

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Word and Sacrament

“Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church”
Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church

July 19, 2026 11:00AM



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship!

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This morning, we celebrate **8th Sunday after Pentecost!** The lyrics to the hymns are in the hymnals in the pews. We extend special greetings to all our guests who are with us today. Your presence, along with our members and friends, is truly valued. Know that all of God's people are always welcome here at St. Bartholomew.

Holy Communion

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, you will come up to the altar and receive communion. Pastor will come to you if you choose to remain in the pew.

Praying People

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

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It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Announcements

Enid's Pantry will be **open** Saturday, July 25th at 10am.

Spanish Service Saturday, July 25th at 9am.

Bible Study- resumes in September

Trenton Thunder July 25th

St Bart's Beach Trip – August 1st

Six Flags Trip - August 11th

Back to School back pack collection is live!

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

Are there any other announcements?

Bell/Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Assurance

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ACS 1072

Abba, Abba, Hear Us

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fifth measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three verses of text aligned with the notes. The second line continues the melody, with lyrics below. The third line continues the melody, with lyrics below. The fourth line continues the melody, with lyrics below. The fifth line continues the melody, with lyrics below. The lyrics are as follows:

1 "Ab - ba, Ab - ba, hear us," we cry; God's Spir - it
2 With the whole cre - a - tion we cry, groan as in
3 As we pray, the Spir - it breathes sighs, sighs far too

cries in us, names us a - dopt - ed and be - lov - ed
child - birth. Soon all sin, all death's de - cay will be no
deep for words; God, who search - es hearts and knows the Spir - it's

heirs, the heirs of God. All cre - a - tion
more; we shall be free. All cre - a - tion
mind, hears all our prayer. All cre - a - tion

waits, ea - ger and long - ing, for the glo - rious
waits, ea - ger and long - ing; for the prom - ised
waits, ea - ger and long - ing. As we live in

free - dom of God's chil - dren soon will be re - vealed.
glo - ry that we soon shall see we wait and pray.
hope, we know that in all things God works for good.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: ARIRANG, Korean traditional

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

Kyrie

Leader or All



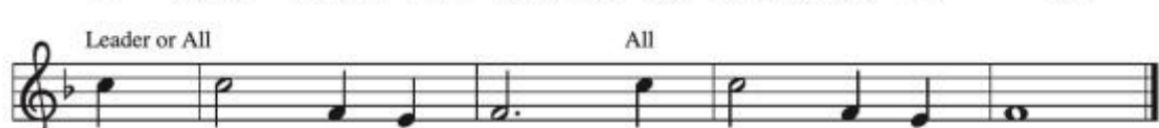
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All



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Leader or All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE / CÁNTICO DE ALABANZA



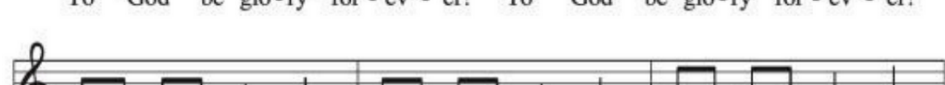
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1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!



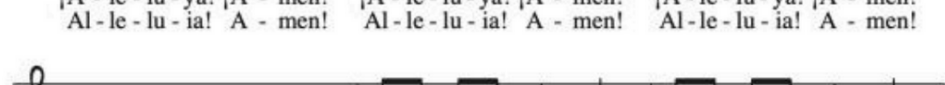
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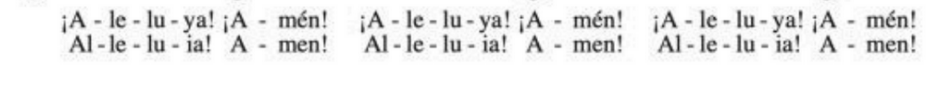
¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

WORD

A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 86:11-17

A Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**C I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

A For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me
from the pit of death.

**C The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of
violent people seeks my life; they have not set you
before their eyes.**

A But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**C Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength
to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate
me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord,
have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A Word of God, word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: ELW 693

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

Each petition ends:

A God of grace

C **Hear our prayer**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. Be with all of those suffering racial persecution in America. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. *We pray especially for especially for Shirley, Ken Greene, Jimmy, Mark, Moreland, Joe, Nick, Bob, Justin,*

Billy, Gloria, Rosemary, Tom, Rich, Heather, and Gail. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our partner churches: Abiding Presence and Prince of Peace; we pray for our Bishop Christa Compton. We also pray for the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays; and for those celebrating anniversaries; also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud... (Pause) God of grace, **hear our prayer**

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(PASTOR) Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

THE OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

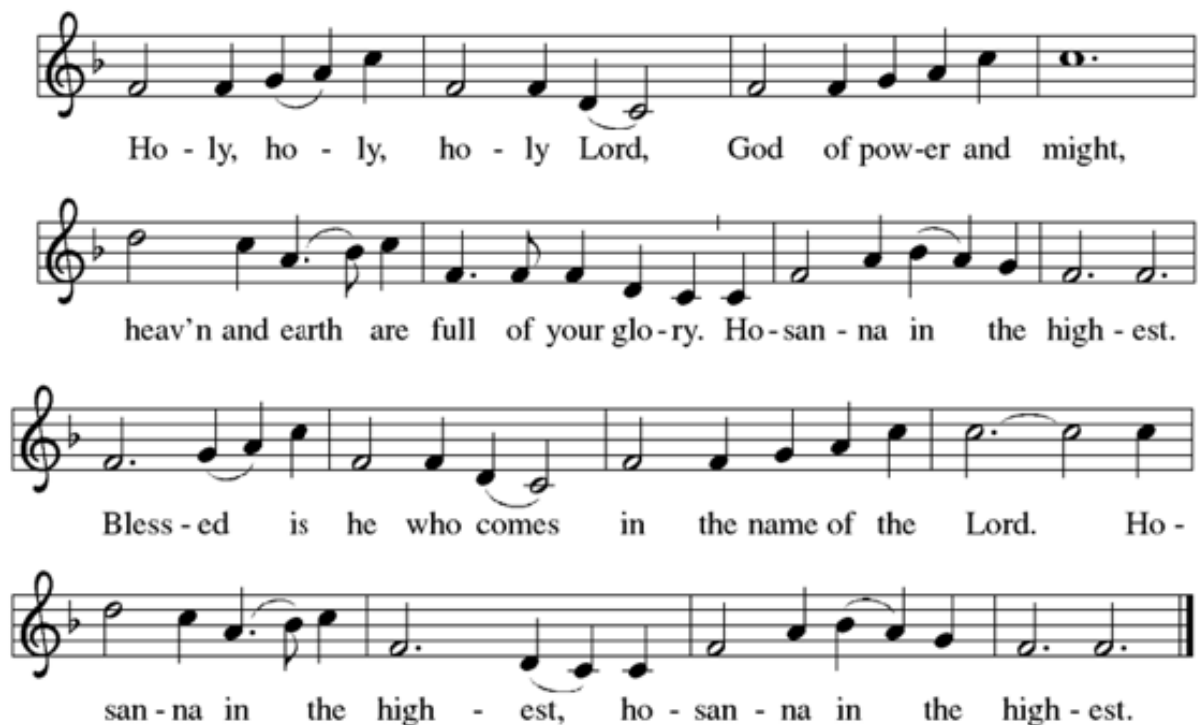
- P Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding
with us now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the
darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the
breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so with choirs of angels, with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of
praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their
journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved
the world that you gave your only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have
eternal life.

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.

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

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this
community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made
flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

**C 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and
forever. Amen.**

Invitation

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace
C **Amen.**

Post Communion Blessing

P 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.

C **Amen**

+Sending+

Benediction

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ACS # 1051

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - ñhor,
 For the trou - bles and the suf - f'ings of the world,
im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
 God, we call up - on your mer - cy! the
am - só tem - po ge - me, a cri - a - ção. *Teus ou -*
 whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an
vi - dos se in - cili - nem ao cla - mor *des - sa*
 ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -
gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - *pres - su - te com*
 pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -
tu - a sal - va - ção. A *tu - a paz,*
 va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,
ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -
 the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing
ti - ça a - bra - ço mun - do in - tei - ro,
 jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us,
Tem com - pai - xão! O *ten po - der*
 Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,
sus - ten - te, o tes - te - mu - ñho do teu po - vo.
 the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:
Teu rei - no ve - nha, a nox! Ky - *ri - e - le - i - xon!*
 un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - *ri - e - le - i - xon!*

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Dismissal.

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude