

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2026**



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Gathering

Sing For God's Glory



1. Sing for God's glo - ry that col - ors the
2. Sing for God's pow - er that shat - ters the
3. Sing for God's jus - tice dis - turb - ing each
4. Sing for God's saints who have trav - eled faith's

dawn of cre - a - tion, rac - ing a - cross the sky,
chains that would bind us, sear - ing the dark - ness of
ea - sy il - lu - sion, tear - ing down ty - rants and
jour - ney be - fore us, who in our wear - i - ness

trail - ing bright clouds of e - la - tion;
fear and des - pair that could blind us,
put - ting our pride to con - fu - sion;
give us their hope to re - store us;

sun of de - light suc - ceeds the vel - vet of
touch - ing our shame with love that will not lay
life - blood of right re - sist - ing e - vil and
in them we see the new cre - a - tion to

night, warm - ing the earth's ex - ul - ta - tion.
blame, reach - ing out gent - ly to find us.
slight, of - fer - ing free - dom's trans - fu - sion.
be, spir - it of love made flesh for us.

Greeting, Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Rex Piercy
Homilist	Colleen Hartung
Lectors	Max Harris Mary Russell
Greeters	Janet Neurauter, Aggie Steichen, Joyce Wodka,
Communion	Ann Baltes, Terry Larson, Margaret Sommers, Charles and Susanna Bradley
Sacristan	Charles and Susanna Bradley
Bread Baker	Marcia Krater
Cantors	Bob Dinndorf
Technology	Bill Rosholt, Bruce Goodman
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick
Child care	Sarah Wilkin-Gibart, Julie Melton

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One of our Sunday Assembly Members needs your help! On September 1, 2026, Debra Leadholm is moving into an assisted living center with her son, who has a disability. She is moving from Stoughton to Madison. Can you, or anyone in your family, help her move? If so, please email her at: peanut.nobu@gmail.com

Wild Spirituality with Victoria Looz

Two opportunities in August to learn about the theology and practice of wild spirituality, to hear the call to return to relationship with Earth, with soul, and with the sacred presence enlivening all things, and to "rewild" your own spirituality. The retreat opportunity includes a wild church experience; August 7-9. A public talk and conversation the afternoon of August 9. Registration deadline is July 30. Details and registration on the Holy Wisdom Monastery website.

SA choir members and cantors **Ann Baltes, Sherri Hansen, Bill and Grace Rosholt, and Taryn Valley**, will be singing in the **Isthmus Vocal Ensemble** concerts on Friday, July 31st at 7:30 PM at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, and Sunday, August 2nd at 3 pm at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The program entitled, "Made for Love," features music of Hildegard von Bingen, Carlos Guastavino, Jake Runestad and more! For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.isthmusvocalensemble.org.

Centering Prayer Group Wednesday July 22 2:30-3:30 pm, Oratory – Time for silent prayer/meditation with a group, includes two 20-minute periods of seated meditation with a 5-minute break. Contact Carole Kretschman, 608-577-3243

Kids On The Prairie August 9 – Pollinators Everywhere. Explore Wisdom Prairie. See what is blooming and buzzing. Look for flowers everywhere. How many different kinds can you find? What bugs do you see? Why are those Bumble Bees buzzing?

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Following each reading,

Reader

The Word of Salvation

All

Thanks be to God

A time of silent reflection follows each reading as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.

Psalm 90

May The Gracious Care



1. O God, you have been our refuge from one age to the next. Before the birth of the mountains, before the world came to be, you are God forevermore.
2. Fill us, O God with you love, as the promise of dawn is fulfilled. Give joy to soften our sorrows, to sooth our years of pain. God prosper the work of our hands!
3. Praise to the source of our Being, to Jesus, Savior and friend. Praise to their Holy Spirit, who dwells within our hearts, both now and for ages to come.

Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Acclamation

Joyful Heart Alleluia



Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Intercessions

R/.God of love, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

Presentation of the Gifts

*A basket is available on the table to receive your donations.
Thank you for your generosity. The gifts of bread, wine
and our offering are brought to the altar.*

"Conversations about Our Benedictine Life: Work."

Work is one of the four pillars of a Benedictine life along with prayer, rest, and study. It is perhaps the most challenging to our being able to live lives of balance and to how we understand ourselves as good and worthy (before each other and before God). Join a conversation about work, what Benedict says about it in the Rule, how other Benedictine thinkers reflect on it, and what each of us has experienced in our own lives. July 19 (Today, 10:30 am) and August 12 (Wednesday, 1:00 pm) in person; July 21 (Tuesday) and August 5 (Wednesday) on zoom (both 6:30-8pm). Details on the monastery website. Search "Conversations about Our Benedictine Life."



Join us for the Festival on the Prairie on Thursday, August 6, 5:00-8:00 pm. There will be music by Annie and the Oakies, local food carts from FEED Kitchen with food for purchase, children's activities, garden and prairie tours, beer and soft drinks for purchase and free ice cream. Bring picnic blankets or camp chairs. Join us to celebrate a beautiful summer night with our community. All are welcome!

Join our Festival on the Prairie volunteer crew!

Festival on the Prairie is just around the corner, and we are looking for volunteers to join our Festival on the Prairie crew. There are many ways that you can help, including parking assistance, scooping ice cream, serving beverages, being a Sparkle Commander, and other event support roles. We'd love to have you on the team! Please use the link to sign up

(<https://app.unison.io/schedules/1vplkV6afsaInthrpT46XZ>) or contact Signe Lee, at 608-831-9312 or slee@holylwisdommonastery.org Thank you so much for considering.

Announcements

Pastoral Care Services are available to members of the Holy Wisdom Monastery communities. For more information or to receive care, contact Jane Ahlstrom at 608-222-5139 or janeahlstrom@sbcglobal.net.

A Gender Neutral Restroom can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.

Are you new to Sunday Assembly or are you interested in joining Sunday Assembly? Welcome, we are glad you are here. We invite you to sign the Guest Registry in the lobby (found on the table beneath the television monitor) to receive communications from the monastery. Please join us again soon. You are always welcome here.

Have you been worshipping with us frequently over the last few months? We hope that you've found a spiritual home with us and invite you to consider becoming a member of Sunday Assembly. It's simple. Gold membership forms can be found at the monastery entrance. Just fill it out and return in the collection basket, send by mail, or sign-up through our website. You will then receive welcome information from the Director of Music and Worship.

Expressions Art Exhibit!

The annual exhibit that celebrates the artistic talent of our community members was installed last Wednesday. Twenty-six artists submitted 57 pieces of two-dimensional art for consideration by the Art Jury. Take some time to experience the new exhibit and be sure to attend the opening reception after worship on Sunday, July 26th. You will be able to talk with many of the artists and enjoy a few treats!

As we anxiously await word from the Lilly Foundation regarding our recent grant application, Rachel and Erin would like to make themselves available to continue the conversation with our community about the concepts and ideas that were submitted. We want to know what resonated in the proposal for you? For example, if we don't get funded, what do you think we should prioritize from the proposal and continue to pursue? Join us in the Board Room after Sunday Assembly on August 16th from 10:15 - 11:15. If you would like to review the proposal, it was published in May and recently on July 17th.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer VII for Ordinary Time

"Walking the Prophetic Journey"

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

*The Assembly parts are in **bold**.*

Presider May the Holy One be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Great and holy designer of all that is,
from everlasting you are the Source of our Being.

**You weave the fabric of the universe
and spread it as the dwelling tent of your glory.
You invite all Creation to robe itself
in the love pouring out from your heart
as from a fountain of never-ending abundance.**

We thank you for the extravagance of your giving,
for the endless communion of your presence
among us and in all that is.

**We thank you that throughout history
you have been calling the human family
together and inspiring us to love one another
and to learn from the humblest parts of creation
your hidden ways.**

Joining now with all the cosmos
and every living creature, we sing your praise.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, God of Love - and light!
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Holy One who gathers us,
we honor the ones who have revealed your ways
and we thank you for the courage and fidelity
of all whom you have sent
to prepare a path for us to follow -
all holy people of every age and culture.

**We especially thank you for Jesus
who comes to us as bread for our journey,
In him you revealed the complete
mystery of love
that is the human family.
We seek to follow Jesus' example
and become the Body of Christ
in all our interactions and relationships.**

A brief period of silence follows Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Forth

Hymn of Praise

The Spirit Sends Us Forth

1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name
2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro-claim.

1. To bring glad ti-dings to the poor, God's fa-vor to pro-claim.
2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
3. And, all our days, to cher-ish life, To do the lov-ing deed.
4. God's Spir - it has em-pow-er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.

**All So all of us are one body,
all who share the one bread and drink
from the cup.**

Communion Rite

Reception of Communion

Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive Communion. Come to any one of the four locations in the room. Two stations are behind the Table, one at the side exit, and one near the organ. The **Cup of Wine, in the glass cup** will be distributed behind the Table, as will the **grape juice in the pewter cup**.

Communion

Let Our Earth Be Peaceful



1. Let our earth be peace - ful,
2. Let our ways be mind - ful,
3. Let our lives be fruit - ful,



let our hearts be hope - ful,
mend - ing what is hurt - ful,
beau - ti - ful and play - ful,



let our hands be gen - tle
do - ing what is need - ful
ev - 'ry day be thank - ful



for the love of God.
for the love of God.
for the love of God.

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal
and shared with them his life and love.

While they were at supper he took bread,
gave you thanks,
broke it and passed it among them saying:
"Take this all of you, and eat.
This is my body which is given up for you."

Then he took the cup of wine,
said the blessing,
and gave it to them saying:
"Take this, all of you, and drink.
This is the cup of my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
so that creation may be reconciled.
Every time you do this,
do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

Giver of every blessing,
send your gracious Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

**Help us to recognize the reality of Christ
present among us.**

**Grant us the courage and the power
to be your justice and your peace
in our world.**

**Give us open hearts and minds
to welcome all who are outcast,
especially the immigrant and the refugee.
Teach us to live gently and gratefully
upon this planet
and upon the pathway you have chosen
for us from among the stars.**

As we make our prayer to you, O Holy One,
we remember all our loved ones who have died.
Give comfort to all who suffer,
and may the fullness of your peace
be revealed in every land.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is
Yours O God, now and forever...



The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy One, our only home,
blessed be your name.**

**May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.**

**Feed us today, and forgive us,
as we forgive each other.**

**Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Breaking of Bread



Presider The bread which we break,
is it not communion in the body of Christ?

The cup of blessing which we share,
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?