

I am the . . .

Bread
of Life

Sundays

8:30 9:45 11:00



Pentecost 11

August 4, 2024

prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

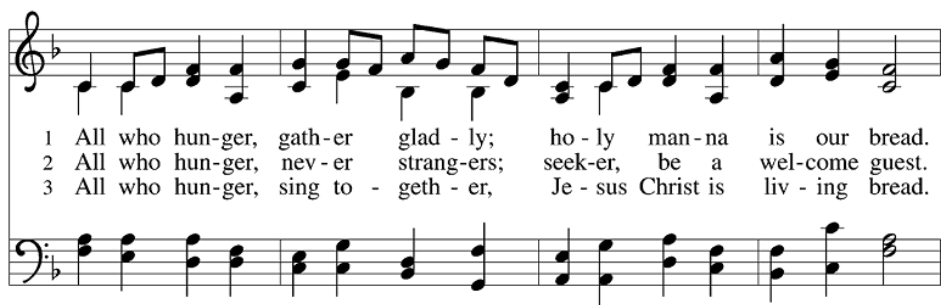
A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

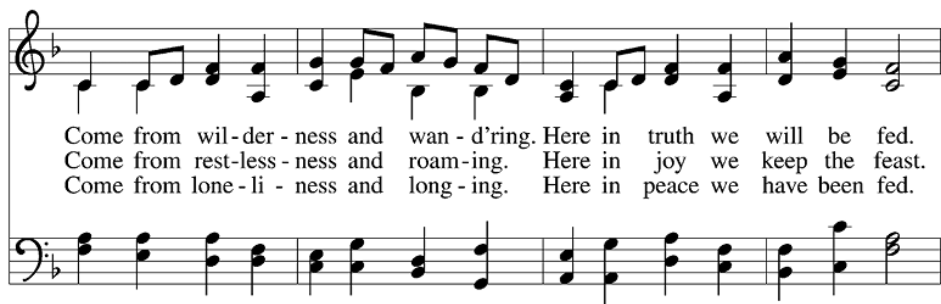
P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

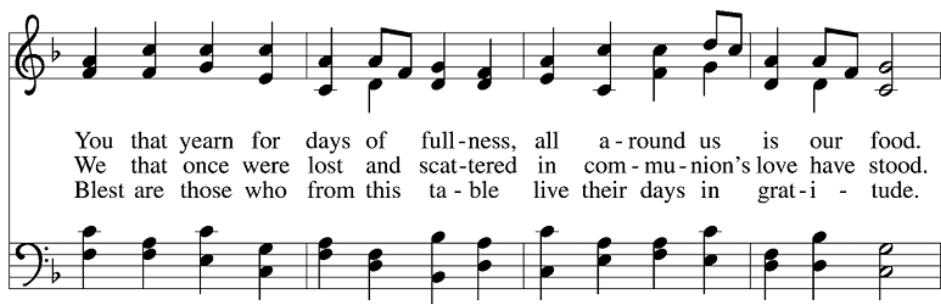
Entrance hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* **461**



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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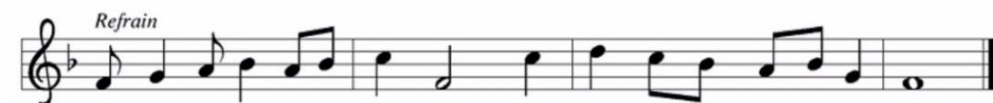
3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and everlasting God, come nurture our hearts, our minds and our souls with the wisdom of your word, the grace of your table and the encouragement of our fellowship. Refresh and sustain us for this life and for our hope in the eternal life promised through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

God Provides Manna & Quails for the Israelites in the Wilderness

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from the area of Elim and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between

the area of Elim and the desert of the Sinai on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate bread until we were satisfied! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to bring death to this whole assembly by starvation."

Yahweh said to Moses, "Look, I am going to rain bread from heaven for you all, and the people will go out and glean each day's amount in its day. In that way I will test them, to see whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "At sunset you will know that it is Yahweh who brought you out of the land of Egypt; at daybreak will see the glory of Yahweh; when he harkens to your complaining against Yahweh. For, what are we, that you complain against us!?"

Moses said, "Since Yahweh gives you meat to eat at sunset, and at daybreak, bread to satisfy; since Yahweh harkens to your complaining that you utter against him--what are we?? Your complaining is not against us but against Yahweh!"

Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Come near, in the presence of Yahweh, for he has harkened to your complaining.'"

Now it was as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of Yahweh could be seen in the cloud.

Yahweh spoke to Moses and said, "I have harkened to the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'In the evening you will eat meat, and at daybreak you will have your fill - you will be satisfied with bread. Then you will know that I am Yahweh your God.'"

Now it was at sunset a horde-of-quails came up and covered the camp; and at daybreak there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the

wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "*Mahn hu*/What is it?"

For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat. This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Glean from as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of "what you eat through and breathe through," everyone providing for those in their own tents.'"

The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gleaned much had nothing over, and those who gleaned little had no shortage; they gleaned as much as each of them needed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 78:23-29

*So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven.*

**God rained down manna upon them to eat
and gave them grain from heaven.**

*So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.*

**God caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and led out the south wind by God's might.**

*God rained down flesh upon them like dust
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.*

**God let it fall in the midst of their camp
and round about their dwellings.**

*So they ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.*

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16 (a continual reading)

Paul writes: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all

humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he made 'captivity' itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the maturity of Christ, that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Verse

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1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

So, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And finding him *on the other side* the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you seek me not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the loaf and have been satisfied. Do not do the work of the food which is perishing, but the food which is enduring into life eternal, which the Son of Man will give you! For on him the Father has set the seal of God."

Then they said to him, "What may we do so that we may work the work of God?"

And answering, Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God - that you may have faith in whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you - which work? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen I say to you it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father

who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one coming down from heaven and giving life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

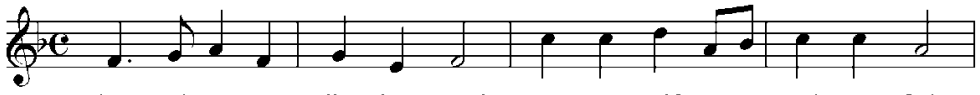
Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life. Whoever is coming to me may never have hunger, and whoever is having faith in me never may thirst."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

hymn of the Day *Blessed Jesus Living Bread* [tune: ELW 373]



Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread, By your self our - souls are fed;
"What is it" old Is - real cried, ate it and we-re sa - tis - fied.
"Who is it" who gives him - self bread-like from the ba - ker's shelf?
We are in that crowd you fed With yourblest, a - bun - dant Bread.



Give us all the eyes to see All that you were sent to be.
Now the same pro - li - fic hand feeds them in a bar - ren land.
Ne - ver - end - ing food sup - ply: those who eat it ne - ver die.
Moved by ev - 'ry hu - man care, Bless the Bread we eat and share.

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 the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

870 vs. 1 & 3



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!



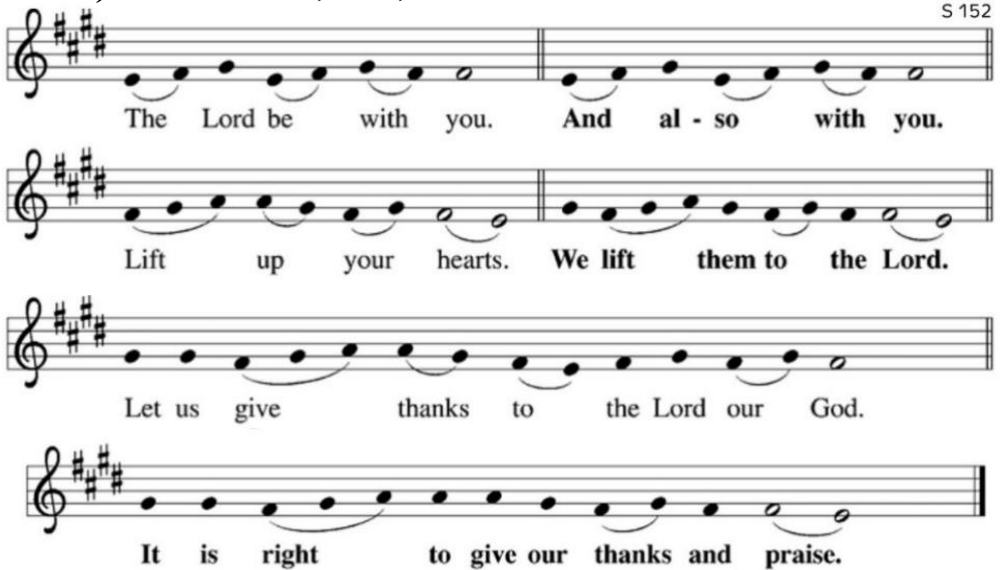
Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

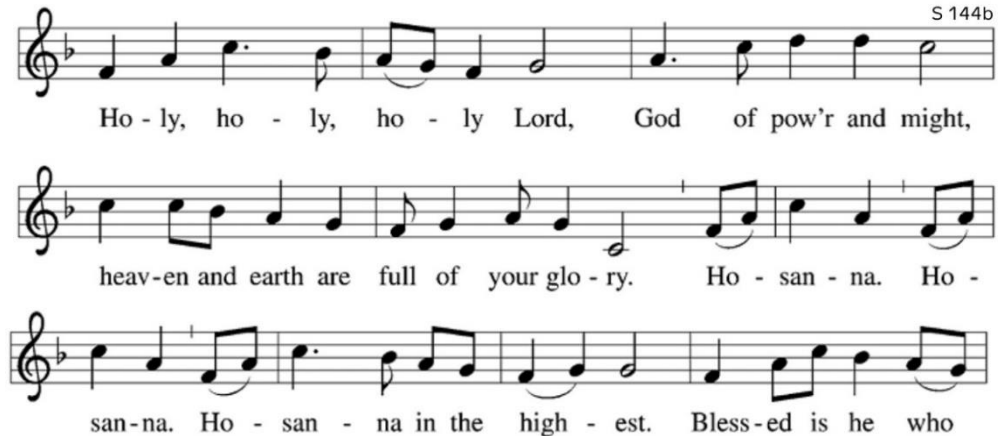
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed . . .

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

the LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION Hymns

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1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional *They Came a Milling Crowd* [tune: ELW 454]

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| <p>¹ They came, a milling crowd,
 And gathered round the Lord.
 He loved them with
 a shepherd's heart
 And fed them with his Word.</p> <p>² And then, when evening came,
 They hungered and were fed
 From offered loaves
 he blessed and broke
 And made their living bread.</p> <p>³ How great the mystery!
 The loaves were multiplied,
 And still we feed</p> | <p> upon the crumbs
 And still are satisfied!</p> <p>⁴ Once more, O Christ, we come,
 A restless, hung'ring throng
 To hear your Word
 and taste your bread
 And sing salvation's song.</p> <p>⁵ All praise to you, O Christ,
 By whom we now are fed.
 Our Host, again
 you share with us
 Yourself, the living bread.</p> |
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Postlude & Dismissal

Grace celebrates the taking of their First Communion by Hunter Eckstein, Mason Eckstein and RJ Cancellieri. While Lutherans do not recognize the "making of First Communion" as a separate sacrament as in the Roman Catholic Church, the Eucharist is one of the two Lutheran Sacraments. Also, since receiving the sacrament is a response to Christ's invitation to come to His table, our specific sect of Lutheranism does not actually require those coming to the Table to have reached any particular level of understanding or heightened state of righteousness. Therefore, we

commune infants and the unrepentant who come seeking Christ's grace and reconciliation at His Table. However, out of our deep respect and solemn honoring of the gift Christ offers us in the Eucharist, we come to Him with our cleanest hearts, deepest understandings and earnest love for our fellow diners. Here at Grace, we usually prepare ourselves with Confession & Forgiveness; education in Sunday School, First Communion Class and Confirmation; and the Passing of the Peace. Congratulations to Hunter, Mason and RJ on having completed their First Communion studies with Pastor Chris and blessings on their continued learning in Confirmation Class!



Sunday, August 4

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden

Monday, August 5

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, August 8

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 11

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden

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