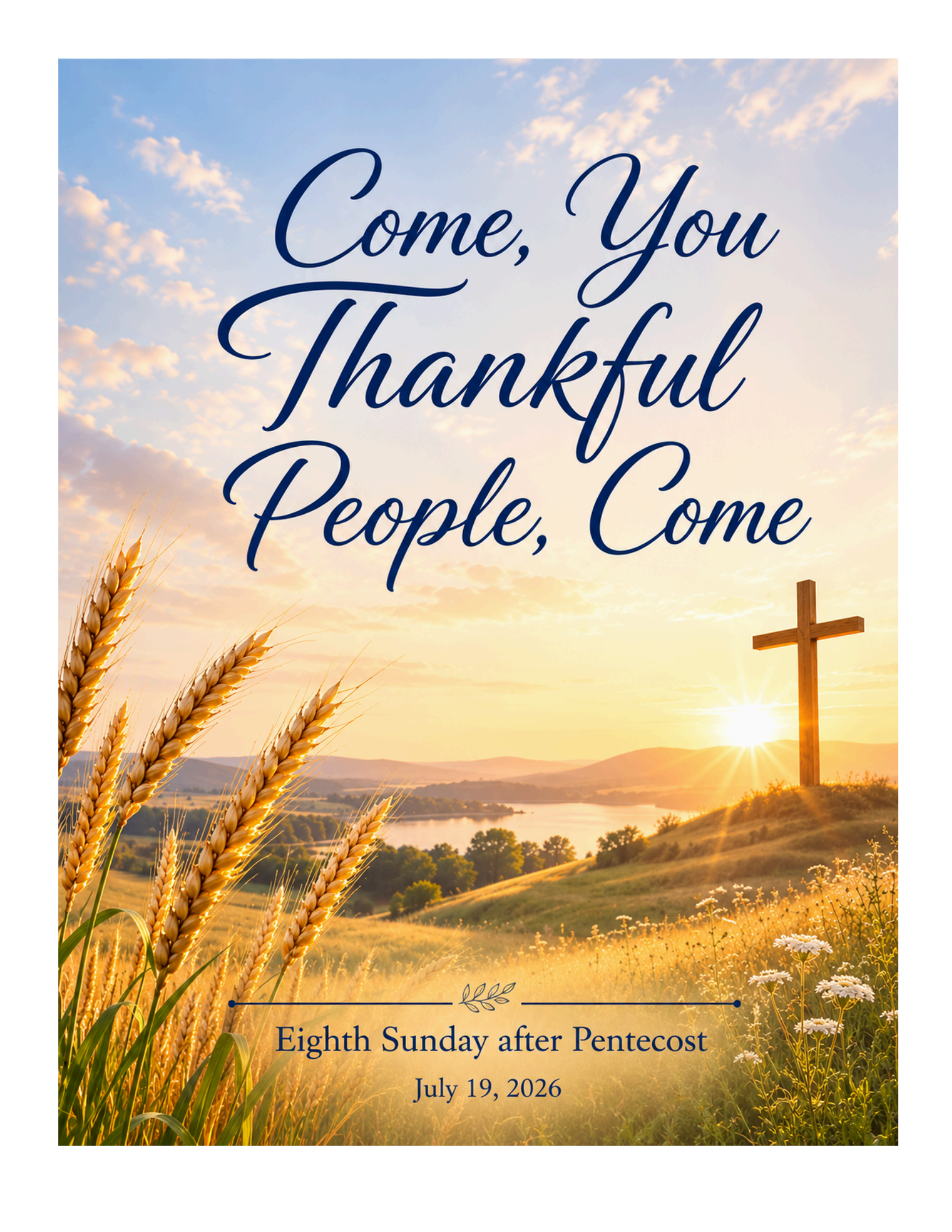




Come, You Thankful People, Come

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are glad you are with us today. May God bless you with His grace and peace as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus. If you have questions or would like to speak with Pastor Free, please feel free to reach out 608.630.5058 or pastorjoelfree@stpaulsixonia.org.

Today's Service – Morning PrayerBlue CW 207

You may follow along in the Blue Hymnal on page 207 or on the screen in front.

♪ God Has Spoken by His ProphetsBlue CW 639

Stand

O Lord, open my lips,

♪ and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;

♪ O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

♪ praise and thanks to God!

♪ O Come, Let Us Sing to the LordBlue CW 208

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6–11

⁶This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says. I am the first, and I am the last. Except for me there is no god. ⁷For who is like me? Let him declare it. Let him recite in order for me the things that took place since the time I established an ancient people. Or let them declare what is yet to come, and what is going to take place.

⁸Do not tremble, and do not be frightened. Did I not announce this to you, and declare it already long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any god except me? There is no other Rock. I am not aware of any other. ⁹All those who form an idol are good for nothing. All the things which delight them provide no benefit. As for their witnesses—they do not see. They know nothing, so they will be ashamed.

¹⁰Who is this who forms a god or casts a metal image that can provide no profit? ¹¹Look at him! All his associates will be ashamed. The craftsmen are merely men. Let them all gather themselves and take a stand. They will be terrified and ashamed together.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♪ Come, you thankful people comeBlue CW 491

Second Reading

Romans 1:18–25

¹⁸Indeed, God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who try to suppress the truth by unrighteousness. ¹⁹This happens because what can be known about God is evident among them, because God made it evident

among them. ²⁰In fact, his invisible characteristics—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, because they are understood from the things he made. As a result, people are without excuse, ²¹because, even though they knew God, they did not honor him or give him thanks as God. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless heart was darkened.

²²Although they claim to be wise, they have become fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human, or like birds, four-footed animals, and crawling things. ²⁴So, as they followed the sinful desires of their hearts, God handed them over to the impurity of degrading their own bodies among themselves. ²⁵Such people have traded the truth about God for the lie, worshipping and serving the creation rather than the Creator, who is worthy of praise forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’ ²⁹‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.”’

³⁶Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴²The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

♪ **The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** Blue CW 488 vs 1-4

Sermon

Stand

♪ **We Praise You, O God** Blue CW 210

Be seated

Offering

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Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

Blue CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

♪ Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **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.**

Let us praise the Lord.

♪ Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

♪ Amen.

♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *(Favorite Hymn)*

Blue CW 624

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Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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