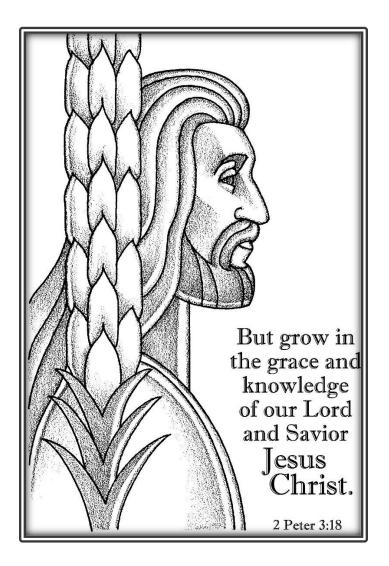
# SECOND SUND&Y & FTER PENTECOST

June 22, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ.

## THEME: HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

<sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:
 <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.
 And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

#### SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

(Based on Lutheran Service Book page 260)

**A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY:** We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In a safety emergency, please keep calm and do not leave the secured building unless instructed by a safety team member or elder.

**A REMINDER:** Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

#### **AS WE GATHER**

The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** 

WELCOME

The TOLLING OF THE BELLS



**OPENING HYMN** 

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



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## **INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES**

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C Teach me Your paths.
- P Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C Your Word is truth.
- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
- C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.
- P Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for personal confession of sins)



Psalm 25:4

John 17:17

Psalm 113:3

Psalm 118:24

Psalm 113:3

Psalm 84:10

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.
- P Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **CATECHISM REVIEW**

- P Today we review the fourth commandment.
- P Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?
- C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.
- P Why does this commandment focus on parents and other authorities?
- C A mother and father uniquely serve as God's representatives through whom He bestows and nurtures human life on earth. Other authorities (legal guardians, pastors, teachers, employers, government officials) also serve as God's representatives for the support and protection of our life on earth.
- P How do we fear and love God in keeping the Fourth Commandment?
- C We fear and love God by *not despising* our parents, guardians, or other authorities. *Despising* means looking down upon them or making fun of them or disobeying or rebelling against their God-given authority.

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 15:20 A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.



- P We fear and love God by *receiving and recognizing* parents and authorities as His representatives. We do this by
- C honoring them; serving and coming to the aid of our parents; obeying our parents, pastors, teachers, employers, and government authorities; loving and cherishing our parents and other authorities on account of their God-given vocations.

Read Mark 7:10–12, where Jesus condemns those who used man-made religious traditions as an excuse for not honoring their father and mother.

John 19:25–27 Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

- P What if my parents or other authorities poorly carry out their vocations from God?
- C In faith and obedience to God's Word, we still respect them as those who have been given the privilege of representing God to us.
- P Am I always to obey my parents and other authorities without question?

#### C No. We must disobey them if they require us to disobey God's Word.

Acts 5:29 We must obey God rather than men. Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Matthew 22:21 Then He [Jesus] said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

- P We must distinguish between what a government *permits* people to do and what it *compels* them to do. When it compels us to act contrary to God's Word, then we must disobey and live as God intends. When government permits activities contrary to God's Word (for example, abortion, no-fault divorce, and same-sex marriage), we bear witness by living as God intended.
- P What promise does God give us with this commandment, and why does He give it?
- C God promises those who keep the Fourth Commandment "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." This promise highlights the vital importance of parents in raising children to grow up and become responsible members of society, wise caretakers of God's creation, and faithful witnesses to the Gospel.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap <sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds." <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

*Galatians 3:23—4:7* 

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Isaiah 65:1–9

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

(Children, and parents of little ones, are invited forward to the chancel area.)

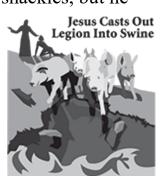
#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

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

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

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he

would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.



<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

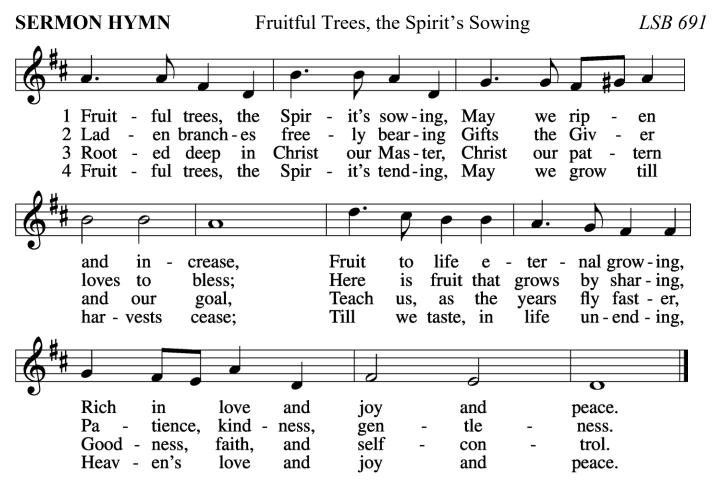
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### RESPONSORY

- P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.



- P Glory be to the Father and to the T Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.



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**SERMON** 

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

## OFFERING

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*For those worshiping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.* 



## **OFFERING HYMN**

Create In Me

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 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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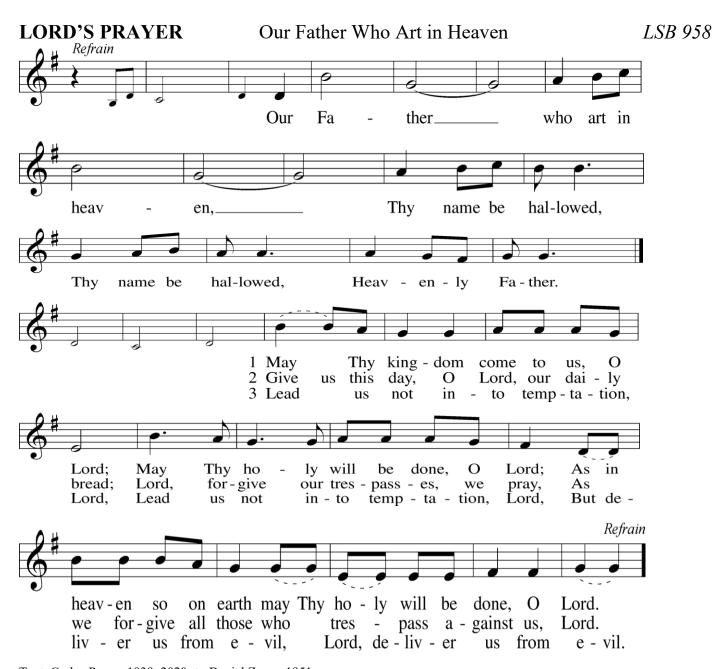
## PRAYER

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

## C Lord, have mercy.

- P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Hear us especially for [names...the family of Bob Jeffery (brother of Jean Wrightsman), Barbara L. Kraning (daughter in law of Rosemary Kraning), Chris Sabin]... let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.



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#### **MORNING PRAYER**

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

#### BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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#### **BENEDICTION**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.



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#### SILENT PRAYER & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

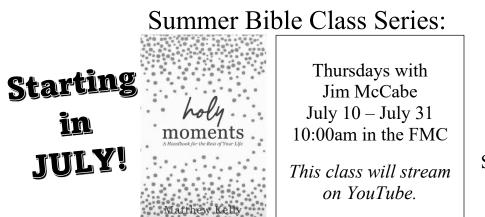
#### POSTLUDE



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to "check-in" with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and our Raise Right Team.

Join Us - Coffee and Bible Class

Please stop by and enjoy.



Sign-up for this Bible Class in the Narthex!

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Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

## June 22, 2025

#### Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

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The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by Bea Butler in memory of her daughter, Razona Ledford. The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by Rev. Michael Mueller.

#### WORSHIP SERVANTS

Judy Daily, Cheryl Domingo
David Aiken, Wayn Nelson
Alex Scherer, Sarah Stolarczyk
Gary Fleming. Kay Helgerson, Eric McDonald
Donna Leach, Lori Nelson
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## IN OUR PRAYERS

#### **Homebound Care:**

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

Strength, Healing, Guidance: \*

Edward Baker	Brother of Linda Kelly; medical care & healing
Diane Barton	Healing & recovery
Lori Getzen	Daughter Bob & Marge Bartelson; healing &
recovery	
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Jack Kleinschmidt	Friend of LCC; hospice care
Carolyn Lawson	Healing & recovery
Lynn Levitt	Friend of LCC; strength & healing
Joemari "Chico" Powell & family	Friends of LCC; peace, faith & understanding
Chris Sabin	Recovery & healing
Samuel Vazquez	Son of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; healing & strength
Phil Woodruff	Recovery & healing

\*Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.

Battling Cancer:
Adriana
April
Ivana
Jeanette
Kevin
Mike
Rick Bausch
Dave DeBraccio
Bill Docherty
Matt Doctor
Lisa Anne Denofrio
Tom Druin
Randy Hornby
Robert Jeffery
John Kewn
Emily Reidel
Patricia Ruiz
Carmen Torres
Lori Truelove

Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma Friend of LCC; battling cancer Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer Friend of Rene & Sue Richard: cancer Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; battling cancer Friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman; battling cancer Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace

Arthy Turtotte Connie Warner Michael Woodruff

#### Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling USAF TSGT David Cope Jr. US Army CSM Matt Hopkins USAF Sr. Airman Shawn Golembieski US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski USCG SCPO Robert Kecken USAF SrA Riley Latarski Marines Sgt. Jonathan Metz US Army LT Anastasia Osborne-Black Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell US Army PFC Parker Woodruff Friend of LCC; battling cancer Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD Granddaughter Pat Gilreath; in HI Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort Bragg

We commend to our gracious God the body and soul of Barbara L. Kraning, beloved daughter in law of Rosemary Kraning.

Family Prayer: We remember all our families during times of personal and family trial and tribulation.

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

#### **LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025**

Week Of: 06/15/2025			
<b>On-Site</b>	We	ekly	
Attendance	Contri	butions	
39 / 100	Income:	\$ 6,799*	
	Expense:	\$ 11,170	

\*These numbers reflect our previous week's financial information. We will have updated information when the Treasurer returns from vacation. We apologize for any inconvenience.

#### **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

*OFH* = *Old Fellowship Hall* 

Thurs-Jun 26	10:00am	Bible Study: The Book of Daniel (FMC)
Sun-Jun 29	11:45am	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Picnic Potluck Luncheon (FMC)
Thurs-Jul 3	9:00am	Altar Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
		Shepherding Leaders Meeting (OFH)
	10:00am	Bible Study: The Book of Daniel (FMC)
Fri-Jul 4		Church Office Closed ~ Independence Day