



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026**

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Minister of Music: Daniel Larson
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WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship. If you are a visitor, you are invited to fill out the neon green Visitor Card and give it to an usher or greeter. Please come to worship with us again!

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. A 'Parents' Room' is located off the narthex w/ changing table and restroom. Restrooms are in the narthex lounge and at the bottom of the east/west stairwells. A Handicapped Accessible restroom is available through the double doors on the east side (lectern side) to the front of the worship space.

Assistive listening devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Busy Bags—Child Activity Kits for our little disciples are available in the narthex on the Busy Bag Trees in the narthex. Each bag contains a coloring book, crayons, story book, and quiet games. Please return the bags to the tree after worship.

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mary E. Zupansic

Assisting Minister: Pat Seivert

Organist: Daniel Larson

Lector: Sharon Hunter

Acolyte: Annabelle Oestreich

Greeters: Cindy Hermel / Linda Kittel

Ushers: Scott & Deb Kufahl / Steve Wendorf

Communion Assistant: Jenny Blaschka

Communion Set-up: VerJean Detert

Communionware Washer: Deb Kluetz

Coffee Hour Treats: Sue & Neil Juedes

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE *With Thanksgiving and Praise* ...Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

(pause)

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son,

and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

ELW P. 204



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
 and your compassion is over all your works.**

- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



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

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was

left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

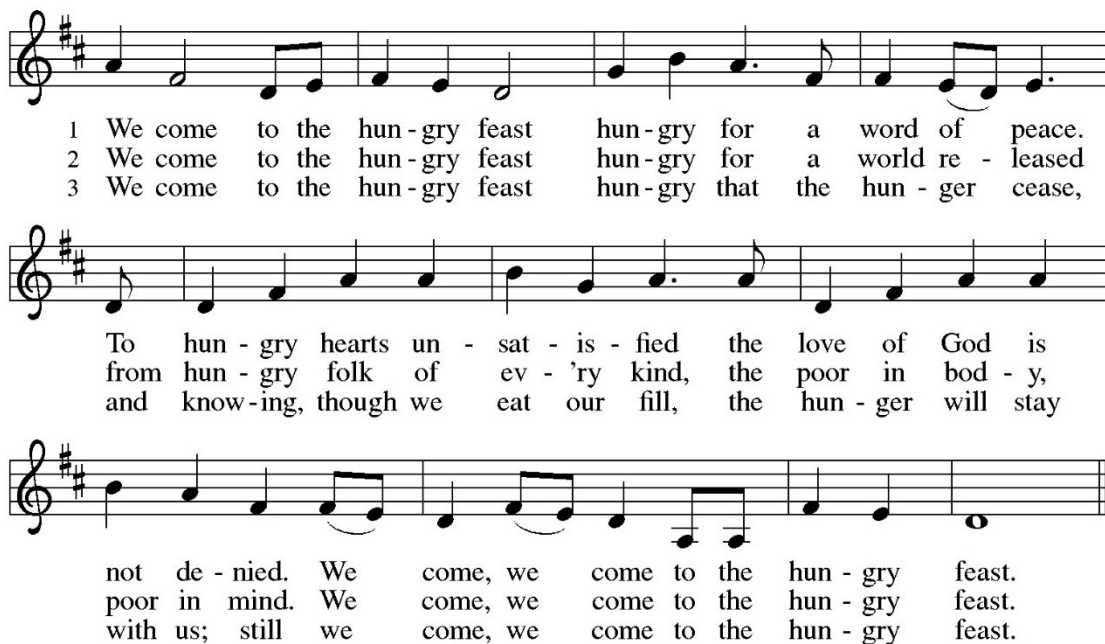
SERMON

Pastor Mary E. Zupansic

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God's creation.

Each petition ends with the following response.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the
name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* ...Lloyd Larson

OFFERING SONG

In the Singing

ELW #466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Thanks be to God.



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart***ELW #484***By Your Hand You Feed Your People***ELW #469****TABLE BLESSING**

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

Amen.**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round; loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTeAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Major* ...William Selby (1738-1798)

Born in England, he emigrated to Newport RI in 1774. In 1776, became organist at King's Chapel in Boston.

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PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary, or if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone 920-671-4338.

ATTENTION MEMBERS – HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is admitted to the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please let Pastor Mary or the church office know. We want to support you and give you the spiritual guidance you need while you are hospitalized. If you would like to have your name included on our Prayer List in the bulletin, please let us know.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express the love and gratitude for all the cards, memorial gifts, hugs, and beautiful words that you, our church family, gave us during the extremely difficult time of losing our son, Chad. Please know that every action done is in our hearts forever. We are so blessed to have you, our second family, in our lives. Thank you!

-- Bob & Pat Seivert

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 26: 69 Thursday, July 30: 17

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

This morning we continue our discussion of the relationship between politics and religion. Grab some coffee and a treat and join us in the Fireside Room after worship.

NEWSLETTER ACCESS

Beginning in August, the Technology Task Force (a committee of the Council) will be making a change to how our congregation and community members access the monthly newsletter, *The Lantern*. In an effort to streamline the operations of the office and significantly reduce our postage and printing costs, The Lantern will only be distributed through the Realm Connect app, email, and posted to our church's website at firstenglishlutheran.org. Limited paper copies of the newsletter will be available in the narthex. If you would like support with any of these, please reach out to the Technology Task Force members. The task force certainly understands that there are some who still would like a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to their home. If this describes you or someone you know, please reach out to the church office to request to remain on the mailing list. In the near future, we hope to use the Realm Connect app to make communicating and scheduling more efficient. If you haven't already activated your Realm Connect account, please watch for an email with a link to set it up. The link will be sent on Saturdays and is valid for 24 hours.

HELLO ALL!

Thanks to your wonderful donations of items and money, I have assembled 73 School Kits! I am going to stop my assembly of these and will now focus on the Personal Care Kits. I will still accept Dark Colored Bath towels and 4 oz bars of soap through mid-August. Once again Thank You for your support!! -- Lori Heyne

AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE HOURS

The new sign-up sheet is on the narthex table if you would like to provide after-worship treats on Sundays. We can use more volunteers to host. It's a simple way to extend our worship experience by staying after worship to share some fellowship with each other, especially with a treat! You don't have to provide fancy treats are just fine, and there is always someone around to help with making coffee! Thanks!

‘SPECIAL’ ENVELOPE PACKETS

The new packets of the ‘special’ envelopes for July and August are available in the narthex and the church office. Included in this packet are *Food Pantry, Building Improvements/Elevator Fund, and ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response*.

These packets are for those who give by ACH and those who don’t receive the regular full packet.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

John & Karen Otto, Lyle Jaegler, Linda Kittel, Judy Beemer (*sister of Roger DeWitt*), Ron Wiese (*friend of the DeWitt family*), Melinda (*sister of Matt Heyne*), Diane (*Aunt to Angela Greenfield & Jarek Nelson*), Janet Alters (*family member of Mike & Joan, Jack & Kim, Erin, Spencer and Ella*), Tracey (*friend of Sheri Fochs*)

Homebound / Assisted Lived: Kathie Peterson (*Primrose*), Dolores Hintz (*Sylvan Crossings*), Sue McKee (*Rennes in Weston*), Diane Zuelke (*Mountain Terrace*), Michelle Detert (*Cady Home*), Ila Bartelt (*Rennes in Weston*), Gary Klingbeil (*Wood Aven*), Dennis & Laurayne Nicoliasen (*Rennes in Weston*)
Sue Crone
Audrey Fellbaum
Gary Pagel
Delphine Saeger
Eleanor Thorpe

Daily Prayers Offered for: Bishops Anne Edison-Albright (*East Central Synod*) and Yehiel Curry (*Presiding Bishop of the ELCA*), and all those who work in the East Central Synod and National ELCA Offices; ShyAnn and Peter Egwalata (*in Uganda*)

UPCOMING COMMEMORATION

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221
Saturday, August 8, 2026**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

PEEK AT THE WEEK of August 2-9, 2026

Sunday, August 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship / Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday-Sunday, August 4-9: Wisconsin Valley Fair

Thursday, August 6: 6:00 p.m. Worship

Friday, August 7: 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, August 9: 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service at the Fair Stand

WISCONSIN VALLEY FAIR BEGINS THIS WEEK

August 4-9, 2026 in Marathon Park

Our stand is located by the North Entrance of the Exhibition Building.

It is said that change is unavoidable and that is true for our Fair Stand this year. These changes are the result of low number of sign-ups in crucial areas in the kitchen and short order stand.

The Short Order stand will remain the same.

More workers are needed to prevent the workers already signed up to put in more time. If you are able to help out, come to the church for an entry pass, and head on down to the Stand. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

The kitchen is where the changes will be.

The Breakfast menu/shift remains the same.

After the morning breakfast shift, the kitchen will be cut back to a limited menu.

There will be no dinners, sandwiches, chili, or bar-b-que. Only pie, ice cream, soda, milk and coffee will be served. Since meals will not be served, cutting vegetables in the morning will not be needed.

Fair Stand Entrance Tickets will again be available from 10am – 4pm for those who work at the Stand. Please use the southeast entrance on Cedar Street when you head down to Marathon Park to sign out a ticket. Your ticket must be turned in to the kitchen cashier when you arrive.

Fair Stand Workdays... Monday, August 10: 8:00 a.m. - ? If you can help out on this day, please come down to the park. The work is faster and easier when there is a hard-working group helping.