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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9 PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026 ✕ 9:30 AM

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WELCOME TO ALL who join us today for worship!

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- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Prelude in C - Johann Sebastian Bach
Here I Am, Lord - Dan Schutte; Setting by John Carter
Joanne Vasey, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Kingdom of God
Words: Gracia Grindal Music: Austin C. Lovelace
Brandy Aguirre, vocals Joanne Vasey, piano

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Gather Us In - ELW # 532

* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

WOV p. 28



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**

Christ, have mer - cy:

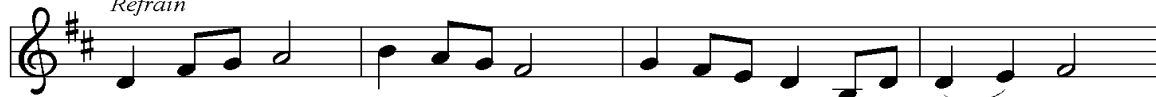


Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Lord, have mer - cy:

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

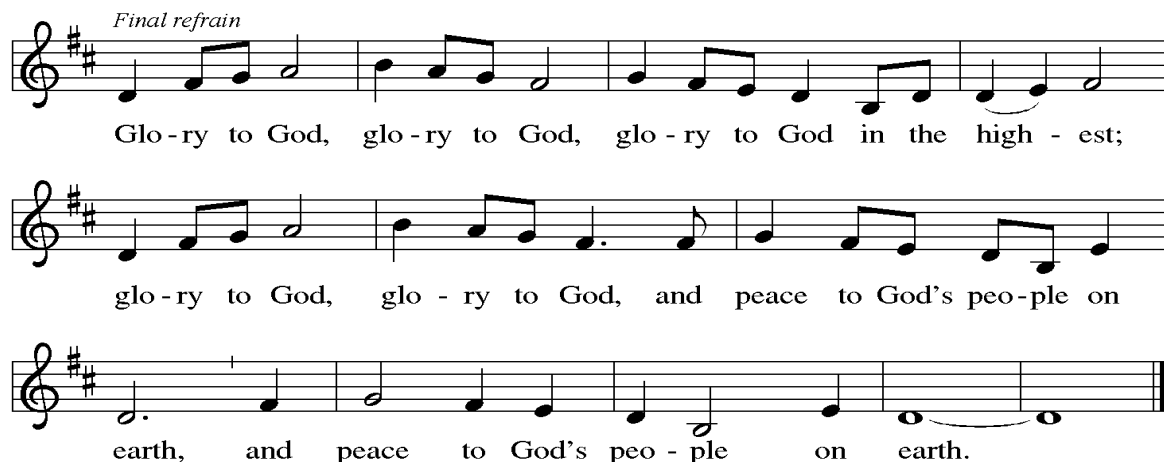
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Be Thou My Vision - ELW # 793

*** THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of grace.

Congregational Response: hear our prayer.

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

The Tiny Seed

Text: Catherine Mathia & Audrey Sillick Music: Arabic folk song

Joanne Vasey, piano

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* DOXOLOGY

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Musical notation for the Doxology, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is: "Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The music concludes with a double bar line.

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

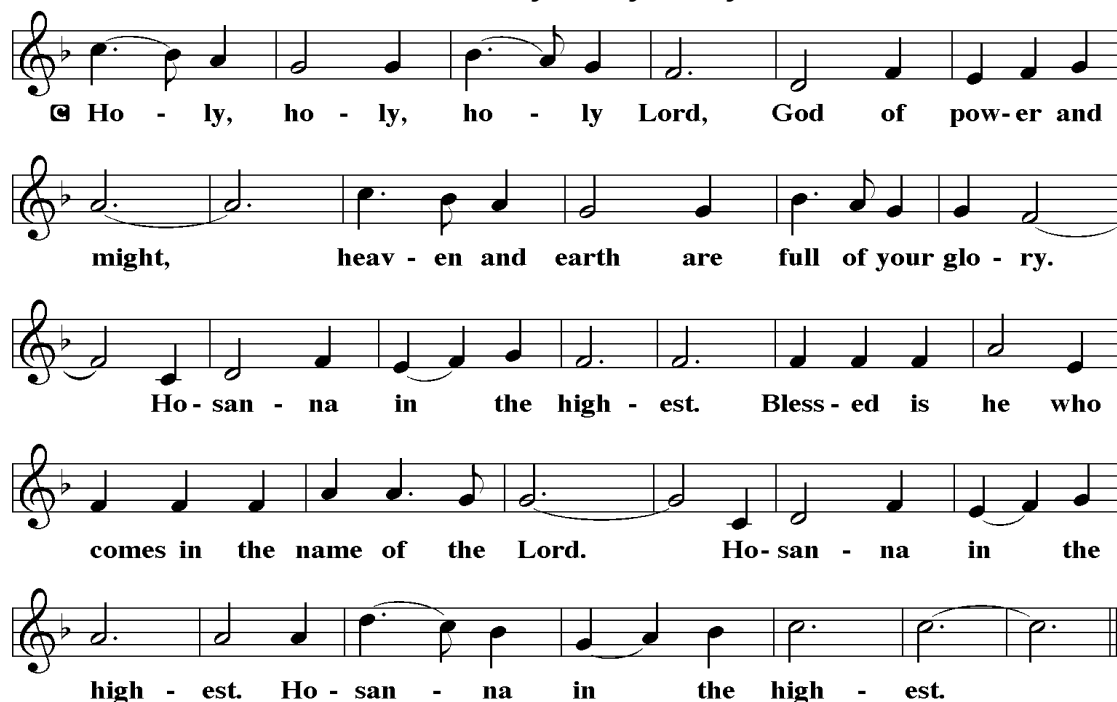
* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV p. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.
- P You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.
- P That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.
- P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
- C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

**C 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.**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

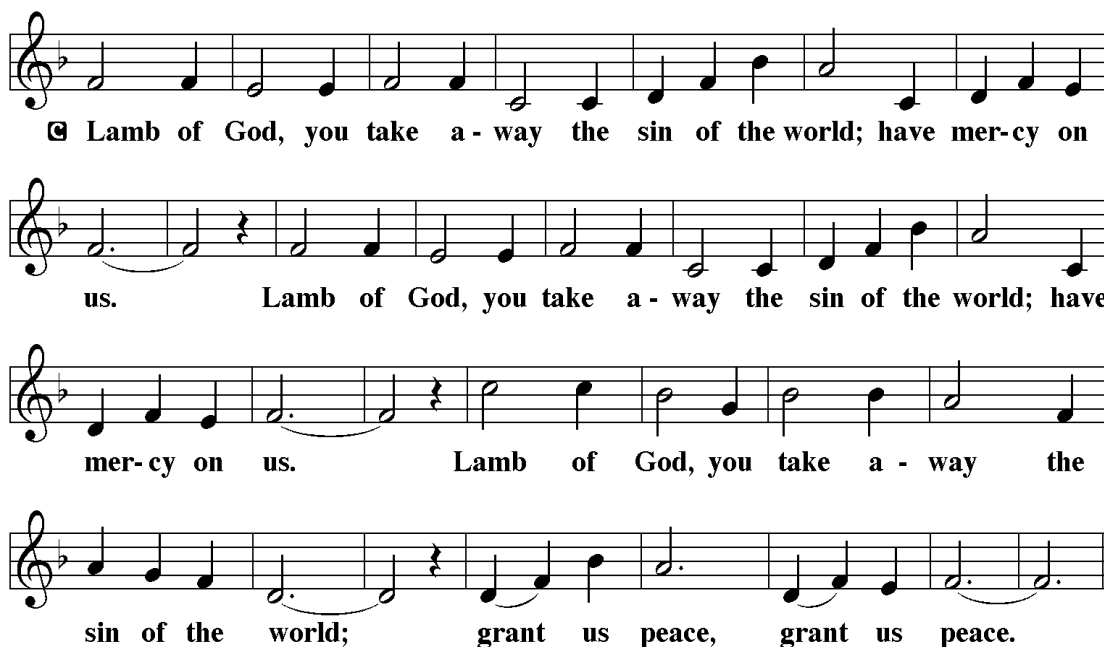
P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

WOV p. 39



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Seek Ye First - Karen Lafferty
Pop-Up Choir

(All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward and grab a binder. Folks not comfortable singing an alto, tenor or bass part may stay on the familiar melody for all stanzas.)

COMMUNION HYMN

You Are the Seed - WOV # 753

(The refrain repeats on each stanza. Please sing the second line of the refrain when repeating the refrain.)

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

* BENEDICTION

P The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, ☩ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

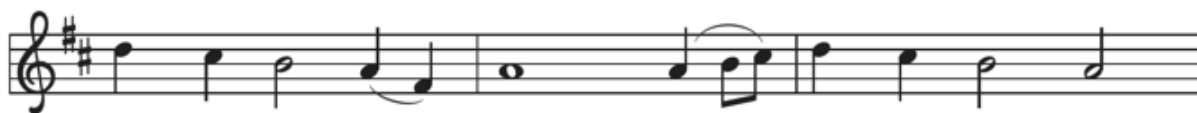
C **Amen.**

* SENDING HYMN

The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field - ACS # 952



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

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* DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Words: Henry Van Dyke Music: Beethoven Adapted by Edward Hodges
Joanne Vasey, piano

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The **CROSS FLOWERS** were given to the glory of God by Tim & Kim Eshelman in celebration of our 48th Wedding anniversary.

The **WHITE CARNATION** on the Altar is placed there in loving memory of Margaret Irwin, in remembrance of the one year anniversary of her passing on July 26, 2025.

THANKS to the Pop-Up Choir and Brandy Aguirre for providing today's anthems for worship.

July 26 – August 2, 2026

Sunday, July 26 - 9 Pentecost Pastor Justin preaching WC Margaret Irwin	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Kunkel/Finance
Monday, July 27 9:00am – 3:00pm Day Camp @ MLC	9:15am Counters 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR
Tuesday, July 28 9:00am – 3:00pm Day Camp @ MLC	6:30pm Council meeting
Wednesday, July 29 9:00am – 3:00pm Day Camp @ MLC	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH
Thursday, July 30 9:00am – 3:00pm Day Camp @ MLC	6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Parlor
Friday, July 31 9:00am – 3:00pm Day Camp @ MLC	9:30am –11:00am Bluebird Atelier - Rain site
Sunday, Aug. 2 - 10 Pentecost Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion Kunkel Scholarships awarded

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: July 19, 2026: 67