

*"The field is the
world, and the good
seed are the children
of the kingdom"*

Matthew 13:38 NRSV





FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

July 19th, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting ten

Gather

Prelude
Welcome

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Ronald Nelson

*Opening Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

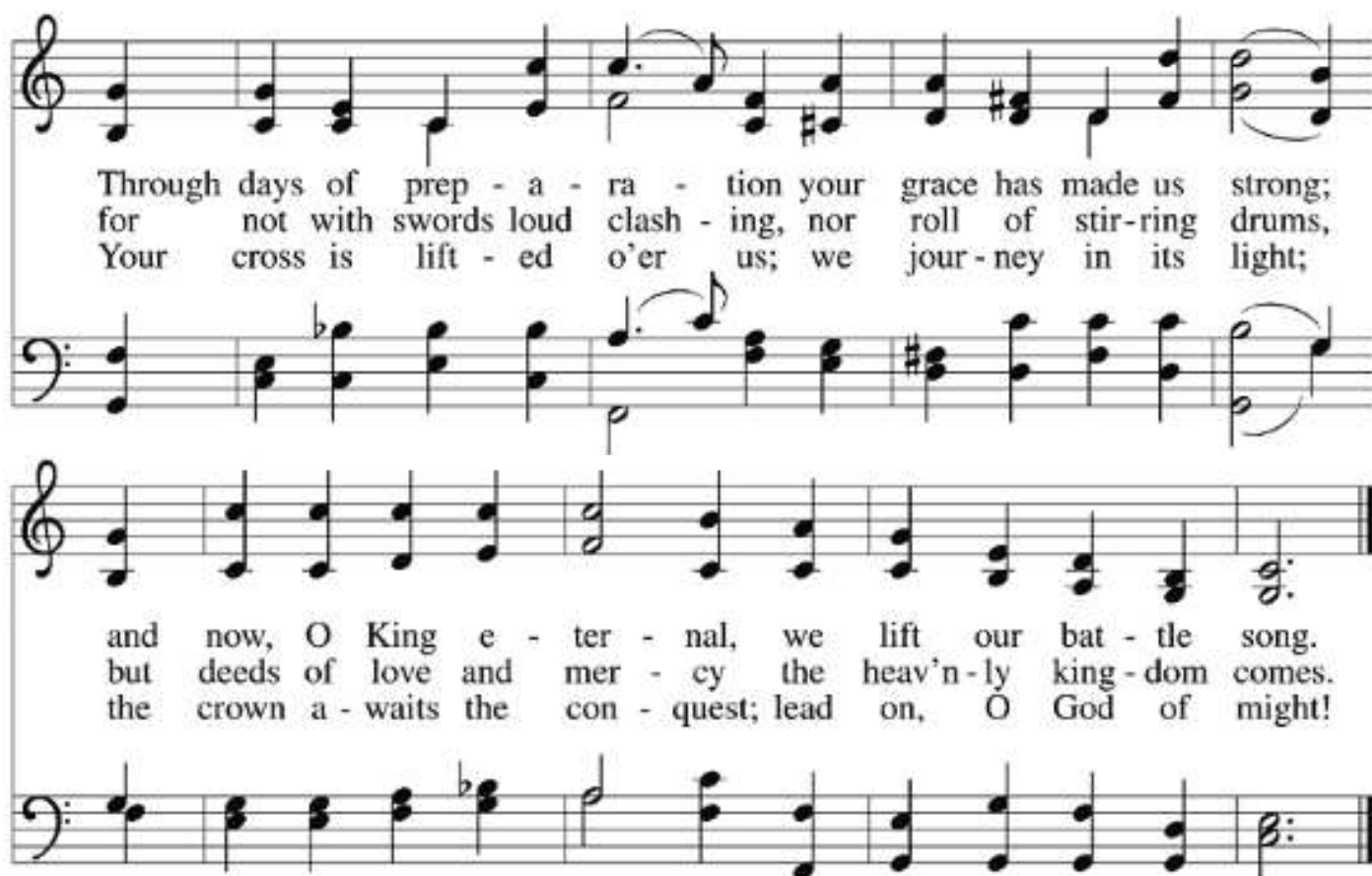
ELW 805

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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Through days of pre - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* Hymn of Praise



*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Faithfu God, most merciful judge,

C: you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

6 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. 7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. 8 Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

86:11-17

P: ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;

C: Give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

P: ¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,

C: And glorify your name for- | evermore.

P: ¹³For great is your | love toward me;

C: You have delivered me from the | pit of death.

P: ¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;

C: They have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

P: ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,

C: Slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

P: ¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;

C: Give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

P: ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;

C: Because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

12So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13for 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. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, 20for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its

own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done

this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

36Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day

"Come, Ye Faithful People, Come"

ELW 693

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1898

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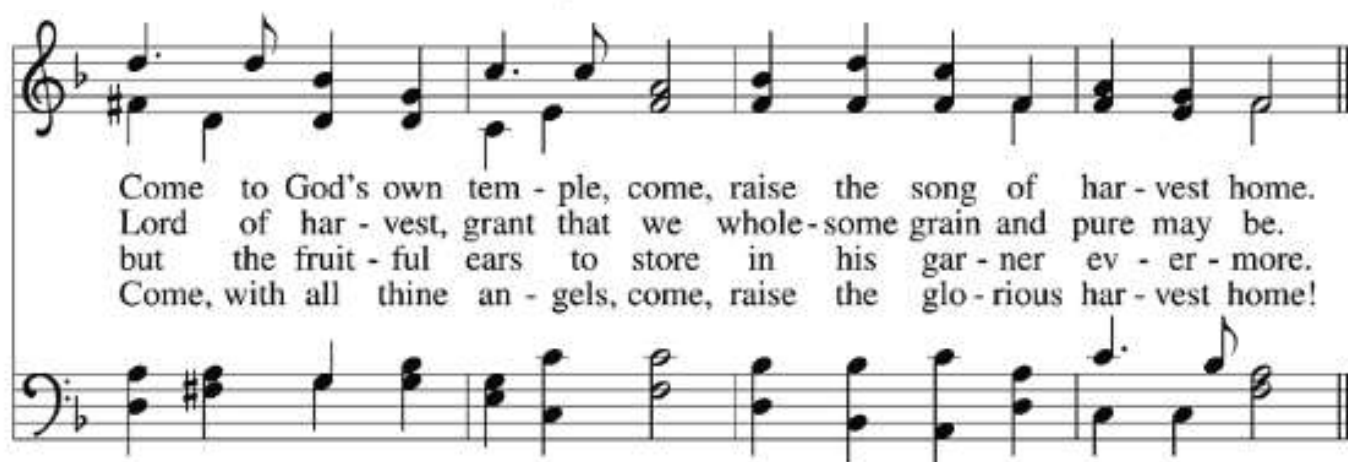
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All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

*Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"This is My Father's World"

arr. Robert Hobby

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est,
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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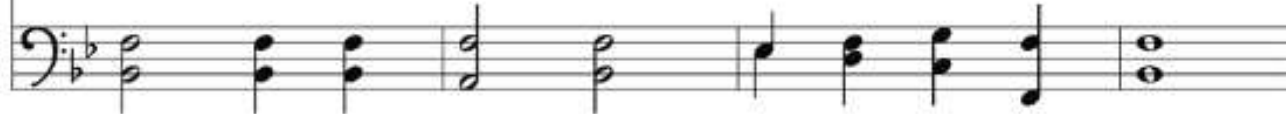
Communion Hymn

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

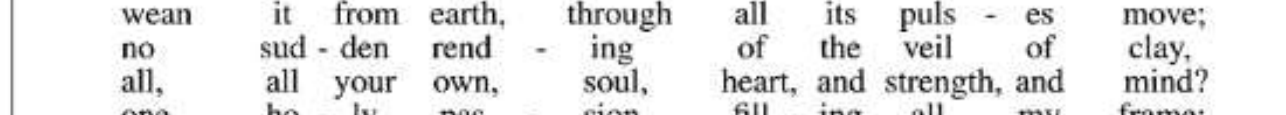
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1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



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stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 the bap - tism of the heav' n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Creely, 1780-1860
 Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
 there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
 sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?

Refrain

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;
 oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

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CM and refrain

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

arr. Michael Burkardt

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The family of Connie Anderson as they grieve

The family of Magdalen Oien as they grieve

Roger and Carol Ellis

Don and Tricia Klobberdanz

Jeanette Lavigne

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

The family of Darlene Peterson as they grieve

The family of LeAnn Moe as they grieve

Connie Young

David Loos and his family as they grieve his father

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Church Basement Ladies, A Second Helping Join Ruth Circle once again as we check in on the Church Basement. Sunday, August 16, 2:00 pm performance of A Second Helping at the Plymouth Playhouse. The cost is \$44.10/ticket, note in the comment line CBL. Or contact Stephanie Statz for electronic payment, stephstatz24@gmail.com Sign up is in the Narthex. We have 25 tickets reserved. We can get more if needed, one name per line.

Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 10 am during June, July, and August. We will discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

FOG's little library is heading into the busy summer season. Last year over 700 children's books made into the hands of young readers and adults. We are currently in need of gently used adult books (of course we will always accept gently used children's books) to keep our library fully stocked. There is a scholastic box on the table in the narthex for any and all book donations. Thank you!

NEW STUDY AND CLASSES: Join us for a weekly series on death, grief, and end of life planning. This class meets at 11AM on Sundays after worship. We will be embarking on a Bible study called "The Grief Lectionary: A Spiritual Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief" by Rev. Collette Broady Grund. The Bible study starts today! Interspersed with the study will be three classes on end of life decision-making. Our first class is on August 2 with attorney Rebecca Bell. A bit about her:

Rebecca Bell from rb LEGAL pulls back the curtain on what legal documents you need (and why) and what happens when you need to use them. Led by an experienced estate planning attorney, this practical session will guide you through the critical things that many people overlook. Part education, part myth-busting, you hear about real-life stories. Whether you are new to estate planning, created your plan yesterday, or a decade ago, this presentation delivers actionable, real-world advice to ensure your legacy is fully protected and your loved ones are spared unnecessary headaches.

Ask Pr. Erin or Sue Arens if you have questions! Signup is in the narthex.

Memorial Garden Committee Meeting-- There will be a short meeting of the memorial garden committee after church on August 9th. It will be held in the youth room around 11. New members wanted. Come join us in helping this special tradition continue. If you can't make it, but want to help, call Joan Hermanson (763-229-5510).

Nursery Note: The CYF committee approved this policy: "To help us keep the Nursery safe, clean, and ready for all of our little ones, the Nursery will only be open when Nursery staff is present during the week. On Sundays, the Nursery will open 15 minutes before each service begins and will close 15 minutes after the service ends. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us care for this special space!"

Celebration of life for Magdalen (Barth) Oien age 95 of Brooklyn Park, MN who passed away Friday June 26, 2026. She was born on her family farm located in Heart River township, ND on May 20, 1931.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life to be held on Sunday, August 2nd, 11:00am - 2:00pm where family and friends will gather to share stories and memories of Magdalen. She will be missed by so many.

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