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WELCOME

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am

July 19th, 2026

PASTOR:

ASSISTING ELDERS:

ORGANIST:

MONEY COUNTERS:

ALTAR GUILD:

Reverend Paul Williams

Keith Wright & Brian Dament

Mrs. Kim Blais

Kevin Gillissie & Arnold Raglin

Donna Bourgoïn & Stephanie Witt

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

ORDER OF MATINS

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First Hymn:

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

#663

Office Hymn:

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

#585

Hymn before Sermon:

Lord of Our Life

#659

Last Hymn:

On What Has Now Been Sown

#921

Lessons: Psalm 119:57-64; Isaiah 44:6-8; Rom. 8:18-27; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

Catechism Lesson: *To Workers of All Kinds*

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8

OUR PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers; Adam & Kristen Mau and their unborn baby, Barry Woermke, Taylor and Brody (children of Kyle Bourgoin), John Doering, Kathy Turcotte, Allen Mask, Betty Lorbetskie and those shut-in; Dorothy Craig, and in Long-term Care and Retirement homes; Hattie Nagora (Woodingford Lodge), Leona Mau (Miramichi), Ken Biesenthal (Marianhill), Frieda Biesenthal (Pinewood), and Shirley Gorr (Heritage Manor). **If anyone desires prayer on behalf of family or friends, please contact Pastor or the Secretary.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Addysen Medeiros and Chase Newburn, who were joined in Holy Matrimony yesterday, July 18th. Please keep Addysen and Chase in your prayers for God's blessings on their marriage for years to come.

BLANK OFFERING ENVELOPES

Blank envelopes are available at each pew for those who do not have envelopes to place their monetary donations into. Please fill out your name and address in order for the Financial Secretary to issue donation tax receipts. If there are no envelopes available at your pew, please ask an Elder who will provide one for you.

The Strawberry Social held on June 28, 2026, was another success! We served 101 + guests and received many comments on the good food, strawberry dessert and great service provided by our awesome volunteers who worked both behind the scenes and face to face serving our guests. Ticket sales of \$1387 were received minus \$166.35 (Strawberries, ice-cream, creamers and milkers) resulted in a profit of \$1220.65 being raised for Grace Ladies Aid. We are so blessed to have so many people volunteer their time to make food, provide food donations, decorate the parish hall, prepare the strawberries, and serve on the day of the social, including clean up. Everything looked great including the outdoors with the lawn having been freshly mowed the week of the social. - Grace Ladies Aid

The Evangelism/Stewardship Board would like to thank everyone who came out to our annual Church Picnic held at Melissa Bishop Park in Lake Dore. It was wonderful seeing everyone come together. We were blessed with a warm, sunny day. It began with our worship service led by Pastor Williams under the Pavilion. Our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the set up for worship service, followed by the BBQ (Rick & Kim Blais) who cooked up the burgers and hotdogs, and propane supplied by Brian Dament, Dale Wright who looked after the sales of food, drink and freezies, Mary Ryan who looked after the children's games, and Sharon Eder who organized and collected the prizes and candy, Peter and Phil Witt who organized the pickup soft ball game between the two teams, "Heavenly Hitters" and "Balcony Batters". Heavenly Hitters was the team who was blessed with the draw of our star veteran athlete Aaron Saar. The game was close with the Heavenly Hitters taking the win with some strong hitters on that team. It was nice to see both young and old take part in the soft ball game. We are truly grateful to have such a great turnout, with lots of fun and laughter!!

From **August 21-23, 2026**, EDLYA's Summer Retreat (open to Young Adults ages 18-35), will take place at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ottawa, with Rev. Aaron Astley. Please visit the following to register online, <https://edlya.ca/events/summer2026/>.

SUN
9:30am
Divine Service with Holy Communion

Worship Attendance - 48	Baptized Membership - 308
Worship Attendance (July 5/26) - 60	

Received

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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 him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Romans 8:18-27 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.