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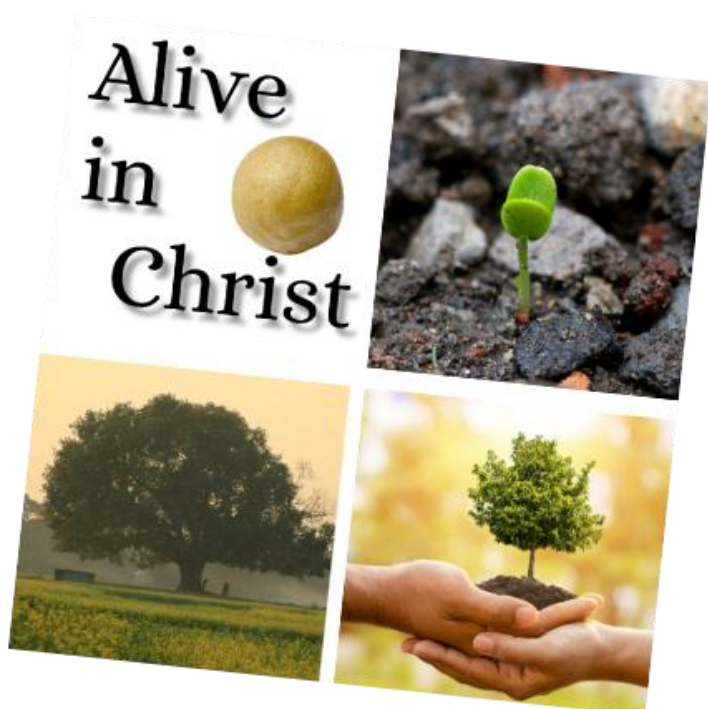
Pastor Ken Huner

9th Sunday of Pentecost

"Far-Reaching Faith"

July 26, 2026

Creative Worship



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

Jesus famously teaches, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart

remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.

PREPARATION

791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise
forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name
always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

- △ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth
adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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INVOCATION

[P] In the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES*Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 7:7, 9; Romans 11:36*

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P The LORD set His love on you and chose you.

C **Know therefore that the LORD is God.**

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 8:31–32

P You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

C **We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.**

Silence for personal reflection.

P Almighty God,

C **we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

C “He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

P "Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit, He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, until us all."

C Amen.

WORD

INTROIT

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

C **Glory in his holy name;**
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon
his name;
make known his deeds among the
peoples!

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LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The LORD Surrounds His People

L ¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C ²**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

L ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

C ⁴**Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

⁵**But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:28–39

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

God's Everlasting Love

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his

own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

G I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus and Zacchaeus

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man

named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: 694 THEE WILL I LOVE, MY STRENGTH, MY TOWER

- 1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
 Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
 Thee will I love with all my power,
 With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
 Thee will I love, O Light divine,
 So long as life is mine.
- 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
 Who art my best and truest friend.
 Thee will I love and praise forever,
 For never shall Thy kindness end.

Thee will I love with all my heart—
Thou my Redeemer art!

3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light
to me;

I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and
free;

I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.

4 O keep me watchful, then, and
humble;

Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would
stumble,

And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.

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SERMON: "FAR-REACHING FAITH"

Luke 19:1-10

CATECHISM

The Second Article

☩ I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Mighty Lord, we need Your constant defense in a world of death, danger, and distraction. Guard us in both body and soul, that Your people might live to the praise of our victorious Savior, Jesus. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

G Lord, have mercy.

P Generous Lord, all good things are gifts from Your holy hand. Undo our

attitudes of selfishness and renew within us a spirit of generosity, freely giving of our treasures to the needy in our midst. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Seeking and saving Lord, You tirelessly pursue the children of earth with Your goodness and mercy. Soften hearts hardened to Your Gospel and activate Your people to witness to Your goodness. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Faithful Lord, despite our sin, You keep covenant and steadfast love. Rescue families where loyalties have been betrayed and trust broken. Mend hurting hearts with forgiveness and restore them by Your grace. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

P All-seeing Lord, You set Your heart on the least and fewest. Set Your heart once again on the lonely, the dying, the poor, and the sick, [*especially . . .*]. Bring good amid their challenges and remind us that no problem is too big for Your power and no one is too small to escape Your notice. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

P These prayers, and all those lifted up by believers around the world, we entrust to Your care, O almighty God, trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father's will, in the Son's grace, and by the Spirit's power.

C Amen.

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

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 the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN: 803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,

Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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Special Music:

Altar: Deb Dugan and Joanna
Krueger

Counting: Deb Dugan and Jonna
Krueger

Ushers: Barb Yek and Melissa Ratliff

Greeters: Clara Miller and Natailie Fix

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jul 26

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children’s Sunday School

10 am – Pentecost 9

--Far Reaching Faith

Mon Jul 27

Tues Jul 28

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed Jul 29

6 pm --VBS meeting

Thurs J

Fri Jul 3

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9 am –

Matthe

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CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of July 19, 2026

10:00 am Worship in Person: 75/Online
plays: 105

Communion: 61

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 6

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 12
/Online plays: 109

Sermon Notes:

"Far-Reaching Faith"

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus was more eager to see Zacchaeus than Zacchaeus was to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus was changed by what he saw in Jesus.

Zacchaeus emerged as a new person.