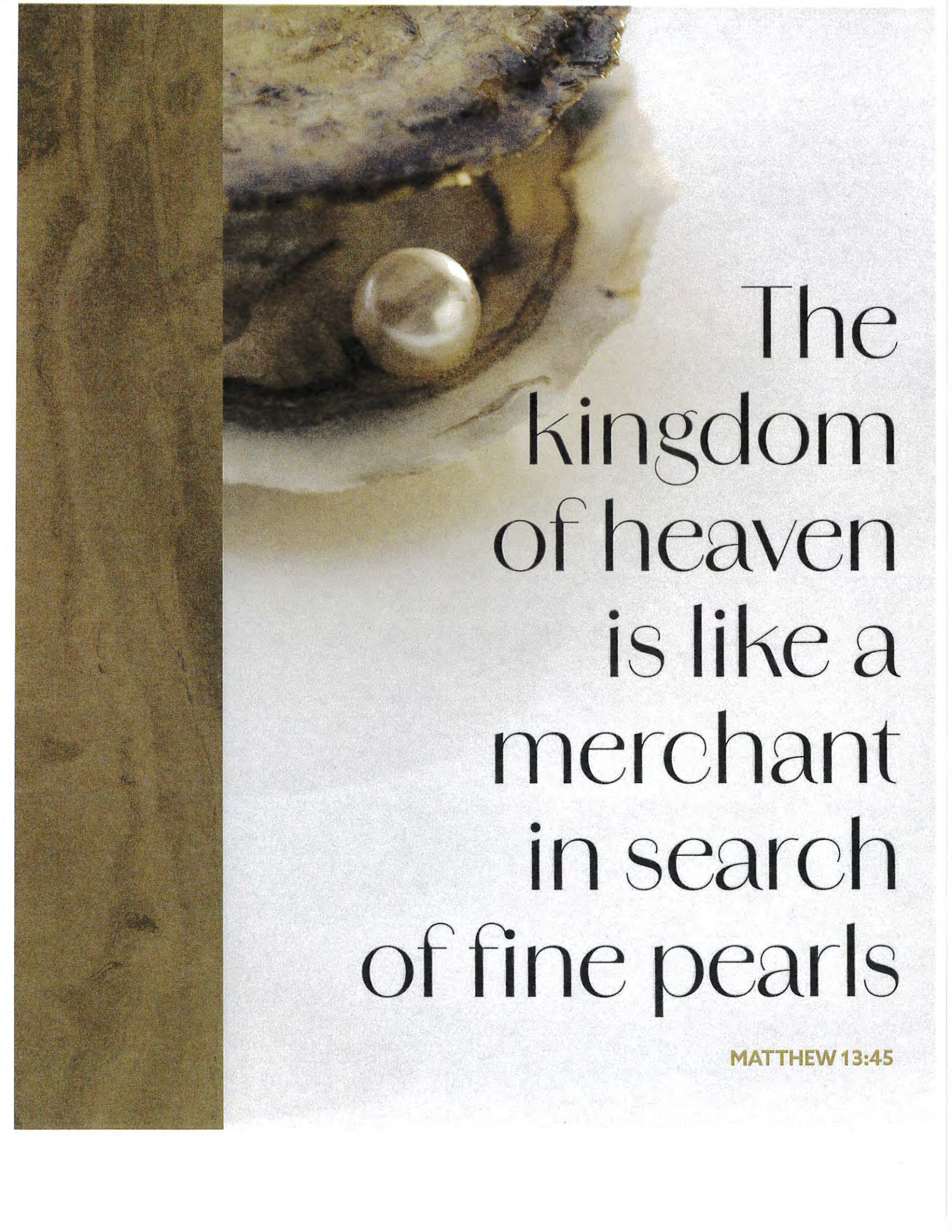




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MATTHEW 13:45

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
333 North Main Street Manahawkin, NJ
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Pastor Daniel Marrone

Sunday, July 26th, 2026



Welcome!

Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.

A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.

If you are unable to join us in person our service is now live streamed on YouTube. Open YouTube and search **LCHSManahawkin** to watch.

The responses throughout the bulletin are printed in **bold print**.
The lessons are printed on the back of the bulletin.

Introduction

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

Your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Opening Hymn # 532 Gather Us In

Invocation:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also, with you!

The Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God in the Highest”

Song Leaders: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you; we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

P: The Lord be with you

C: and also, with you!

P: Let us pray

Prayer of the Day:

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Today's Scripture Lessons:

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin.

The First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

129 Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.

**130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

131 I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.

**132 Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

133 Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.

**134 Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.**

135 Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.

**136 Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not
obeyed.**

The Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Chapter 13 beginning at the 31st verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Dan Marrone

Hymn of the Day #793 Please Stand if able

Be Thou My Vision

Apostles' Creed

Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of Grace

C: Hear our Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also, with you

P: Please take a moment to turn to your neighbors and share a sign of peace of Christ.



from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

P: Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered.

Offertory Hymn Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come



The Offertory Prayer:

Loving God,
We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Communion:

P: The Lord be with you!

C: and also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our
salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion:

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

You may be seated.

Lamb of God (Pg. 154 in front of the hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion:

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing.

The red wine and white grape juice are administered by the individual glass.

If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available, let Pastor know.

Prayer After Communion:

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

The Blessing:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Hymn #705

God Of Grace and God Of Glory

Dismissal

P: Heaven has come near.

Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

July 29 Ben Gilluly



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory and honor of God and in loving memory of my parents Madeline and William Conlin from Ruth Murphy

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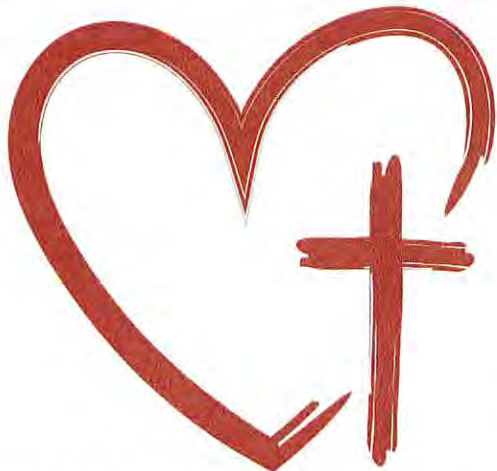
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PRAYER LIST 7/26/26



- ~ Rose Bombelli
- ~ Miranda Boylan
- ~ Chris Byron
- ~ Megan Caruso
- ~ Bill & Joanne Clark
- ~ Jeffrey Clark
- ~ The Congdon Family
- ~ Daniel Derr
- ~ Maureen Doheny
- ~ William Doheny
- ~ Stephen Donofrio
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- ~ Glen Hemberger
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- ~ Geri Marchitto
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- ~ Bruce Phillips
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- ~ Ken Scherer
- ~ Prudence Simonds
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- ~ Jennifer Tondera
- ~ Frank & Sue Tulino
- ~ Pat Verry

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If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.

Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 26, 2026, Through August 1, 2026

Sunday 26 th	9:00 AM	LCHS Worship/Fellowship
	11:00 AM	JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 27 th	10:30AM	Al-Anon Meeting Room B
	7:00 PM	JCI Prayer Session Room B
	7:00PM	Boy Scouts FELLOWSHIP
Tuesday 28 th	4-6:30PM	YMCA Room 4
	7:30PM	Al-Anon Meeting ROOM B
	7:30PM	AA Meeting FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday 29 th	7:00 PM	JCI BIBLE STUDY ROOM B
	6:00 PM	Soccer Shots (the field)
Thursday 30 th	7:30PM	AA Meeting Room 11/12
Friday 31 st	10:00 AM	AA Meeting Room Fellowship Hall
Saturday August 1 st		

WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**July 26, 2026****August 2, 2026**

Pastor	Pastor Dan Marrone	Pastor Dan Marrone
Lector	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Communion Assistant	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Ushers	Pat Padula Lou Padula	Pat Padula Lou Padula
Acolyte	Lou Padula	Lou Padula
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Keyboardist	Dan Laird	Dan Laird
Music Leaders	Ben Gilluly Janice Hurley Sue Chin	Janice Hurley Ben Gilluly Sue Chin
Sunday AM Fellowship	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Set up/Make Coffee	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Offering Counters	Trish Martinez Denise Ross	Ben Gilluly Ruth Murphy

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am



Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday following service! Straight down the hall the room on the left!

There are no strangers here, only friends you have not yet met - William Butler Yeats



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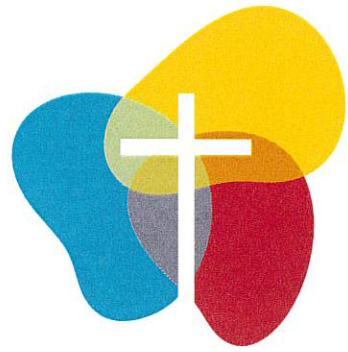
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community.

Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the

"Good News" of Jesus Christ!

NOTES



FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today."⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he

not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

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