



Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

July 22, 2018

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands to sing. **GATHERING SONG:**

10,000 Reasons

CCLI

(Refrain) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me Let me be singing When the evening comes

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger Your name is great And Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Refrain)

And on that day When my strength is failing The end draws near And my time has come Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending

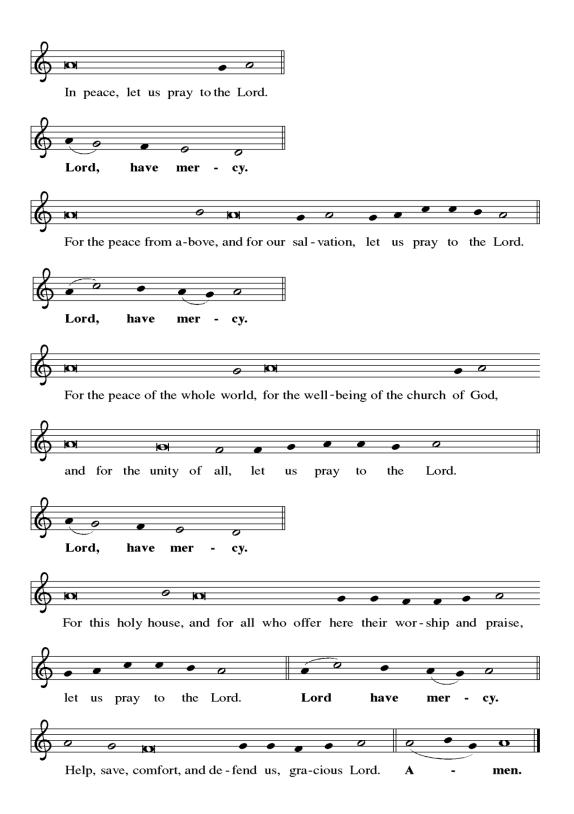
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Refrain 2 times) (Coda) I'll worship Your Holy name I'll worship Your Holy name

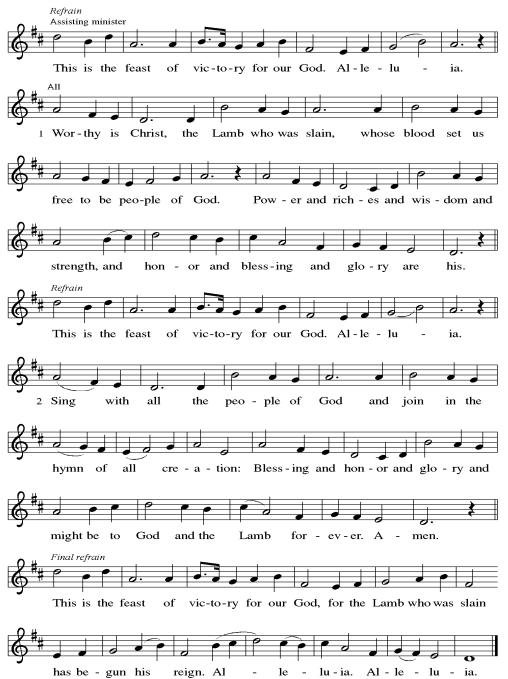
GREETING

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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly sits. Youth and Children message

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING:

A Reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be side still waters.
³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwall in the house of the LOPD forever

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

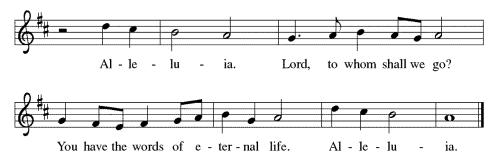
A Reading from Ephesians.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

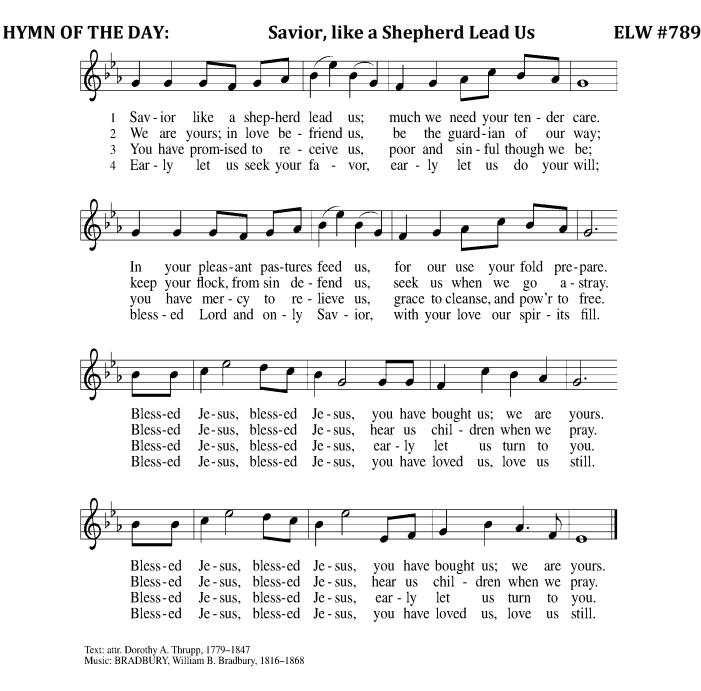
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in Song.



Holy Baptism God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates: I present Saige Shania John for baptism. I present Nkosi Noah Zakai John for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ? *Response:* I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people, bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *your children* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *Response:* I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Saige Shania* and *Nkosi Noah Zakai* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ? We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:* I renounce them. Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:* I renounce them. Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly. Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. Saige Shania/Nkosi Noah Zakai, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated as the ministers and baptismal group go before the altar. Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each: Sustain Saige Shania/Nkosi Noah Zakai with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Saige Shania/Nkosi Noah Zakai, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The assembly stands to pray.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

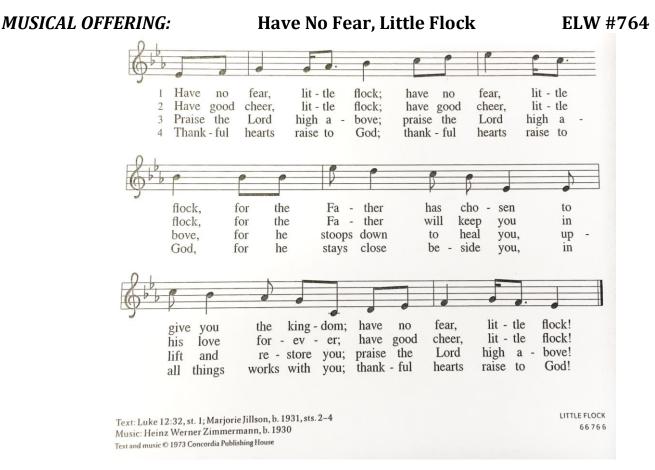
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

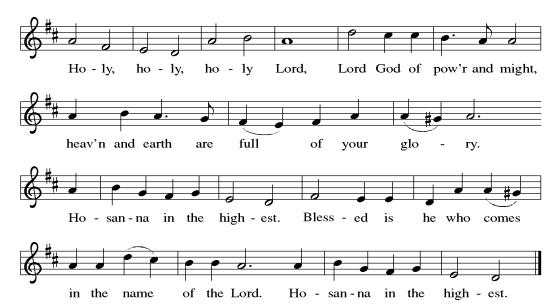
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,... 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. **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray.

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.

Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is Good. *The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.*

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by intinction: That means that you may **Receive the bread in your** hand and then dip bread in the wine.) Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask) Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

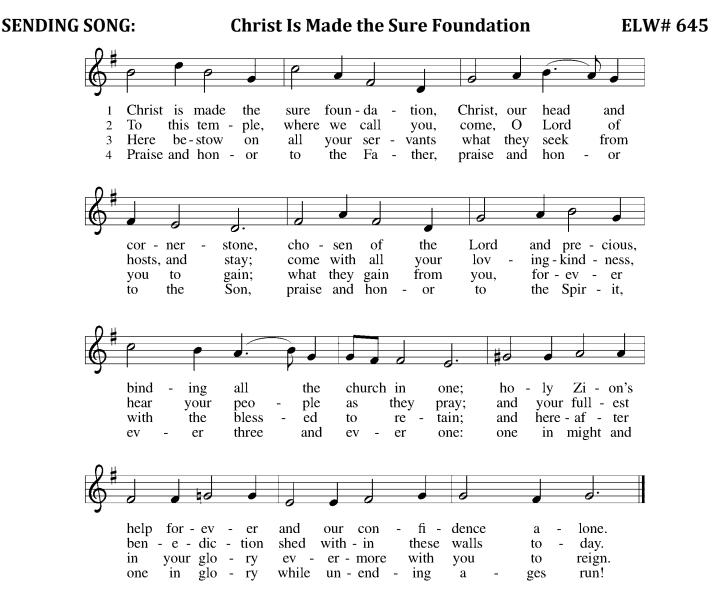
Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

♥ Victor's Gonzalez family and friends, Geri, Joanna Tamburo, Craig, Chandler, Aiden, and Braemen ♥ Lynne Steele, Mickey Castaneda, Laurie Gonzalez and Cindy Hoover ♥ George Stewart, Marjorie, Aurea Soto, Carol Chmelynski, Austin Taylor Cooper, Larry Cartwright, Lynne Steele, Craig, Chandler, Aiden, Braemen, Cheryl, Robert, Becky, Nettie, Jerry and Mary.

In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain –	The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.	
	1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486	
Jane Reinhold –	Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941	
Evelyn Braun –	6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433	
Jim Loggins -	John Knox Village - Woodlands	
	651 SW 6th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060	

Announcements

Saige and Nkosi, welcome to the Lord's Family!

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning with Saige Shania John and Nkosi Noah Zakai John. Their parents are Shelly Ann and Sawandi John. The Johns have six children and come originally from Guyana. We welcome Saige, Nkosi, their families, godparents and friends for this joyful celebration.

A note from Pr. Nelson...

Dear Members and Friends at St Stephen,

Last Sunday was my last day as your interim pastor. Sarah and I are settled in for the night and reflecting on the wonderful time we have shared with you. We want to thank you for the beautiful card, the praying hands, gift card, and cake, given after worship today.

The personalized praying hands with the 23rd Psalm scripture is beautiful. I will keep that on my desk for years to come. Sarah and I will also keep you, the kind and gracious people of St Stephen, in our hearts for the years to come as well. You have blessed our lives and we will never forget you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor and Sarah

Join us in praying for those who have asked our prayers

We are beginning an email prayer chain. This was approved by the congregation council and it is for the purpose of drawing the members in prayer for those who are sick or in special need of prayer. On Tuesday morning, we will send out the names of those who were added to the attendance cards on Sunday. If we have special requests during the week, those will be sent out Friday morning. Emails will go out only from the administrative assistant or the pastor. If you have prayer request, call the church office during the week. Occasionally, emergencies may arrive and a request will go out mid-week. Let us put prayer cover over our sisters and brothers as they experience difficult times.

Need to speak to or get in touch with the new pastor?

Pr. Schaefer's cell phone and email address are now listed in the staff directory. Take note of his contact information and feel free to be in touch as needed!



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Service Assistants for July

10:15 AM	July 22	July 29
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Tom Peterson	Catherine Zippay
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Harry Ambrose Erika Flanigan Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w)	Darin Kibler Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Linda Hanzlik
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fenneli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle
SOUND	Terry Shumway	Dennis Magarrell
PROJECTION	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff

(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.



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