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August 16th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

Liam Lawton

(Congregation – Please join on the second time)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!

How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (from Isaiah 56:7)

Leader: All who keep the sabbath and hold fast my covenant, says the Lord.

People: These God will bring in joy to his holy mountain.

Leader: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us to live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Page 686

ANTHEM

Marty Haugen

“Gather Us In”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28, page 17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Karen Allen

“A Jolt of Faith”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*...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 **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Matthäus Greiter

“Voluntary on Old 113th”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 826

“Lift High the Cross”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of August 16th – August 23rd

Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / Rev. Karen Allen
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday:	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Group, <i>conference room</i>
Wednesday:		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard

Announcements

Please welcome back Rev. Karen Allen, as she brings forth our message today.

The Session will meet today at 11:15 a.m.

Today is the last day that the PW will be collecting items for Carthage Elementary School, Items needed are: Kleenex, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Please contact JoAnn Wahala with any questions.

Our One Call Communications list is being updated. Please review the One Call sign-up sheet that is located in the lower narthex and the church office. If you are on the one call list, if you want to be removed from the One Call list, or if you want to be added to the One Call list, please confirm your information by filling out the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya at the church office.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The office hours for the week of August 16th are as follows: Monday, August 17th the office will be closed but Sonya will be available remotely. August 18th - August 20th, 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. the office will be open from 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday, August 21st, and emails will be checked periodically. Please note that the office will be closed August 23rd – August 28th, and emails will be checked periodically.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Ann Key.