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Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Matins	July 26, 2026
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Opening Hymn	<i>Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</i>	LSB 851
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Common Invitatory	<i>Blessed be God the Father...</i> <i>O come, let us worship Him.</i>	p. 220
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Psalm		Psalm 26 (ESV)
antiphon vs 12		

- P: My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the Lord.
- P: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the Lord without | wavering.
- C: **Prove me, O Lord, and | try me;***
test my heart | and my mind.
- P: For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
and I walk in your | faithfulness.
- C: **I do not sit with men of | falsehood,***
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.
- P: I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
and I will not sit with the | wicked.
- C: **I wash my hands in | innocence***
and go around your altar, | O Lord,
- P: proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.
- C: **O Lord, I love the habitation | of your house***
and the place where your | glory dwells.
- P: Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,

C: in whose hands are evil de- | vices,*
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.
P: But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;*
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
C: My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P: My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the Lord.

Office Hymn

In God, My Faithful God

LSB 745

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:16-29 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, It shall be well with you; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, No disaster shall come upon you.”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.”

“Am I a God at hand,” declares the LORD, “and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of

the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?” declares the LORD. “Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Response

O Lord, have mercy on us.

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Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Response

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Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23 (ESV)

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?” And then will I declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.”

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Sermon Matthew 7:15-23
 Rev. Dennis Brech

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Collect

P: Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as
 are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without
 You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will;
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
 with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

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