

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



PRAYER & PREACHING

Thursday, July 16, 2026 @ 7PM

Sunday, July 19, 2026 @ 8AM & 10:45AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM

Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

It takes great heroism to devote one's life to others in a situation which is frustrating and unsatisfactory, and in which one's sacrifice may even be, in large measure, wasted. But here above all, faith in God is necessary. He sees our sacrifice, and he will make it fruitful, even though in our own eyes there is nothing apparent but futility and frustration. When we accept this grace, our eyes are open to see the real, unsuspected good in others, and to be truly grateful for our Christian vocation. (Thomas Merton)

Service of Prayer & Preaching

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name, make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro - claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has be - come my sal - va - tion. Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*The Augsburg Confession
Article VII, The Church*

Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same

everywhere. As Paul says, “One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:5–6).

The Augsburg Confession
Article VIII, What the Church Is, 1, 2.

Strictly speaking, the Church is the congregation of saints and true believers. However, because many hypocrites and evil persons are mingled within them in this life [Matthew 13:24–30], it is lawful to use Sacraments administered by evil men, according to the saying of Christ, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat” (Matthew 23:2). Both the Sacraments and Word are effective because of Christ’s institution and command, even if they are administered by evil men.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus 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 him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

P For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C **To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Rom 11:33, 36

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until

now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather 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 came to 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 is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

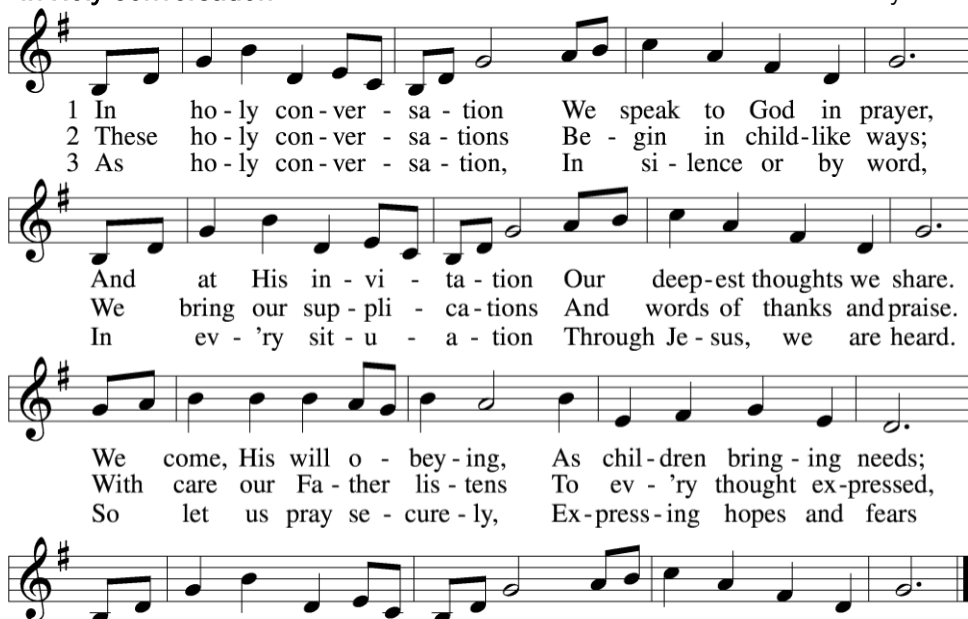
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn of the Day

"In Holy Conversation" Hymn 772



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears

And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Sermon

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

There will be no passing of the offering plates.

Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.

Scan the QR code to set-up automatic giving.

Online Giving



Collect of the Day

P O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer *(Thursday)*

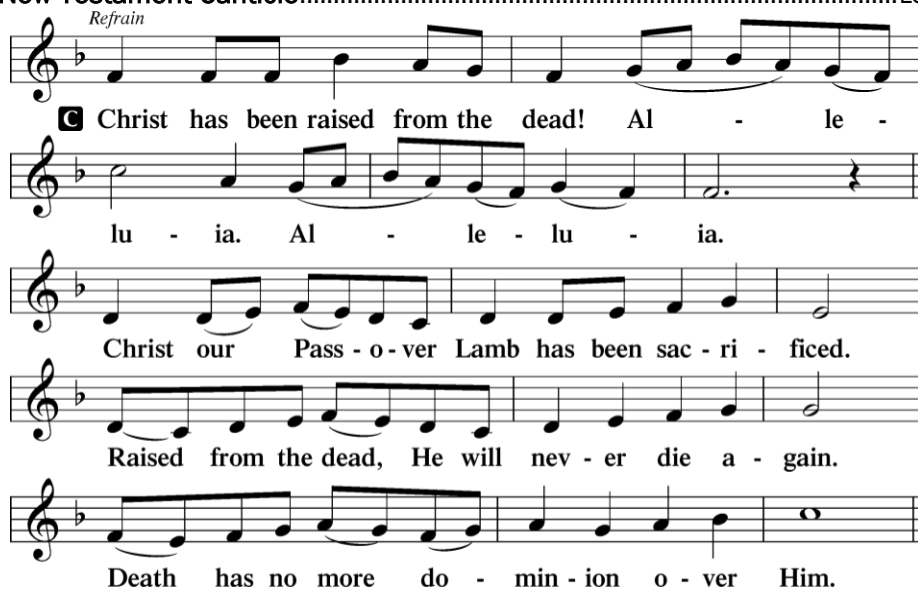
C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer *(Sunday)*

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

New Testament Canticle.....LSB 266

Refrain



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Hymn 761

Musical notation for the hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me". The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:	
THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST	Rev. Joseph Liss
THE ORGANIST (Thursday Sunday)	Ann Barz Natalie Liss
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday)	Rich Wandel
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM 10:45AM)	Denny Kern Jeff Oeseburg
ALTAR GUILD.....	Celeste Grau, Terry Steffens
USHERS (8AM)	Steve Huycke, Tom Ulmer, Andrew Gerken, John Schulz
USHERS (10:45AM)	Tom Drews, Tim Drews, Bob Wolfanger

Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”
Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Klaus Nixdorf
Andrea Nystuen	Dave Sellke	Linda Drews
Barbara Maul	Eleanor Hoge	Norma Priebe
Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Pat Hutter
Carol Bonczkowski	Ferny Rantz	Pat Hutter
Cindy White	Ginny Drews	Ralph Dinges
Connie Schwanger	Jean Keehn	Fred Froehlich
Dan Knuth	Joseph Klupp	Wilma Malinasky

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Horstman - sister of Mary Spaulding
Allee Bauer - granddaughter of Keith & Debbie Yeske
Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke
Barb Lange - friend of Thelma Szoke
Barbara Alberg - friend of Joann Ciboch
Braxton Beeger - nephew of Joann Ciboch
Chris Watson - son of Tom & Marie Watson
Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke
Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke
Ethan White - friend of Elliot Measel
Grant Plath - friend of Joann Ciboch
Heidi Bowie - daughter of Irene Klupp
Jenny, Micah & Elijah Krupp – daughter & grandsons of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer
Jeff Peltier - cousin of Pastor Measel

Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson
Julianna Radut - girlfriend of Jeremiah Szoke
Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge
Liam Pugh - grandson of Paula Benner
Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke
Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman
Melvin Machemer – son of Ellen Machemer
Mike Szoke – nephew of Thelma Szoke
Nancy Gerald – daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Phil Oberhaus - brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Reece Clark - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark
Robert Laird - son-in-law of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson
Tamara Metz – sister-in-law of Dennis & Lyla Metz

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake, James Vieregge USMC, Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus,

Ethan Rieck – nephew of David & Laura Geyer.

Zebulon Pappenfuss – husband of Sarah [Jackemeyer] Pappenfuss

Raven & Rachel Strefling - nephew (& wife) of Amy Strefling-Gorske

Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Vicar Zachary Turley in Japan and Rev. Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Bob & Deb Appelget
 Joe Appelget
 Guy & Elizabeth Arrans

Mike & Kara Baldwin Family
 Sandy Ballinger
 Will & Sue Batson

We extend the hand of friendship to all who have come to worship. We rejoice in your presence and invite you to stay after the service to become acquainted with those around you. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

FLOWER CHART – Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers (\$40) using the Flower Chart located in the church commons. The bouquets are later delivered to shut-in members or individuals on our prayer list.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are now on **WSJM 94.9 FM on Sunday mornings from 8AM – 9AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Zachary Turley (Clinton, MD) serves the Lord through the LCMS as a missionary in Japan. As a vicar in the international mission field, Zachary is preaching the Word of God, teaching biblical truths and sound Lutheran doctrine, and assisting with the liturgy during Divine Services. He also assists with administrative duties, visitation and campus outreach to local students so they may hear the Gospel as well. In his free time, Zachary enjoys lifting weights, climbing, reading and playing guitar. Pray for Zachary as he serves in Japan. Ask God to give him wisdom, strength and patience as he journeys to this new part of the world. May he stay steadfast in faith and grow from this experience. Pray for Zachary's family during this time apart, and ask God to watch over him. Pray also for the people that Zachary meets, that they would eagerly receive the Gospel and that the church in Japan would grow according to God's will. Give thanks to God for sending Zachary to serve His children in this part of the world.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS REMINDER – Both Tuesday & Wednesday bible classes have wrapped up for the summer! Classes will resume after Labor Day.

SUMMER HOURS – The office is open from **9am to 1pm Monday – Thursday, closed Fridays**. Due to vacations and summer projects we advise everyone to call ahead to be sure someone is here to help you!

SUMMER GIVING - God gives us the blessing of being able to work, earn, save, spend, and accumulate wealth. We do this for our children. We do this for our community. We do this for ourselves. But we also do it to honor God as faithful stewards. Thank you for your continued offerings this summer!

RUMMAGE THANK YOU! – Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's rummage sale possible! We couldn't have done it without all of your help. We hope you enjoyed the sale as much as our many shoppers and will update you shortly with how much money was raised. Thank you! THANK YOU!

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA PILL BOTTLES?! – Ladies League is gathering clean label free pill bottles for *Matthew 25 Ministries* with a final drop off deadline of the 2026 LWML Fall Rally in the box under the church mailboxes. For more information on this campaign please visit www.m25m.org/pillbottles.

CHRIST LUTHERAN'S SOCIAL MEDIA – Do you have an event you want Christ Lutheran to promote on our Facebook page or our Instagram? Please feel free to email marketing@christstevensville.com with your event (garage sale, etc.) details. Thank you!

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MEMORY VERSE

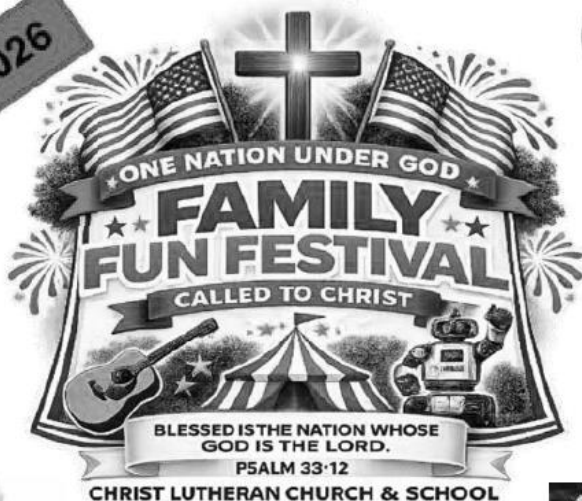


Long ago, at many times
and in many ways, God
spoke to our fathers by
the prophets, *but in
these last days He has
spoken to us by His Son,*
whom He appointed
the heir of all things,
through whom also
He created the world.

HEBREWS 1:1-2

July 25, 2026

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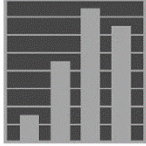
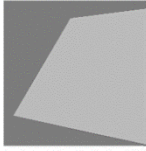
GATES OPEN AT 3PM

ATTRACTIONS 3PM – 7PM

STAGE EVENTS 3PM – 8PM

EVENTS

- FREE admission
- Kid's Zone with bounce houses
- Hands-on science edutainment for all ages
- On-site Sarett Nature Center hikes & talks
- A heartwarming petting zoo
- Food trucks & MORE!!!
- Live contemporary Christian praise music
- Other Stage performances



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 07/09/26	7PM	25
Sunday 07/12/26	8AM	85
Online Attendees: 83	10:45AM	70
<i>*Week of 07/12/26 total budgeted receipts</i>		\$17,705.00
YTD Contributions		\$28,315.00
YTD Budget		\$34,615.38
YTD Over Under		\$-6,300.38
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over Under		\$397.31



Sunday, July 19 <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Worship Service
Monday, July 20		
Tues, July 21		
Wed, July 22		
Thursday, July 23	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Friday, July 24		
Saturday, July 25	3-8PM	FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL!
Sunday, July 26 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday
9AM-1PM

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