

Welcome to the Community

Worship in the Park

Cook, Nebraska, July 19, 2026



Worship Leader: Pastor Ken West

Preacher: Pastor Jim Helgren

Welcome/Invocation

Hymn - "Come Thou Almighty King" Insert

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day Insert

Special Music by Community Vacation Bible Students

First Reading – Isaiah 44:6-8 Insert

Psalms 86:11-17 Insert

Second Reading - Romans 8:12-25 Insert

Hymn of the Day "Beautiful Savior" Insert

Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Insert

Sermon – Pastor Jim Helgren

Offering Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Insert

Offering – the plates will not be passed, please place offering in the plates on the tables. Today's offering will be distributed to each church as designated by you, in an envelope to the congregation of your choice, or donate to the Osage Food Pantry. Offering that is undesignated will go to the Osage Food Pantry.

Prayers

The 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**

Benediction

Closing Hymn “O Master Let Me Walk With You”

Insert

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up today and for our Cook Community Vacation Bible School Students Special Music.



Today's Readings

Sunday, July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

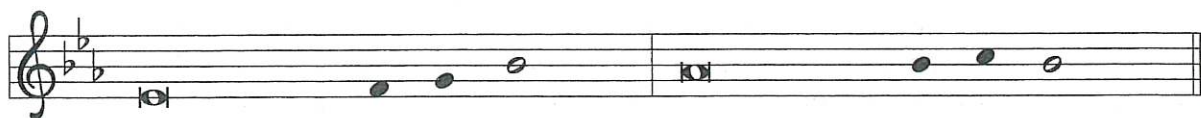
Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth
before me.

Who has announced from of old the
things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and
declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17; tone 4



Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart
to re- | vere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God,**
with | all my heart,
and glorify your name
for- | evermore.

¹³For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me
from the | pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me,**
O God, and a band of violent people
| seeks my life;

they have not set you
be- | fore their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord,
are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger,
and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;**
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child | of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it
and be | put to shame;
because you, LORD,
have helped me and com- | forted me.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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Happenings this week:

Today – 7/19/26

Cook Days Community Worship @ the Park – 9:00 a.m.

Cook Rescue Squad Breakfast 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Car Show on Main Street – Cook

Bingo @ CCC – Cook Lions Club – 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Museum Bake Sale @ CCC begins @ 10:00 a.m.

Museum Food Stand/Raffle @ CCC -

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Firemen & Museum Raffle Drawings – 2:00 p.m.

Car Show Awards presentation – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 7/21/26

Piecemakers Blanket Making @

Grace Lutheran Church – All Day

Next Sunday – 7/26/26

Osage UCC Worship – 8:45 a.m.

Joint Worship with Grace Lutheran and Hope Lutheran

@ Hope Lutheran Church – 10:00 a.m.

PMA Fred Bredehoeft will lead worship.

There will not be worship @ Grace.



Pastor & Kathy will be on vacation July 20—31. Pastor Kate Woolf will be available in case of emergencies. Her cell phone # is 316-371-0803.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

"How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider
All the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling
Thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great
thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior god, to
thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I Hear the
birds sing sweetly in the trees: When I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

(Refrain)

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to
Die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **(Refrain)**

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And
Take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
(Refrain)

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

O Master, let me walk with you
In lowly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret; help me to bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me
A closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that send a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only you can give;
With you, O Master, let me live.