



Date: July 19, 2026
Eighth after Pentecost
Theme: Jacob's Ladder

Worship Leaders: Dave & Barbara-Lynn Goodwin
Musician: Dave & Barbara-Lynn Goodwin
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **July 26th ~ Joint Worship Service** ~ Rev. Kwon's last Service 10:00 ~ Worship Service ~ 11:00 ~ Sing A Long ~ Group Photo ~ Lunch will be provided by the Stettler Board, Erskine united and Big Valley United.
- **Hurray!!** Camp Caravan is happening from Monday, July 27-31 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Stettler United Church. If anyone wishes to help with snacks and lunches, please contact Barbara-lynn at 403 741 6710.
- **If you are away on the 26th,** please stop in the office or look for the picture mat after the Sunday services to sign for Rev. Kwon to take with him.
- **Pick up** the printed announcements for holiday schedule and more information.
- **Piano fund,** a grand piano has been offered to us free of charge, the cost to move it will be around \$1400.00. A fund has been started to raise the monies before arrangements would be made for delivery. Please talk to Dave Goodwin for more information.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

People of noble heart, virtuous, caring, and thoughtful, who do what's right without thinking, such people are blessings from God, to whom we give thanks.

People of broken spirit, deeply flawed, selfish or foolish, who cause pain without thinking, these too can be blessings from God, unknowing agents of grace, vehicles for the Spirit's work.

We ourselves are a mixture, both flawed and virtuous, turned to God sometimes, sometimes turned away, sometimes descending in sin, sometimes aspiring to holiness.

And so we pray:

O God, bless us and shape us.

Use us for the making of your reign in this your beloved world.

Bless us as we gather.

Bless us as we worship.

In Christ and through Christ. Amen.

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Light the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candles in memory of Jesus Christ, who revealed God's greatest love by giving his life for us and bringing the hope of eternal life to the world.

May we celebrate his presence in holiness as the light of Christ shines brightly among us.

***Hymn We Are One VU#402**

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Opening Prayer

When we lack direction,

Loving God, show us the way.

When purpose deserts us,

Loving God, get us going.

When we long for friends,

Loving God, settle us in community.

When we find prayer difficult,

Loving God, lead us to the peaceful place.

You meet us, Loving God, on the toughest paths,

and you bring us home. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we like to declare that we love you more than anything else.

We know we should.

The truth is, sometimes we forget.

Sometimes, we let our friends and family come ahead of you. Sometimes, we let work and play and rest come before praise and prayer and worship.

Please forgive us.

Help us to remember that other people and other activities can be important, but they don't come before you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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***Hymn Praise God for This Holy Ground MV#42**

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Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, your word has challenged the world and inspired people to follow you and walk on the right path.

Now we are ready to hear your word. May you open our ears and touch our hearts with your truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Ian Coulsey

Genesis 28:10–22: Jacob's dream of the ladder.

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Dave or Barbata-Lynn Goodwin

***Hymn *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VU page#884**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541**

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Offering Prayer

Risen One, bless these offerings given in person and online.

May these givings connect us with each other and with your powerful imagination of what this world may be. May our commitment to giving strengthen our faith and shape us more in your image. Amen.

Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota, Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 49. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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. 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.

***Hymn *May the God of Hope Go with Us* VU#424**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

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Postlude