

“PROPHET, PRIEST, & JUDGE”

# SAMUEL



**Sunday, July 27, 2025, 8:30 am**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



*Changing lives with the love of God  
to the glory of God*

## Welcome Guests!

We're glad you're with us today!

We hope you'll introduce yourself to the Pastor at the Church door after worship today.

### Worship Schedule

Our regular worship times are:

**Saturdays** at 5:30 pm

**Sundays** at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

**Sunday School** at 10:00 am September-June

Serving in the Lord's house today:

5:30: Christine Eriksen / 8:30: Daisy Karika / 10:00: Jim Sauer

Altar flowers have been given- to the glory of God.

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

## Prelude: Aria

Donald Moore

### Opening Hymn: Open the Eyes of My Heart

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. A first and second ending bracket is shown over the third staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the seventh staff.

D A/C#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 Dsus 2 D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow - er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

## Welcome and Invocation

### Confession and Absolution

- P** *Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us not avoid Him by reason of our guilt, but rather believe in His kindness and forgiveness, confess to Him our sin, and walk in newness of life.*

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

- P** *Eternal Father, all-seeing and loving God,*  
**C** **Look upon us, Your children, with mercy, for we have sinned.**  
**Your laws are just and very good, but we have trespassed their boundaries.**  
**Forgive us our offenses, cleanse us from evil thoughts and vain desires,**  
**and by Your grace, draw us near to live in You.**
- P** *Jesus Christ is the faithful One who lived and gave His life for mankind's salvation. Peace with God is by faith in Him, and the Father pours His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given us for Christ's sake.*  
*Then have faith and receive this: all your sins are forgiven,*  
*in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise: Glory be to God in Heaven



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 10:1–10, 17–27*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Samuel, chapter 10.

<sup>1</sup>Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on [Saul's] head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. <sup>2</sup>When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"' <sup>3</sup>Then you shall go on from there further and come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. <sup>4</sup>And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand. <sup>5</sup>After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying. <sup>6</sup>Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. <sup>7</sup>Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you. <sup>8</sup>Then go down before me to Gilgal. And behold, I am coming to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do."

<sup>9</sup>When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day. <sup>10</sup>When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.

<sup>17</sup>Now Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah. <sup>18</sup>And he said to the people of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' <sup>19</sup>But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, 'Set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands."

<sup>20</sup>Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. <sup>21</sup>He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken by lot; and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. <sup>22</sup>So they inquired again of the LORD, "Is there a man still to come?" and the LORD said, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage." <sup>23</sup>Then they ran and took him from there. And when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. <sup>24</sup>And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? There is none like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

<sup>25</sup>Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the LORD. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home. <sup>26</sup>Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched. <sup>27</sup>But some worthless fellows said, "How can this man save us?" And they despised him and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Luke 10:17–24*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

<sup>21</sup>In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>22</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

<sup>23</sup>Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Prayer of the Day

**L** *Heavenly Father, we thank You for revealing Your Son, Jesus Christ, to us.*

**C** **For we know that we are saved only by Jesus' death and resurrection.**

**L** *Now, having been called by the gospel of Jesus Christ,*

**C** **give us the courage to boldly go and make disciples of all nations.**

**L** *In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now*

**C** **and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn: Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.





My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## **Sermon: Don't Fear the Call**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

*Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically by using the QR code below.*



## Offering Prayer

- L** *Eternal God, if it were not enough that you provide us with every spiritual blessing,*  
**C** **you provide us with worldly wealth, as well.**  
**L** *We offer these things back to you.*  
**C** **Take, too, our lives. Mold them to your will.**  
**L** *Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**C** **Amen**

## ✠ Holy Communion ✠

### To Our Guests Regarding Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church.

In it, He offers His true Body and Blood in and with the bread and wine.

***It is the gift of Himself!***

When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.

Those who receive the Lord's Supper at St. James Lutheran Church are baptized Christians, committed in their faith in Christ, who have been instructed in and believe these truths.

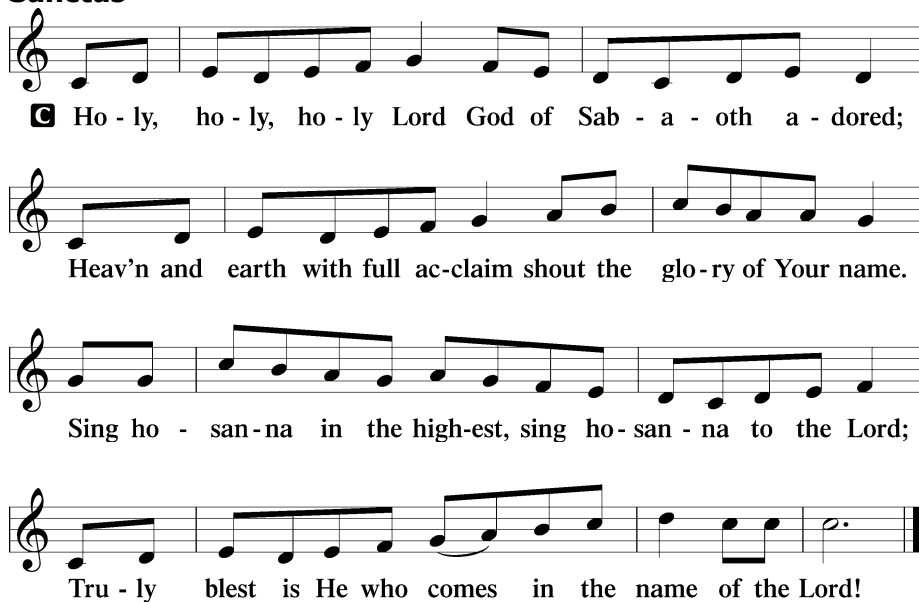
*(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)*

God bless you!

## Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.*  
**C** **He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are His children and to strengthen us when we are weak.**  
**P** *Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever, even as we sing:*

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

## Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn: How Great Thou Art



- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
- 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan - der, I hear the
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur-den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o-



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

## Postlude: Marche de Triomphe

*Robert McIver*

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MARDI GRAS CAFÉ:** The Teens of Faith who attended the LCMS Youth Gathering invite you to a special Mardi Gras themed Cafe in the Parish Hall after the 10am service on August 10th. This will be instead of our usual summer lemonade on the lawn. We will share some special New Orleans treats and show a slide show of our pictures from the trip. Thank you for your support of our trip! Please join us as we say THANK YOU to our Church Family!

**IF YOU SEE A CELEBRITY IN CHURCH:** please just let them worship and don't make a fuss or ask for an autograph. Thank You.

**SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Thank you to all those who have generously donated their time and donations to the pantry! Food insecurity is linked to negative health outcomes in adult and children. Food insecurity impacts every community. The pantry has continued to be very busy during the month of July. The pantry is open Tues, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am-12pm and Wednesdays from 6-9 pm (July and August). We are in need of pantry volunteers to stock and hand out food. If you can help, please call Jeanne Harmer (631-585-5631) or Liz Wagner (631-862-7508). The pantry will be closed on Saturday, August 30th (Labor day weekend) and Saturday, October 4th for the St. Thomas Fair Day. At this time, items in need are all toiletries, women's hygiene products, chunky soups, ravioli, spam, chile. Donations may be left in the Narthex RED bin. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Smithtown Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

**HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF MISSION TRIP:** August 10<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>, we're heading to Hendersonville, NC to serve communities still recovering from Hurricane Helene, and you're invited to be part of this powerful week of relief work, spiritual care, and Christian fellowship. We'll be partnering with volunteers from Calvary Lutheran Church (East Meadow) for this trip – joining together as one team, united in mission and service. We will be doing chainsaw work, house restoration/cleanup, human care/spiritual first aid, and helping to support local churches and families. Please contact Pr. Neil with any questions. [pastorneil@stjlc.com](mailto:pastorneil@stjlc.com)

## **REMINDERS**

**HEADS UP: "JULY" SCHOOL SUPPLIES SALES ARE COMING:** Outreach Ministry would like to make 100 school kits to help school children in need succeed and feel good about their upcoming school year. Jeri Monthie has already graciously sewn over 60 tote bags for us to fill! Janet Brienza requested a \$250.00 Thrivent Action card! That card will be used to buy notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, and pencil sharpeners. Check out sales in the coming weeks at Target, Staples & Wal-Mart. If you would like to make a difference, please pick a tag or two from the Narthex Giving Tree and help us fill the school bags with the other needed items. Please return donations by Sunday, August 3rd, in the marked bin underneath the Giving Tree. Thank you so much and happy school shopping! Note: It is also a great time to buy "extra" to save for your Christmas Child shoeboxes we make in November.

**MOMS PLAYGROUND MEET-UP:** Join us at the STJLC playground on Wednesday's from 10am-12pm beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Kids of all ages are invited. Community time for moms and play time for kids!

**CHURCH BEACH BBQ/PICNIC:** Please join us on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm at Schubert's Beach for a BBQ and Picnic! RSVP using the QR code on our flyer which can be found by going to stjlc.com and clicking on the events tab. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring either a salad or a dessert to share, along with drinks for your family.

**VBS ITEMS NEEDED:** Snack items are needed to make the daily snacks for the children who attend VBS. A list of the items needed is located in the narthex. If you would like to donate items for the snacks please sign your name & include your phone number next to the item you would like to donate. Please contact VBS snack leader Eve Miceli at 631-523-6021.

**SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER PA:** Join us as we journey back in time, to experience the show NOAH at the Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster, PA on October 1st and 2nd. We will be going by coach motor bus and sightseeing the Amish countryside, a movie presentation of JACOB, the show NOAH and more. Accommodations have been made for one night at the Heritage Inn and breakfast/dinner, taxes and gratuities, all admissions are included. All this for only \$369 pp. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Haase at 631-241-6066. This will be a very exciting trip and is open to everyone. So Come Along and have a great time as we go back in time.

**GIVING WITH SUBSPLASH:** In order to ensure the most secure and seamless experience, we will be transitioning to a new giving platform. **We will be moving from Vanco to Subsplash.** This change will help us manage resources more effectively, at less cost, and make it even easier for you to support the mission of our church. Visit stjlc.com and click on the tab that says "Give" for full directions on how to make the switch! If you need



assistance, please email Luann at [luann@stjlc.com](mailto:luann@stjlc.com) or call 631-584-5212. If needed, you may make an appointment for help!

**CHURCH OFFERINGS:** If you do not use our electronic offering service, you may mail your church offering to the Church Office, 230 Second Ave, St. James, NY, 11780. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

**TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS:** Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place the envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend.

## **Peek at the Week**

### **SUNDAY July 27**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/ Baptism of Eloise Eileen Finizio/ Children's Church (Sanctuary)

### **MONDAY July 28**

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

### **TUESDAY July 29**

7:30pm Mom's Group (Upper Room)

### **WEDNESDAY July 30**

10am – 12pm Moms Meet up/Playdate (Playground)

1pm-3pm Summer TOF Bowling

### **THURSDAY July 31**

7:30pm – 9pm Summer Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **FRIDAY August 1**

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY August 2**

9am – 1pm Farmers Market (Big Parking Lot)

5:30pm Worship

### **SUNDAY August 3**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/ Baptism of Sienna Basile/ Children's Church (Sanctuary)



## ***Church Beach BBQ/Picnic***

***Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.  
Please bring either a salad or a dessert to  
share, along with drinks for your family.***

**5PM-8PM  
WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 20TH**

**SCHUBERT'S BEACH**

*Long Beach Road  
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**RSVP using the QR Code below to  
let us know how many people from  
your family will be attending.**

