



August 3, 2025
8th Sunday After Pentecost



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Good Morning and Welcome!

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Chicago Folk Service

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Ruth Elaine Schram)

Melanie Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

ELW 393



- 1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
- 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
- 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
- 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
- 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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*KYRIE "Deacon's Prayer"

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Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Lord — have — mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Lord — have — mer - cy.

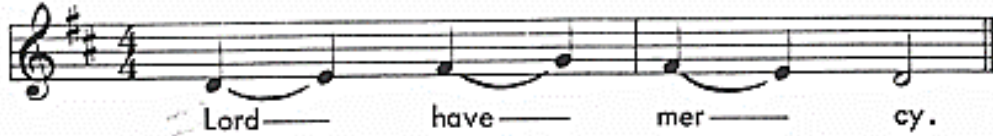
Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



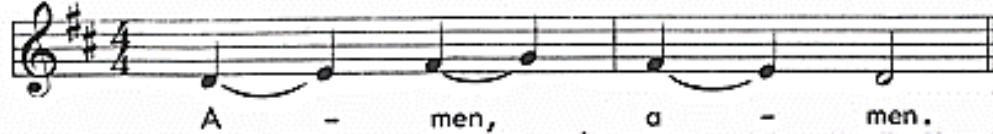
Leader: For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: Help, save, strengthen and defend us, O God, by your grace.

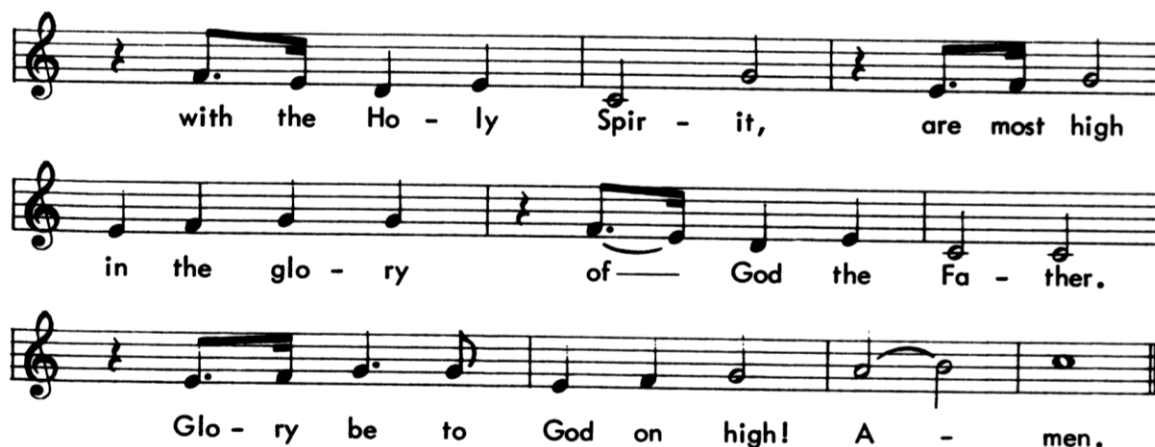
Congregation:



*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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[1]
Glo-ry be to God on high, praise to you most
Ho - ly! O Lord God, Heav'n - ly King
[2a]
God the Fa - ther Al - might - y! O Lord God,
Lamb of God, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther:
[2b]
Christ who takes a - way our sin, have mer - cy up-
[3]
on us. For you on - ly Lord, O Christ,



*GREETING

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels

surrounds me,

⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,
⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

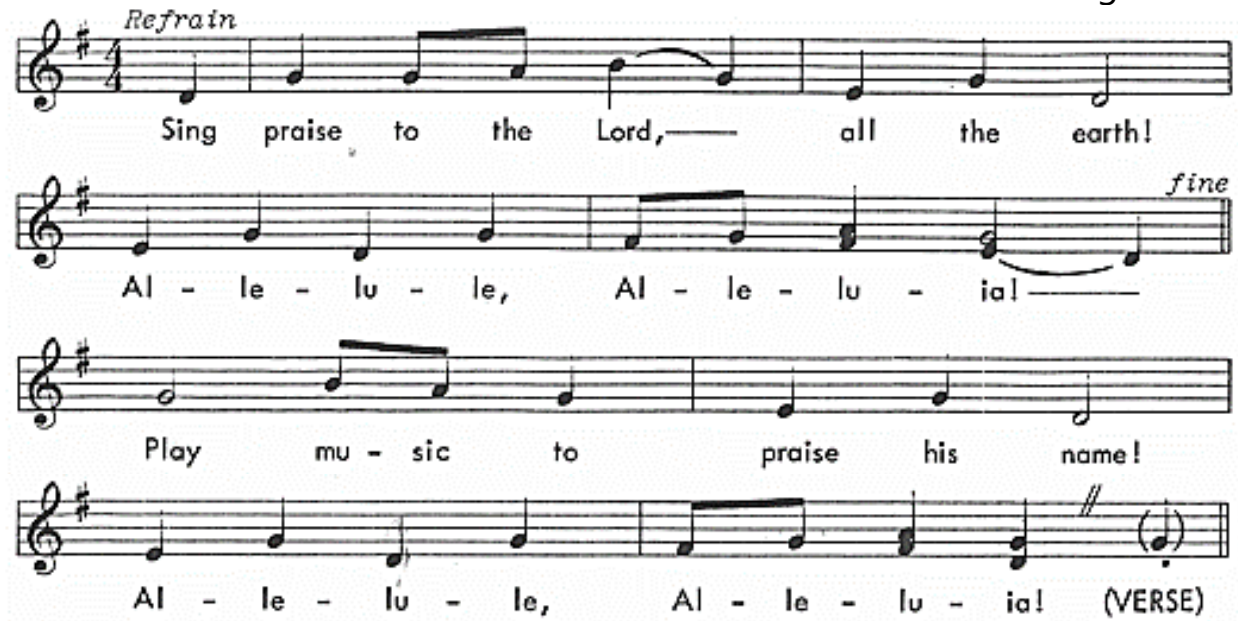
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Bonnie Flowers

GOSPEL FANFARE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

***APOSTLES CREED**

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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30) "We Know that Christ Is Raised" (Callahan)

Choir

Organ Solo (11:00) A Mighty Fortress (Richard Kingsmore)

Melanie Payne

Presentation of Gifts "Create in Me"

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,
God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.—
Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.— Re-
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-
hold me with your spir - it free.— Cre-
ate in me a clean heart, O— God, and re-
new a right spir - it with - in me.—

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of nine measures of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. There are three repeat signs: a first ending bracket over measures 5 and 6, a second ending bracket over measures 7 and 8, and a third ending bracket over measures 9 and 10. The score ends with a double bar line.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we
may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

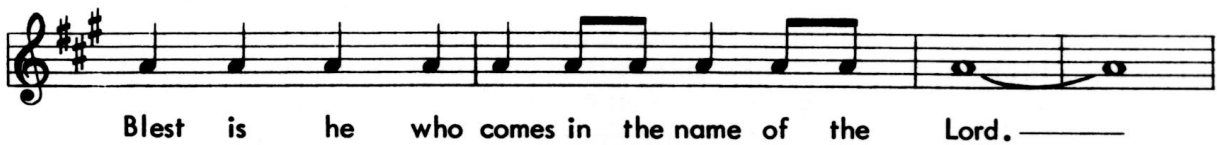
Congregation:



***SANCTUS**

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Congregation:





*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
 Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

Chicago Folk Service



DISTRIBUTION

HYMN "Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

HYMN "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

ELW 775



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

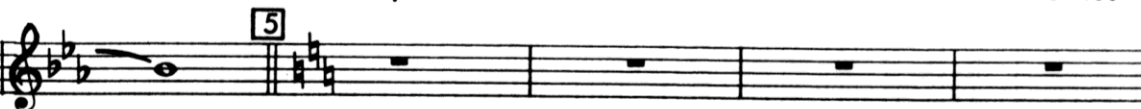
Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Send Us Forth in Peace"

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Congregation:



*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG "In Christ There Is No East or West"

ELW 650

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) on two staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the Soprano part. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1-4 corresponding to the four parts of the choir.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *(Jason D. Payne)

Melanie Payne



WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Norma Freymuth
Don & Lizzie Palmer
Rich
Lindsey & the Porter Family
Cindy
Kenneth
Kevin

LeighAnn
Melissa
Connie Stanger
Stephen Fesler
Frances & John Dobbins
Rose
Teresa

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by John and Mary Burke.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship after service in the Fellowship Hall.

A NURSERY staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

LIVE WORSHIP STREAMING SWITCHES TO EARLY SERVICE STARTING TODAY.

RALLY DAY, BACKPACK BLESSINGS TODAY. Excited to start our new Sunday School Season and Youth Activities. Please register your youth PreK to Grade 12 with the QR code provided.



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TEXAS FLOOD EMERGENCY – YOU CAN HELP. Lutheran World Relief calls on us to respond to the flooding in Texas. Here's how you can help: Give through Messiah and specify 'Texas', give online at lwr.org/help texas. Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write Texas in the memo.

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Flower Guild

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Lee Smith (8:30)
Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt (8 :30)
Tom McNamara, William Holbrook (11:00)
Lee Linda Baggett (8:30)
Debbie Neely (11:00)
Glen Long, Michael Montgomery (8:30)
Stephen Strand (11:00)
Bev Berry

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, August 3

8:00 a.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship Chicago Folk with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. – Rally Day
9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship Chicago Folk with the Lord's Supper

Monday, August 4

5:00 p.m. – Endowment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 a.m. – Comforters
6:30 p.m. – Pub Theology (off site)

Thursday, August 7

11:00 a.m. – ArtReach
6:30 p.m. – Kit Ministry

Sunday, August 10

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
8:30 a.m. - Dean James Burgett Baptism
9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
12:00 p.m. – MOES and MESY Kickoff Event

LOOKING AHEAD

August 17 – Stephen Ministry Commissioning, both services
August 20 – Confirmation Begins
August 24 – LWR Truck Loading of Quilts and Kits
August 27 – First Communion Instruction

ATTENDANCE July 20 Online: 30 July 27: 97