



7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

9:30am

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Mission Statement: “Leading by Christ’s teaching and example of loving, caring, sharing, and joyfully connecting to all others as God loved us.”

Vision: “We rejoice in making Christ known through reaching out by faith and proclaiming the good news of God.”

WELCOME! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We pray that you will find our worshipping community to be welcoming and a place where you will hear and feel God’s grace. If you are new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Table in the entry area where you can get additional information. We trust God’s Spirit has led you here and that God will speak to you today.

NEW MEMBERS

If you would like to inquire about membership here at SOTH, please notify the church office for more information.

Hearing Amplification Devices Available

Please see an usher if you would like to use a device to assist in hearing.

In Need of a Bible? A member of our church has graciously donated a supply of Bibles to be given to anyone in need of one. Pick one up from the Welcome Center Table in back of the church.

An asterisk (*) throughout the bulletin indicates that members of the congregation stand if you are able.

*Restrooms are located in both the Education and Administrative wings.
A Baby Changing Station is located in the Restroom in the Education wing.*

Holy Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord’s Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you at your seat. Grape juice (instead of wine) and gluten free wafers (non-wheat) are available by request when you come forward to receive communion.

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.



All commemorations are taken from the Lutheran Calendar of Saints. The ELCA makes this information available to us through *Sundays and Seasons*, our worship planner.

Upcoming Commemorations

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931 Sunday, July 12, 2026

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566 Friday, July 17, 2026

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

WELCOME GATHERING CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Pause for silent reflection.

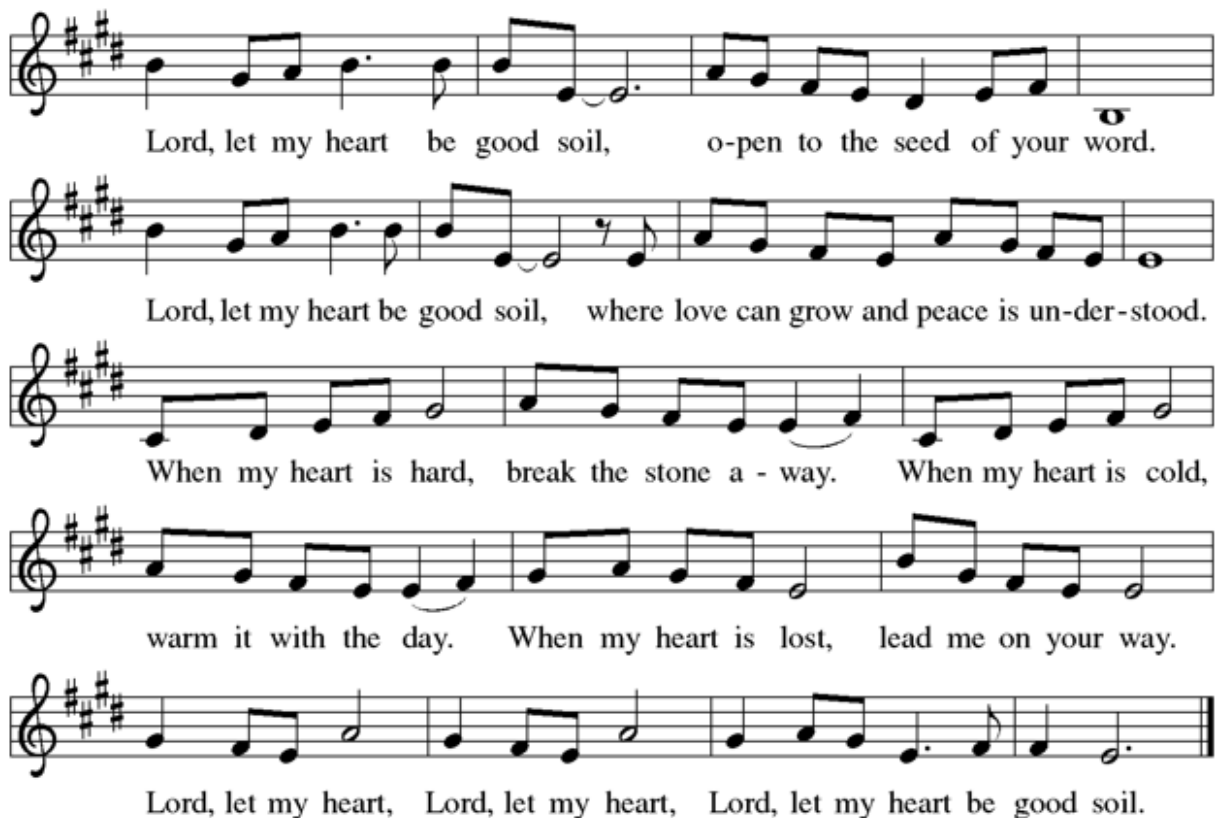
Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW 512 x2



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

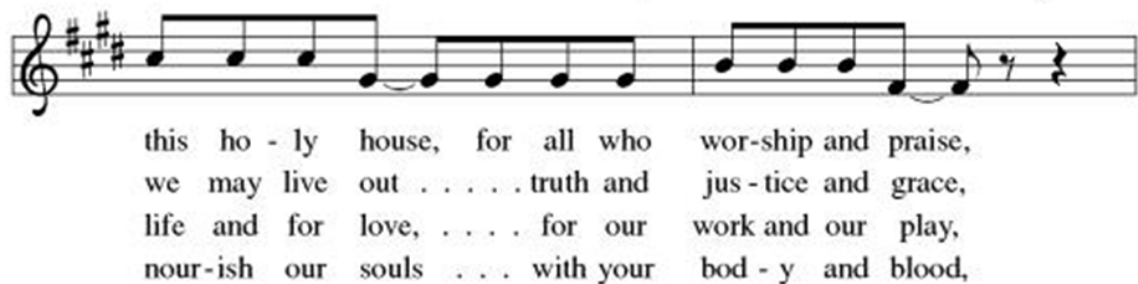
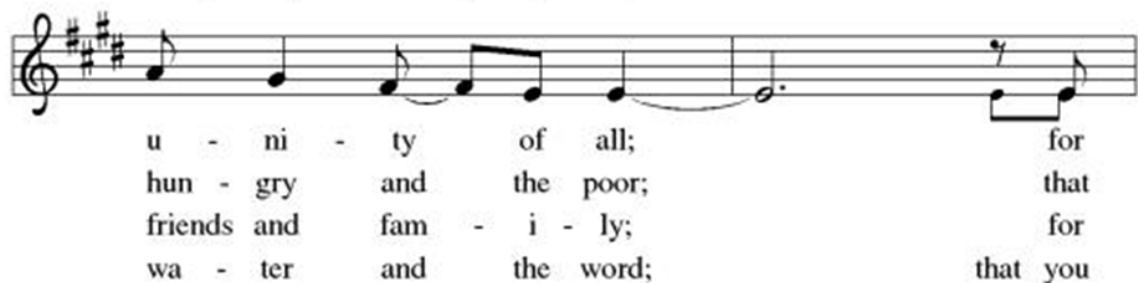
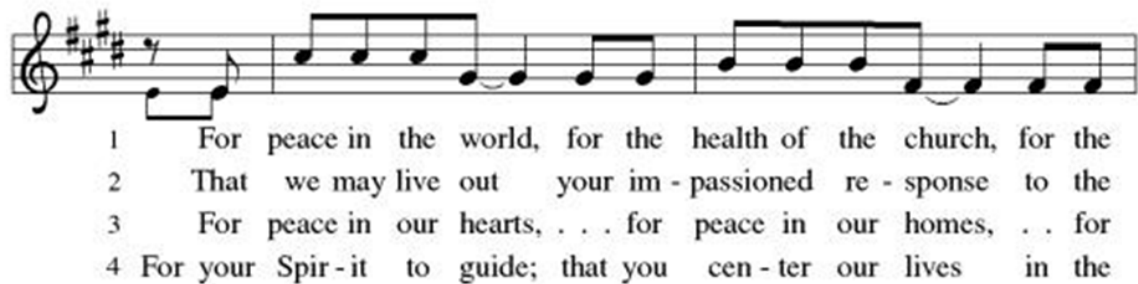
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*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"



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

L: A reading from Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 *(read responsively by verses)*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled. To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away. You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the

earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

L: A reading from Romans.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Music on screen*)

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE:

Rev. Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter



***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"O God, Whose Word Well-Planted"

ACS 975



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

***THE 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.

*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



"Surely the Presence Of The Lord"
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Response after each petition:)

P: God of grace,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

ELW 510

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: 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. **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

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. . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Music on screen*)

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ...
...in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

***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.....

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

"Lamb of God" (*Music on screen*)

THE DISTRIBUTION

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free bread is offered on the Pastor's left.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Welcome Table"	ACS 969
"United at the Table"	ELW 498
"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"	ELW 696
"For the Fruit of All Creation"	ELW 679

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love—
our God is an awesome God! (repeat)**

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray: 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. **Amen.**

SENDING

WELCOME OF VISITORS

COMMUNITY SHARING

*BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

ELW 538 x2

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Communion Hymns**
"Welcome Table"

ACS 969



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Refrain / Estribillo

U - ni - dos en la fie - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
 U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se_ha - ce can - ción, U - ni - dos en la fe,
 joined in song, U - nit - ed in the faith:

la_a - le - grí - a se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.
 all our joy to God be - longs.

1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
 1 We will praise God, we will sing
 2 We will praise God, we will feast
 3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
 al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
 at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
 al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de_es el a - mor
 we will praise God for the love
 we will praise God and give thanks
 we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo

que_en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
 that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
 for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
 that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

ELW 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



Announcements

- **Altar Flowers:** Given to the Glory of God by SOTH.
- **Birthdays July 12 – July 18:** 12th Kathy Thorby, 13th Annette Mastrangelo, 14th Brenda Mohr, 15th Duane Beechler, 16th Steve Senesi, 17th Eleanor Cheslak, 17th Tony Riha, 18th Timothy Niedzwiecki.
- **Save the Date:** August 1st Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser.
- **Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00pm (via zoom).
- **Game Time:** Thursdays 1:00-4:00.
- **Bereavement Meeting:** Thursdays at 6:00pm.
- **Change for Change:** July – Venezuela, August, September distributed to Building Blocks.
- **Help for Venezuela:** Check Florida-Bahama Synod for ways to help/donate.
- **Church Library:** Be sure to stop by. Devotionals. Puzzles. Bible Studies. Fiction. Inspiration. Music CD's.
- **Announcements:** Copies of announcements from Power Point are available in the back.
- **Church Directory:** Pickup yellow form available in back.
- **January 2027 Cruise:** Contact Ray or Kathy Thorby.
- **May 2027 Cruise:** Contact Sue Meier or Peg Massaro.



This Week at Our Church

Sunday	7/12/2026	9:30am	Sunday Worship
Monday	7/13/2026	7:00pm	Bible Study (via zoom)
Tuesday	7/14/2026	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Pastor's Breakfast (at iHOP) Women's Circle Prayer Group
Thursday	7/16/2026	1:00-4:00 6:00pm	Game Time Bereavement Meeting



Attendance July 5, 2026

9:30 am	101
Online	36

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Benjamin Andreachi, *grandson of Darlene Andreachi*

Darlene Andreachi

John Andreachi, *son of Darlene Andreachi*

Darrell Aulds, *father of Pastor Karin Albaugh*

Carol Barbaccia

William Blaisdell, *brother of Tina Blaisdell*

Gloria Bork, *sister of Linda Cummings*

Kelly Carpenter

Robin Carroll, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*

Esther Catino, *friend of Wayne Oberg*

Carol Cenyar, *sister-in-law to Bob McKee*

Kelli Colarusso, *friend of Diane Bursey*

David Cordell, *nephew of Bob & Kay Holzer*

Sandy Criner

John Cullen, Pam Brosonski's son's father-in-law

Gwen Doyle, *daughter of Dorothy Derrick*

Ethelmae Eck, *friend of Marion Dielman*

Kimberly and Jayson Eddins, *daughter & son-in-law of Linda Cummings*

Virginia Hart, *friend of Diane Bursey*

Charlotte High

Chetinna Hodges

Kevin Jacobs

Ken Koenig

Marilyn Koenig

Yvette Lewis, *sister-in-law of Lafayette Hendricks*

Arlene McKee, *wife of Bob McKee*

Sue Meier and family, *passing of Mike*

Caity Mitchell, *cousin of Joe Foryan*

Agnes Mulick, *mother of Paula Boeger*

Tucker & Trenton O'Neill

Anita Olson

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Calvin Prentice, *Lafayette Hendricks*
Dietmar & Sigrid Resch, *Marion Dielman's cousin and his wife*
Cynthia Schindele, *daughter of Marion Dielman*
Karen Schumacher
Paige Severson, *niece of Dennis and Renae Wick*
Jennifer Shelton, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*
Jay Shipbaugh, *grandson of Marge Zuehlke*
Bob Smith, *son of Carol Barbaccia*
John Smith, *son of Carol Barbaccia*
Bill Tucker, *son-in-law of Bob & Kay Holzer*
Harlan Wick, *brother of Dennis Wick*
Frank Wrobel, *cousin of Marion Dielman*
Elizabeth, *sister of Chris Russell*
Kevin, *friend of Joe Foryan*



THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Michael Reid, US Marines, *Darlene Andreachi's nephew's son*
Capt. USAF Griffith Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son-in-law*
Capt. USAF Kat Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's daughter*
Capt. Neils Seim USAF, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
Lt. Justin Seim US Army, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
SGT USAF Andrew Stutesman, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son*
LTC Andrew West, USAF, *son of Kristi & Terry West*