

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
Parish of Ida and Omemee**

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

July 19, 2026

Welcome to Worship this morning!

*We invite you to participate fully in the service,
and to remain following the service for our Coffee Hour.*

Children are welcome to attend our Children's Program or to remain with their families.

As we worship, at any time during the service, please assume whatever physical position is best for you.

During July and August, we will be praying for people in a new way during the intercessions. The intercessor will invite you to pray for people by name, either silently or aloud. The list of names will not be read out from the book at the back. Names added there will be sent to all parishioners shortly after the Sunday service so that they may be included in private prayers. Canon Susan is appreciative of any feedback from parishioners as we try this out.

The Gathering of the Community

My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55.11

Opening Hymn *Ten Thousand Reasons*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
(Repeat)**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forever more.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
God, I'll worship Your holy name.**

INTERLUDE

**Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.
God, I'll worship Your holy name.**

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

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (*Sung*)

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis (28:10-19a)

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (139:1-11, 22-23)

**Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

**You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

**Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

**If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night.”**

**Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

**Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

The Psalm Prayer

God of mystery and power,
even our minds and hearts are the
veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way
of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole
creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name.
Amen.

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:12-25)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn *CP450 You Call Us Lord to Be*

**You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (13:24-30,36-43)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

"An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

"No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

**You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place
of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

The Homily

(A brief silence for reflection)

Let us declare our faith:

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every creature in heaven and on earth
is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with divine love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Creator, Child and Eternal Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the world, the church and ourselves, assuming whatever physical position helps us to pray (remain standing, kneel, or sit).

The response to the intercessions will be:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A brief silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to the people near you and offer a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The offering of money is a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives, collected in the plates placed at the front and back of the church before the service. The offering plates will not be passed during the service.

Offertory Hymn *Good Shepherd of My Soul*

**Good shepherd of my soul, come dwell within me;
Take all I am and mould Your likeness in me.
Before the cross of Christ,
This is my sacrifice:
A life laid down and ready to follow.**

**The troubled find their peace in true surrender;
The pris'ners their release from chains of anger.
In springs of living grace,
I find a resting place
to rise refreshed, determined to follow.**

**I'll walk this narrow road with Christ before me,
Where thorns and thistles grow and cords ensnare me.
Though doubted and denied,
He never leaves my side
but lifts my head and calls me to follow.**

**And when my days are gone, my strength is failing;
He'll carry me along through death's unveiling.
Earth's struggles overcome,
Heav'n's journey just begun –
to search Christ's depths and ever to follow.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

**God our sustainer,
accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfillment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, most holy all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.
Amen.

A brief silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.
Spiritual Communion**

For those who are worshipping with us online, we invite you to make your spiritual communion, by inviting Jesus into your heart, saying "Come, Lord Jesus."

A brief silence is kept.

For those who are present in person, all baptized persons may receive Communion. If you prefer, Communion can be brought to you in your seat. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may place a hand on their heart when they come forward.

Special prayer will be offered during communion for those who wish it at the back of the sanctuary.

Communion Hymns

Hymn *Communion Song*

Take this bread I give to you,
and as you do, remember Me.
This bread is My body broken for you.
Take it, (take it) eat it (eat it).
Each time you do; remember Me, remember Me.

Take this cup I fill for you and as you do, remember Me.
This cup is the new covenant I'm making with you.
Take it, (take it) drink it, (drink it).
Each time you do, remember Me, remember Me.

Take this love I've given you,
And as you do, remember Me, remember Me,
remember Me.

Hymn *He Knows My Name*

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
my life was in His hand.

He knows my name,
He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me
no matter where I go.

He knows my name,
He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call,
and hears me when I call.

Hymn *Spirit Song*

O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love,
let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you
and His Spirit, like a dove,
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

The Community is Sent Out

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

God of grace,
we have shared in the mystery
of the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have tasted the bread of life
live with you for ever.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *CP505 Be Thou My Vision*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Send Us Out

**Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, Lord.
May our lives show Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to Your name.
Send us out in Your Spirit, Lord, we pray.**

The Dismissal

**Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.
Thanks be to God.**

**Thank you for joining us today.
We hope you will stay for coffee hour, in the parish hall.**

*If you would like a visit with the priest, please do not hesitate to ask and we will
arrange a time.*

You can call Rev. Susan Spicer at (705) 886-0057.

Our Leaders Today

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