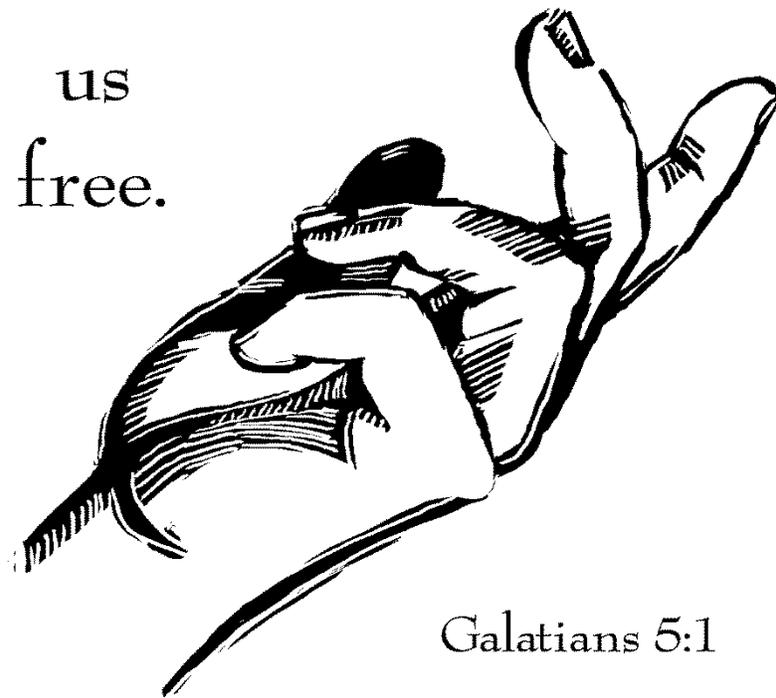


Christ
hath
made
us
free.



Galatians 5:1

JUNE 26, 2022 – 10:00 AM
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY

A SPECIAL WELCOME ON THIS THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[All text in *italics* is spoken by the leader. Please speak the **bolded** words if you desire.]

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PRELUDE

WELCOME [The congregation stands as able.]

CALL TO WORSHIP [Written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchel.]

*When we pass through the waters, **God is there with us.***

*When we suffer and feel hopeless, **God is there with us.***

*When we are joyful and celebratory, **God is there with us.***

*Whether we feel triumphant or defeated, **God is there with us, always.***

*Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, **God with us.***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

[A moment of silence.]

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

Instead of putting others before ourselves,

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

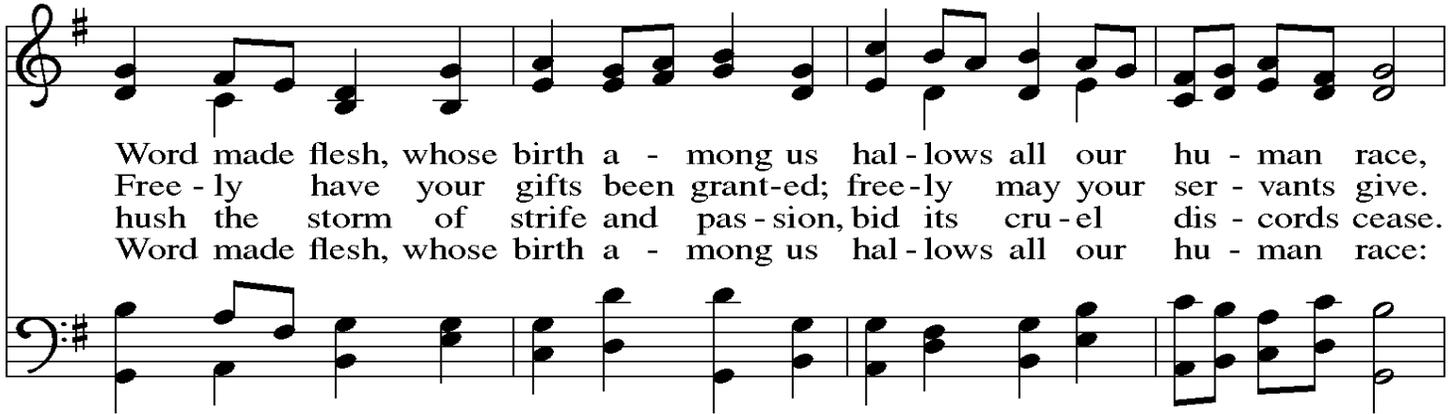
You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

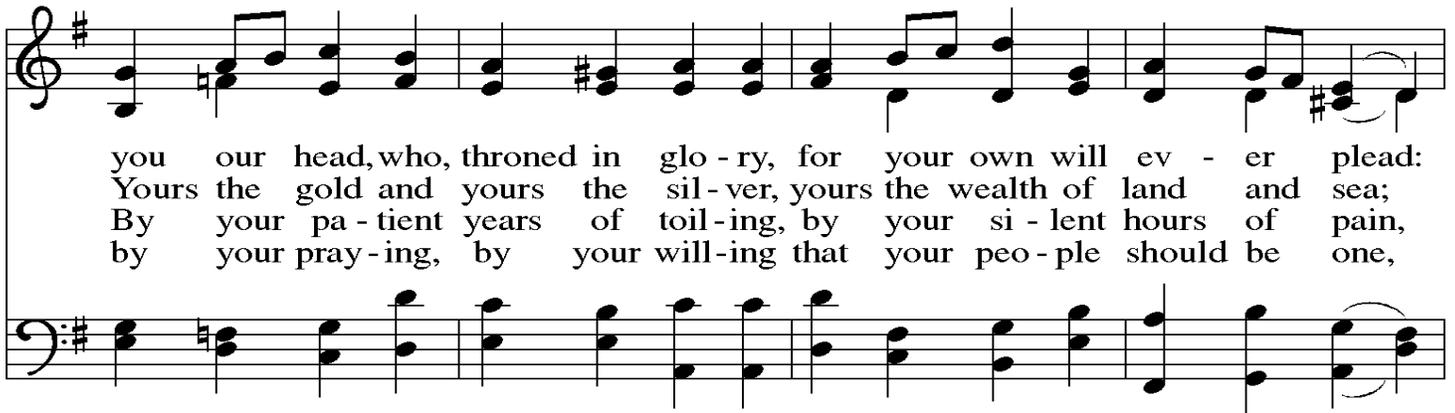
GATHERING SONG – “Son of God, Eternal Savior” [ELW 655 – verses 1-3.]



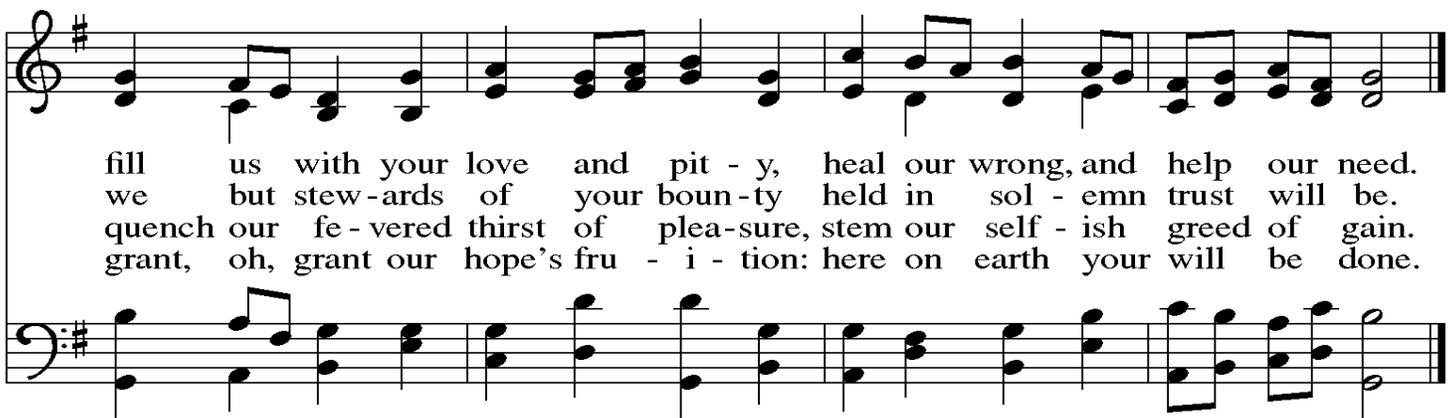
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON [The congregation may sit.]

THE FIRST READING – Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD;
I have no good apart from you."

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING – Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹*For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

¹³*For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.*

¹⁶*Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

²²*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[The congregation stands as able.]

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 9:51-62

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

[The congregation may sit.]

SERMON – "When We Turn"

[The congregation stands as able.]

SONG AFTER SERMON – “Oh, Love, How Deep” [ELW 322 – all verses.]



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED [The congregation stands as able.]

Let us confess our faith in the words of The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION [The congregation may sit.]

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the entire church, including our bishops Elizabeth and Tracie, the NJ Synod Council, and all church councils, find freedom in loving our neighbors.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, guide all who govern, especially Joseph, the President, Philip, NJ's governor, James, Bergen County's Executive, Tracy, Thomas, Joan, Mary, Ramon, Germaine, and Steven, Bergen County's Commissioners. May all of them place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict especially the people of Ukraine.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying, especially. . .

*Jon Acito, Steve Albert, Sue Bachstetter, Jody Bekgran,
Brody, Jim Christensen, Cheryl Damilatis,
Jackson Fehr, Dot Haslun, Mae Hulburt, Tanjya Keiffer, Tom Kirby,
Laura, Rich Markert, Richard, Ruben Moreno, Faye Rekosik, Lorraine Sadlon,
Jim Sallo, Lata Sharma, Alice Sheer,
Danielle and Matthew Skutnik, Miriam and Earl Valder,
and our Genesis Garden*

Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

OFFERING

Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field. We joyfully bring to you a little of what you have first given us in the gifts we donated online, mailed to the church, placed in the offering plate, and expressed through our intentional acts of love.

*May you continue to equip us to bear fruit for the good of all. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.*

THE PEACE

I invite you to take a look at everyone who surrounds you in your sacred space. Send a blessing, wishing that the peace of Christ may be with them.

Let us now think about all who are worshipping in the sanctuary, online, via conference call, or at a different time than right now. In our hearts, let's send to your entire faith community a blessing and wish that the peace of Christ may be with them.

Finally, let the blessing we offer each other go out to our families, friends, neighbors, and to the entire world. With God's help, our hearts are big enough to extend peace that far. Let us embody the peace of Christ after we leave worship today.

[The congregation stands as able.]

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, present here and across phone lines, social media, and the internet – let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

You are here, not because you are perfect, but because, through Christ Jesus, you are welcomed and loved.

[The congregation may sit.]

HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.

When space is available at the rail, please come forward to kneel or stand.

Please space yourselves generously along the rail.

Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),

followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups.

Children and all who have not received First Communion can request a blessing.

For those joining at home or in your seats, we invite you to commune yourself when Pastor Marc is served at the end.]

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

[The following song is sung by the congregation during the distribution of Holy Communion.]

COMMUNION SONG – “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” [ELW 779, all verses.]



1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

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[Please stand as you are able.]

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

[Please remain standing.]

SENDING SONG – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” [ELW 807- all verses.]

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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BLESSING

[Written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain.]

Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope.

Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of ☩ God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL HELLO TO EVERYONE ATTENDING CLC TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. We are blessed by your presence and pray you will be blessed in this space. We'd love to stay in contact with you throughout the week. If you wish, fill out the orange card ("We're glad you're here!") in the back of the pew in front of you. You can also reach out to Pastor Marc any time. His business card with contact information is available where you picked up this bulletin or you may speak to him after worship.

AED: If a medical emergency occurs and an AED is needed, one is located in the red bag on top of the church mailboxes next to the church office and choir room.

A MASK over the nose and mouth and social distancing today is highly recommended at all times except to take the sacrament.

HOLY COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES: For those worshipping in the sanctuary today, we invite you to come forward, spread along the rail to receive communion to receive the host and an individual communion cup. For those who prefer communion in your seats, individual wafers and cups are available on the table in the Narthex.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS will be held today in Opsal Hall at 11:00 am. This shorter service will include prayers, a message, and lots of blessings. If your pet doesn't like to travel, feel free to bring a picture.

ENRICH YOUR WORK WEEK AND ENHANCE YOUR PRAYERS by reading these appointed selections this week in preparation for next Sunday, July 3—Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

PINK PRAYER CARDS: If you are in the sanctuary, you may write names for prayer on a pink card from the pew rack in front of you and placed on altar rail. Prayer requests can also be posted on our Facebook and YouTube Page. To add a name to our printed prayer list write “Prayer List” on the card or on your online comment. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

“LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!” Our Prayer Chain is available for daily prayer for anyone. Contact the church office with concerns/celebrations.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers today are given by Diane Lintner in loving memory of Eleanor Flach.

Altar flowers are available for purchase next Sunday along with several succeeding Sundays. The two bouquets are \$60. You may take one home or leave them for delivery to people for whom we have concern. Just sign your name on the Narthex chart, and Doris, Parish Admin. will contact you for details and payment.

ASSISTING UKRAINE: If you would like to make a financial donation, Lutheran Disaster Response is patterning with local churches in Ukraine and the surrounding area. 100% of your financial gift will go to supporting those in need. You can learn more by visiting <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>.

OFFERINGS FOR TODAY may be left in offering plate at sanctuary entrance, paid online at www.clc4u.com/give, or mailed to the church office. You can also scan the QR code with your phone and be directed to our online giving page (will open a webpage from eservicepayments.com).



ASSISTING MINISTERS TODAY:

10:00 am Musician – Argine Safari

11:00 am Musician – David Scance

10:00 am

Service Coordinator – Heather Henry

Usher – Valerie Popp

Altar Guild – Dot Dohrmann

THIS WEEK:

Today, Sun., June 26 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion,
and online

11:00 am Blessing of Animals, Opsal Room

Tuesday, June 28 10:00 am Knit One Crochet Too meets

LOOKING AHEAD:

Next Sunday, July 3 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wednesday, July 27 11:30 am Return of Gab Session (men & women) + lunch
[Watch future bulletins for more info.]

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