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WELCOME

July 12th, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am

PASTOR:

Reverend Paul Williams

ASSISTING ELDERS:

Keith Wright & Brian Dament

ORGANIST:

Mrs Kim Blais

MONEY COUNTERS:

Kevin Gillissie & Arnold Raglin

ALTAR GUILD:

Donna Bourgoïn & Stephanie Witt

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Holy Communion “is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.” (Luther’s Small Catechism) All who partake of this Sacrament are united to the crucified and glorified body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16) and, therefore, must also be united to one another in doctrine (Acts 2:42). Out of love for those who are not united to us in the Faith, we follow the biblical practice of “Closed Communion”. If you are not a member in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Canada, her sister Synods or have met with the Pastor or Elders, we respectfully ask you to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. We thank you for respecting our Scriptural position and practises.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

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First Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty #901

Hymn of the Day: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast #577

Communion Hymns: Almighty Father, Bless the Word #923

Word of God, Come Down on Earth #545

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word #655

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing #643

Lessons: Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 55:10-13; Rom. 8:12-17; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

Catechism Lesson: Table of Duties

To Parents

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

To Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and your mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Eph. 6:1–3

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.**

Please also keep in your prayers Addysen Medeiros and Chase Newburn, who will be joined in Holy Matrimony on **Saturday, July 18th, 2026.**

THANK YOU

Grace held another great church picnic this year with wonderful turnout and amazing weather. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the outdoor worship service and helped out with making the day a success. Lots of fun with good food and fellowship!

TENDERS FOR USED LAWN TRACTOR -last day

The Cemetery Committee has a used lawn tractor for tender. For more information and submitting Tenders to Purchase, please contact Bradley Biesenthal. **Today** is the deadline for tenders.

OTTAWA YOUTH RETREAT

From **August 21-23, 2026**, EDLYA's Summer Retreat 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/>.

PUBLIC 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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

SUN 9:30am Divine Service (Matins)

LAST WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP:

Worship Attendance - (No Count) Baptized Membership - 308

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Received</u>
General Treasury	\$1,938.00
Plate	\$ 110.00
Total General Treas.	<u>\$2,048.00</u>
Missions	<u>\$ 727.00</u>
Total Offerings	<u>\$2,775.00</u>



Isaiah 55:10-13

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, 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 sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."