

July 6, 2025
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00am service with Holy Communion
The Reverend Ben Groth, Preaching and Presiding
Matthew Harrison, Director of Music

Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship! If this is your first time here, please fill out the yellow welcome card in the pew and place it in the offering plate if you would like to be contacted by Pastor Ben, would like more information about the church, or would like to sign up for our weekly news email.

Restrooms: Our restrooms are located downstairs at the bottom of the stairways at the back of the sanctuary. There are signs about which side has the men's and women's restrooms. There are any-gender solo restrooms in the education wing, one of which has a changing table. Please knock and ensure no one else is inside!

Care and Prayer: If you would like to request prayer or speak with Pastor Ben about struggles, joys, or anything else, please feel free to email him at bgroth@1stlutherannb.org or call/text at 860-348-3966.

Children: We love having children in worship! At the front of the sanctuary there is a "pray ground" with lots of space to spread out and sit comfortably, some toys, and a great collection of books for different ages. All children and caretakers are welcome to use that space anytime during the service!

Volunteering: We have lots of opportunities at First Lutheran to volunteer and serve our community. Our Monday Morning Mingle free meal takes place from 8-9am each Monday, while our free Pasta Dinners take place from 5-6pm each Wednesday. Both of these programs can always use volunteers. If you'd like to help out, or are interested in helping with worship or other things at First Lutheran, please contact Pastor Ben.

Coffee Hour: After the service, please join us downstairs for goodies and coffee, and a chance to get to know one another better!

Gathering

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and
given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known
and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to
do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we
may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

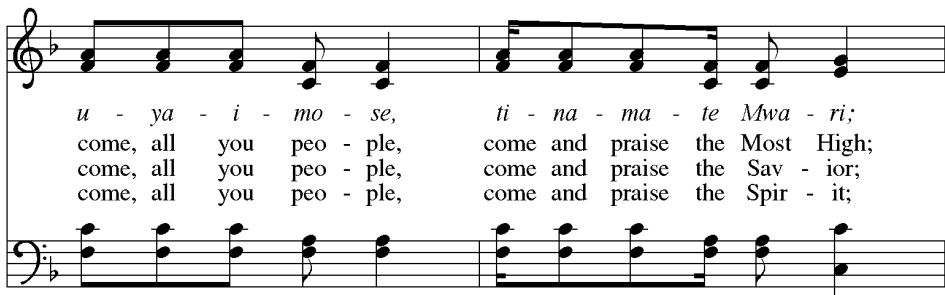
P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the
name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live
in your hearts through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

THE GATHERING HYMN # 819

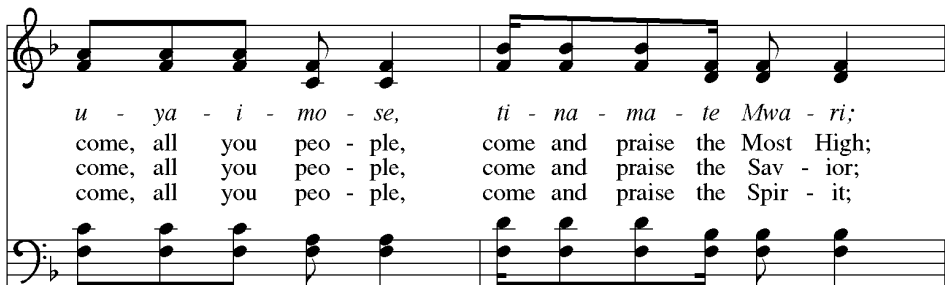
Come, All You People




U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus,
C you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Word _____

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

- A** A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
 all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
 all you who mourn over her—

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
 from her consoling breast;
 that you may drink deeply with delight
 from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
 and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
 and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
 and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child,
 so I will comfort you;
 you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
 your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
 and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
 and his indignation is against his enemies. The word of the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-9

Read Responsively

A ¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

C ²**Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.**

A ³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

C ⁴**All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."**

A ⁵Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C ⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the
water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

A ⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

C ⁸**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.**

A ⁹Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 6:1-16

A A reading from Galatians:

¹My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to

make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. The word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION # 786 V. 1 O Holy Spirit Enter In

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell-ing. Sun of the soul,
O Light di-vine, a-round and in us bright-ly shine, your strength
in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav-en now is
giv - en o - ver-flow-ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.

☛ The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

☛ Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

P ¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” ¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

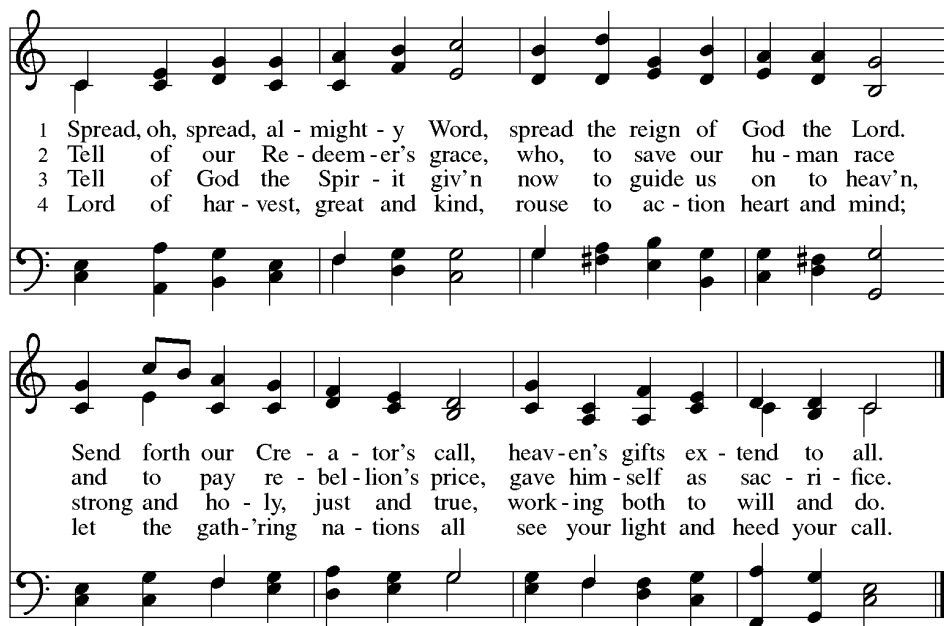
THE SERMON

Pastor Ben Groth

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY # 663

Spread, Oh, Spread



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race,
 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
 let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess the Christian faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 to 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.

THE PRAYERS

- A** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

- A** You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who proclaim your good news. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially Elaine, John, Scott, Gini, Bill, Kate, Susan, Lin, and Barbara. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**The minister and congregation may greet one another
in the name of the Lord.**

P Peace be with you. **C** Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The offering is brought to the altar during the Offertory Response

Please stand as able

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #876 V. 1 Let the Whole Creation

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.

Meal

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

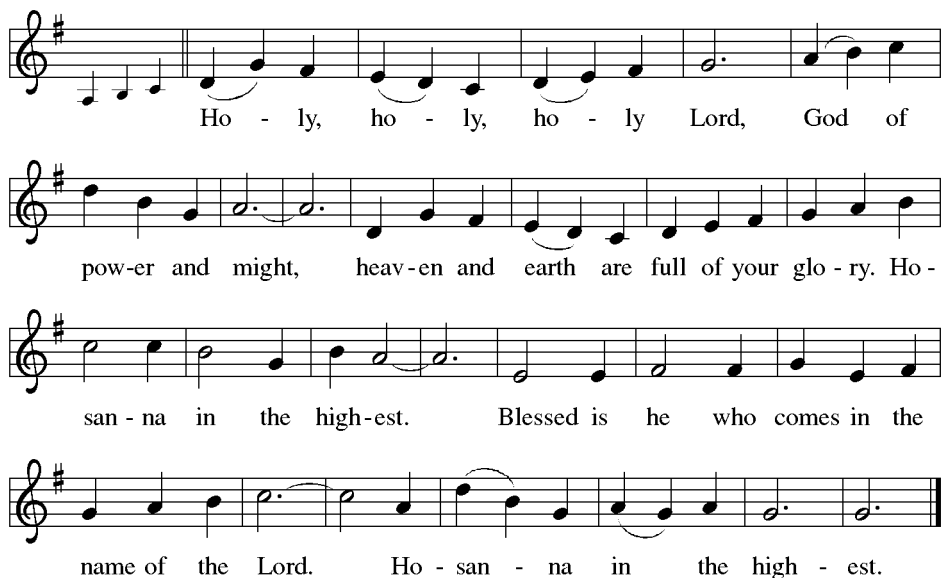
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Chords: F, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, Dm⁷E^bmaj⁷, Gm⁷, C¹¹, F

THE PREFACE

- 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.
 Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
 you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
 uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
 resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- 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.
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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.**

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

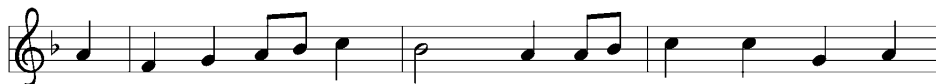
P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Hymn # 480

O Bread of Life From Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

THE COMMUNION HYMN# 445

Wash, O God



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Please stand as able

Sending _____

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

THE SENDING HYMN # ACS 991

Go To The World!



1	Go	to	the	world!	Go	in - to	all	the	earth.
2	Go	to	the	world!	Go	in - to	ev - 'ry	place.	
3	Go	to	the	world!	Go	strug - gle,	bless,	and	pray;
4	"Go	to	the	world!	Go	as	the	ones	I send,



Go	preach	the	cross	where	Christ	re - news	life's	worth,
Go	live	the	word	of	God's	re - deem - ing	grace.	
the	nights	of	tears	give	way	to	joy - ous	day.
for	I	am	with	you	till	the	age	shall end,



bap -	tiz -	ing	as	the	sign	of	our	re -	birth.
Go	seek	God's	pres -	ence	in	each	time	and	space.
As	ser -	vant	church,	you	fol -	low	Christ's	own	way.
when	all	the	hosts	of	glo -	ry	cry,	A -	men!"



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THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thanks to
Worship Assistant
Nancy Peterson
Communion Assistant
John Halverson
Reader
Holly Erickson
Ushers - Jane Holmstrom, Paul Koerner
Coffee Hour Goodies - Nancy Peterson
and
Videographer
Eric Nilsson
for volunteering
to be a part of the service this morning

People Power for 7/13/2025
Worship Assistant - Susan Bisaccia
Communion Assistant - Nancy Robertson
Reader - Erasmus Gunawan
Ushers - Chloe Groth and Boys
Coffee Hour Goodies - Louise Patterson

calendar

- July 7** - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle
- July 8** - Tuesday, 10am - Cleaning Company
- July 8** - Tuesday, 4pm - **NO** Worship & Arts
- July 8** - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting
- July 9** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service
- July 9** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner
- July 9** - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir
- July 9** - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting
- July 11** - Friday, 2pm - Cleaning Company
- July 13** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group
- July 13** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion
- July 14** - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle
- July 15** - Tuesday, 10am - Cleaning Company
- July 15** - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting
- July 15** - Tuesday, 6pm - **NO** Bible Study
- July 15** - Tuesday, 7pm - **NO** Council Meeting
- July 16** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service
- July 16** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner
- July 16** - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir
- July 16** - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting
- July 18** - Friday, 2pm - Cleaning Company
- July 20** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group
- July 20** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion
- July 21** - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle
- July 22** - Tuesday, 10am - Cleaning Company
- July 22** - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting
- July 23** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service
- July 23** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner
- July 23** - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir
- July 23** - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

Monday Morning Mingle 8am-9am
 Wednesday Come-As- You-Are Worship Service 4:30pm
 Wednesday Pasta Dinner 5pm-5:45pm
 Clothing - Please call Marianne Farr
 for more information (860)-637-6460

PRAYER LIST

Please note: Prayer names will remain for two weeks unless renewed in the church office. Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Elaine Borselle; John Halverson; Scott Johnson (Carol McQueeney); Gini & Bill Sonstrom (Sue Sonstrom); Kate Koonce, Susan Cramer (Jane Holmstrom); Lin, Barbara (Eileen Buys).

Serving in the armed forces: Kevin Dubois; Wesley Givens (Beverly Walsh); Zack; Millind; Kienen Dyer (Barbara Pond); Shawn Dubois.

OUR VISION

First for what is first: Christ, our Lord

First in nurturing youth and families in faith

First with inspiring worship, fellowship and service

First by reaching out to all

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