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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand if you are able)*

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

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Compassionate God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

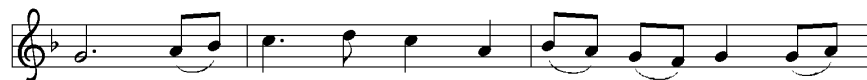
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 641

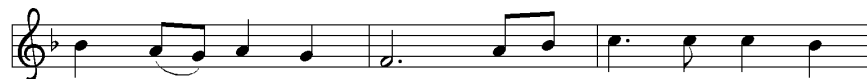
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God’s chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God’s reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they’ve known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God’s grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God’s face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

INVOCATION

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-

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death.

L: A reading from the twentieth chapter of Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

L: ¹Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

C: ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

L: ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: ⁴'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

L: ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

C: ¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

L: ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

C: ¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading-Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

L: A reading from the sixth chapter of Romans.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

(Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 676 (*Stand if you are able*)

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y•a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.
A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (*We pray especially for those we mention now or in the comfort of our hearts.*) Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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OFFERING –

Choir Anthem: “The Trees of the Field”

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS- Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -bove ye heav'n -ly host; praise Fa -ther, Son, and Ho -ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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, 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

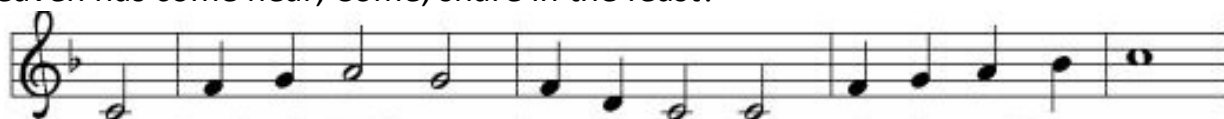
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)



SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

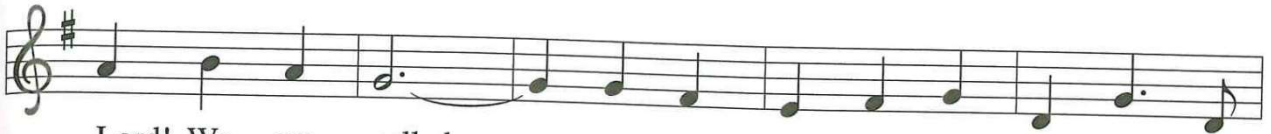
C: Amen

We Are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

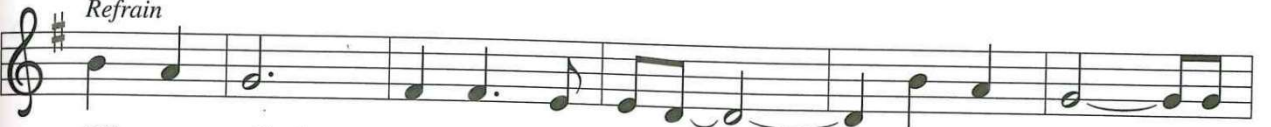


Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

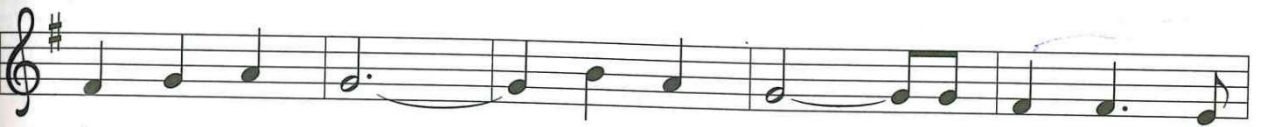


live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

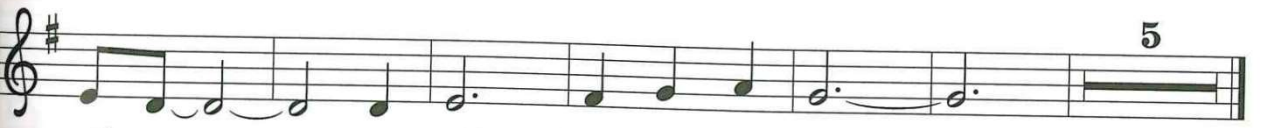
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957
 Music: David Haas
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WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for June will be donated to Church World Service.

June	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
29	Ben F. Naska		

July	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
1			Gladys Nicholas
3	Linda Sauter		



For Healing of those in our Congregation: Barbara Altemus; David Antoni; Virginia Hager; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bradley Mundt; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss; Pat Zion

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benouere; Carolyn Berry; Jason Bigley; Brier Bower; Hans Buss; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Christine Connelly; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Charlie DeLorenzo; Nancy Edelen; Marissa Embardino; Carol and Leon Errico; Barbara Foster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Barea Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Dolores Hess; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Priscilla Ballek Kinter; Judy

Krick; Tim Koplín; Carole Korupp; Devon Kramer; Jake Kramer; Lee; Kimberly Litzenberger and family; Linda Lyle; Colleen Marshall; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Jennifer McLeod; Stacy Mecham; Helen Mundt; Larry Munford; Hunter Nebbia; Keith Newcomb; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jax Reidinger; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Ellen Sullivan; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Janet Vanderley; Karen von Ruffer-Hills; Kelly Walsh; Todd Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Ann & Henry Wong and Family; Barbara Yob; Linda Zerfass.

For those who are Homebound: James Altemose; Cheryl Mesko

For families and friends grieving the loss of: Al Boorse; Althea Crouse, Esther Crouse; Rose Elcavage; Nancy Hogan; Jayne Miller; Dennis Phillipps; Stephen J Rohs Jr; Ruth Sauter; Jami Silfies; Lillian Staiger; Jeff Starling; Linda Wetherill; Wayne Yeisley

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

Worship Assistants

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Acolyte	O'Brien Girls
Lector	Val McGinn
Head / Communion Usher	Nancy Moskella
Council Communion Coordinator	Mark Harwick
Counting Team	Pat Zion and Mark Harwick
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dawn Margeson

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

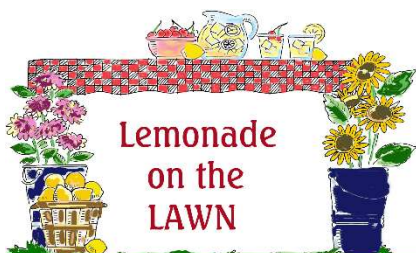
Sunday, June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM After Worship	Communion Worship Durham Dialogue
Monday, June 29	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours

Wednesday, July 1	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 6:30 PM -7:30 PM	Office Hours Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 2	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim

Upcoming Weeks

Sunday, July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
Monday, July 6	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, July 8	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:30 PM -7:30 PM	Office Hours VBS Volunteer Training at Trinity Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 9	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Saturday, July 11	10:00 AM- 2:00PM	Decorating for VBS @ Trinity

Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
Monday, July 13	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	VBS @ Trinity
Tuesday, July 14	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	VBS @ Trinity
Wednesday, July 15	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 6:30 PM -7:30 PM	VBS @ Trinity Admin Office Hours Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 16	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	VBS @Trinity Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim VBS St Luke Ferndale Meeting+ Creating
Friday, July 17	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	VBS @ Trinity VBS St Luke Ferndale Meeting+ Creating



Stay after service for
Lemonade on the lawn
hosted by Helen Dungan!