



July 22, 2026 Newsletter
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Floral arrangement: Glenn Eskew

Sermon reflection from Fr. Tryggvi

Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds reminds us that the kingdom of God is rarely as simple as dividing the world into the righteous and the wicked. While Matthew's Gospel often presents sharp contrasts, our lived experience reveals a more complex reality. Good and evil are frequently intertwined, not only in society but

also within each of us. Like a field containing both wheat and weeds, every human life bears signs of grace alongside weakness, virtue alongside failure.

Important teaching aid as the parables were for Jesus, they are not meant to provide easy answers but to invite people into a deeper reflection on their own life and faith. The story of the German industrialist Oskar Schindler, during World War II, illustrates this truth vividly. Though deeply flawed, driven at times by greed and self-interest, Schindler nevertheless became an instrument of extraordinary good work by risking his life to save over a thousand Jews during the Holocaust. His life reminds us that people cannot be reduced to simple categories of good or bad. God sees the whole person and patiently nurtures the possibility of redemption.

Rather than judging who belongs among the wheat or the weeds, Jesus calls his disciples to bear good fruit themselves. Our task is not to uproot others but to become faithful witnesses to God's grace in a complicated world. As we practice love, mercy, and reconciliation, the boundaries of our compassion expand, allowing God's kingdom to grow through us.

Questions to contemplate this week:

- *Where do I find both "wheat" and "weeds" within my own life, and how might God's grace be inviting growth rather than condemnation.*
- *Instead of focusing on judging others, how can I become a more faithful bearer of good fruit, showing love, mercy, and hope in the midst of an imperfect world?*

Peace, Triggvi+

Parish Meeting – August 16th

Please reserve **August 16th** on your calendar and plan to attend an informative **Parish meeting** immediately following the 10:30 service. At the meeting the Vestry will share the outcome from the Parish Survey, and provide the finalized list for the renovations / construction in the Parish House. The Hospitality Committee will provide light refreshments.

**Rota and Readings
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026**

LEM: 8:00 A.M. South—10:30 A.M. T Pridgen

1st Reading: Ramfos

2nd Reading: B Pridgen

Altar Guild: Bennett-Roman

Flower Guild: Eskew

Organ Tech: M Dartnell

Vestry of the Day: D Dartnell

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Parish Prayer List

Robert Boswell, Fr. Dann Brown, Susan Crosher, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Mary Ann Edelman, June Harrell, Anita Hunt, Kate Jackson, Beth Tamplin Jones, Mary Mack Jones, Marcy Lay, Kathy

Lehman, Brian Lehman, Gloria Leo, Jack Leo, Anna Maret, David Medlock, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Monaray Powers, Lynne Roach, Bobbie Rushing, Kathie Schmidt, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Wayne Tankersley, Betty Thomas, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Eric Wiemann, Jim, Caroline Hill, Gail Thompson

Birthdays in July: 2 Jill Jubelt, 3 Faith Roman, 5 Henry Easton, 8 Carol Winslow, 10 Kjesti Easton, 13 Daisy Jane Buck, Bob McCauley, 14 O.J. Booker, 17 Sarah Harrell Klein, 21 Dianne Yost, 22 Eliza Hilliard, Anna Maret, 27 Flossie Dodge

Anniversaries in July: 13 Kate and O.J. Booker; 14 Flossie and David Dodge

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

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