

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Beardstown, Illinois
Ministers: All of God's People
Pastor Gary Sproat
Worship Assistant Racquel Rawlins

7th Sunday After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

July 11, 2021

Welcome Everyone! We are glad to have you with us today.

Restrooms are found in the fellowship hall to the right as you enter the fellowship/gathering area.

Prayer is an important part of life of our congregation. Each week we attempt to gather your prayer concerns for inclusion in the prayers during worship. If you know of prayer concerns that should be included today, please add them to the Prayer Request Sheet located on the stand in the back of the church.

Communion – All baptized Christians who believe that the body and blood of Christ are present in this meal are invited to commune. The ushers will direct you forward. Extend your hands with your palms up to indicate you wish to receive. You may also come forward with your hands folded palms down to receive a blessing. If you desire grape juice instead of wine, please point to the tray to indicate that you desire grape juice. The wine is red and the grape juice is white.

If you have any needs or any questions, please feel free to ask an usher, or any congregational member. You may also contact the church office at 217-323-1770.

First Lutheran Church extends our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Tom Loughary, especially to Betty Loughary, his beloved wife of 29 years. Anyone who would like to send their condolences to Betty may do so at:

1000 Kings Highway, #401

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

The altar flowers are provided by Betty Loughary in loving memory of her husband Tom Loughary.

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

PREPARATION

The Prelude

Jill Roegge

(♠ Indicates to stand as you are able.)

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

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

GATHERING

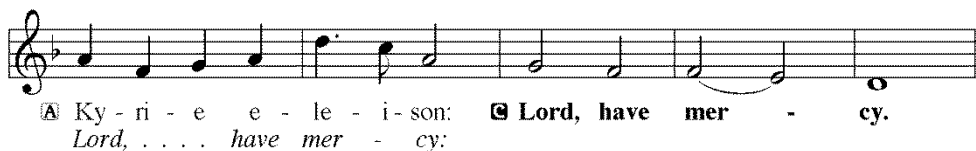
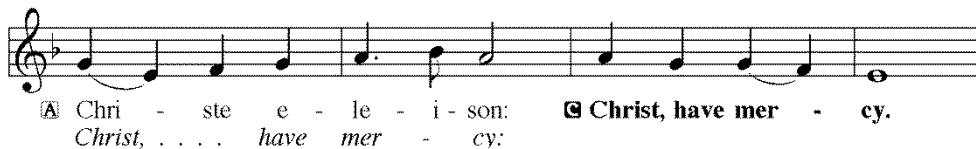
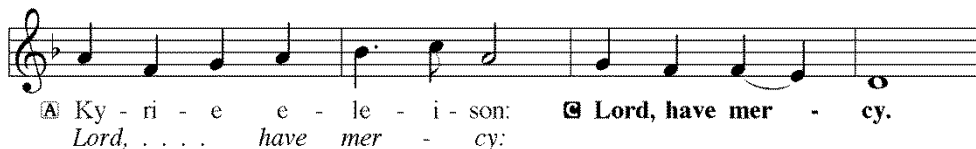
✧ **Opening Hymn – ELW (Red Book) 697 “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”**

✧ **Greeting**

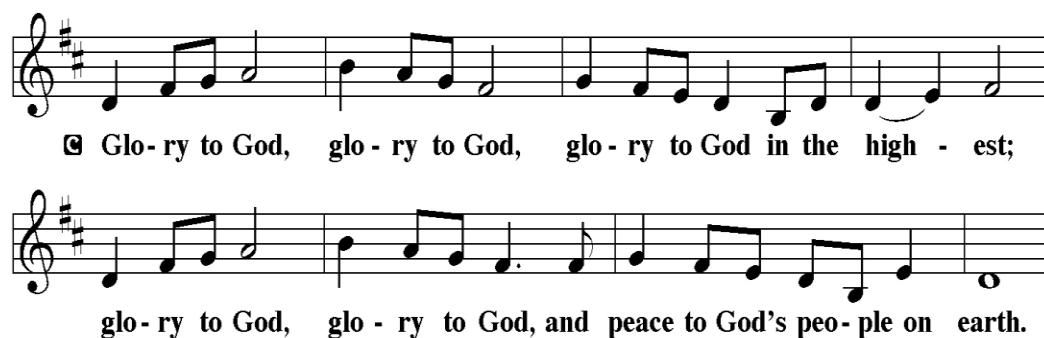
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

✧ **Kyrie**



✧ **Hymn of Praise**





I 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.



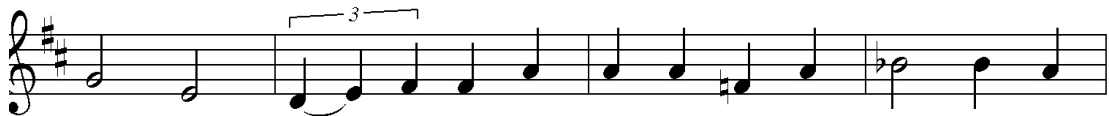
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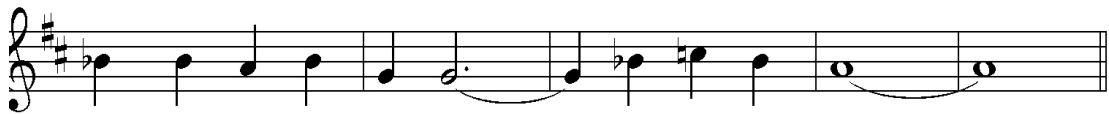
I Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.



☒ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



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, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

✧ Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray,

C: **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Congregation may be seated.)

WORD

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

R: A reading from Amos:

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13



⁸I will listen to what the LORD ¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their ¹ hearts to you.
⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹ those who fear you,**
that your glory may dwell ¹ in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have ¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have ¹ kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up ¹ from the earth,**
and righteousness shall look ¹ down from heaven.
¹²The LORD will indeed ¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will ¹ yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go be- ¹ fore the LORD**
and shall prepare for ¹ God a pathway.

Second Reading

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

R: A reading from Ephesians:

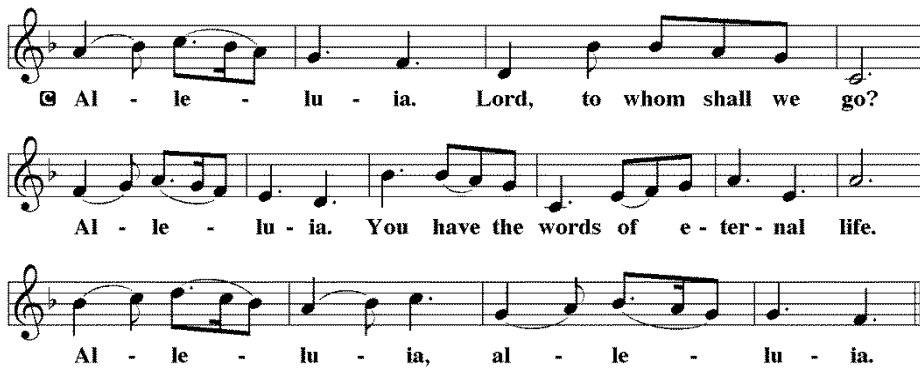
Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✧ **Gospel Acclamation**



✧ Announcement of the Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

(Congregation may be seated.)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day

✧ **ELW (Red Book) 513** “Listen God Is Calling,” *Leader: Racquel Rawlins*

✧ **Apostles’ Creed**

C: **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 again 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**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

MEAL

✧ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

A: Let us pray,

C: **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

✧Great Thanksgiving

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 right our duty and our joy...we praise their name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en 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.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



✧ Lord's Prayer

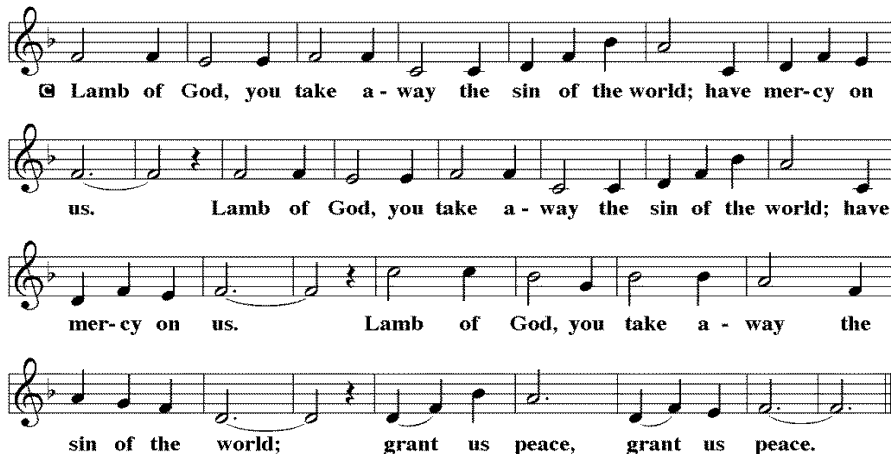
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

(Congregation may be seated.)

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Distribution Hymns



The image shows four staves of musical notation for a hymn. The melody is written in a single line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth staff.

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW (Red Book) 494 “For The Bread Which You Have Broken”

ELW (Red Book) 779 “Amazing Grace”

ELW (Red Book) 793 “Be Thou My Vision”

✧ **Table Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

✧ **Post Communion Canticle**



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voi - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

✧ **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray. (*Response after the prayer*) C: Amen

SENDING

✧ **Benediction** (*Response after the prayer*) C: Amen

✧ **Closing Hymn - ELW (Red Book) 619** “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

✧A: Go in peace, serve the Lord, C: **Thanks Be To God!**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL This year VBS will be held here at the First United Methodist Church, Beardstown. Dates will be from July 26-30. There will be a pool party on the final day.

First Lutheran needs volunteers to provide cookies for VBS. We also need cardboard tubes and bowls with lids. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please talk to Sara Brockschmidt.

INN PLACE FOR BABIES UPDATE

We're back! In June, First Lutheran donated 6 baby kits, 3 smoke alarms, and 3 carbon monoxide detectors to the Cass Co. Health Department. In July, we donated 3 baby kits. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

FUMC "CHOPS WITH CHRIST" JULY 21

Join the First United Methodist Church of Beardstown for food, fun, and fellowship at their free "Chops With Christ" parking lot party! The party will have food, water games, yard games, volleyball, and a prayer tent on Wednesday, July 21 from 5-8 p.m. in the church parking lot at 415 S. State St.

CLIA NEEDS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Christian Love In Action needs for July are canned vegetables of any variety and for August, it is Canned Stew and Canned Chicken and Dumplings.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

We need worship participants for July and August. We especially need acolytes, ushers, chancel prep, and video recorders.

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR

WEEKLY PRAYERS: Those who are facing long-term illness or for whom we offer our weekly prayer support: Alaria Bell, Joe Blakeman, Betsy Brown, Alayna Capps, Robert Coats, Robin Days, Ulinda Eilers, Gilbert Ellis, Daryle Fair, Gabby Galvan, Roger Hale, Sue Hale, Tari Hale, Wendell Harbin, Linda Hendricker, Dave Krohe, Leo Leonhard, Dick Piehler, Caitlyn Rous, Ethan Rous, Sherry Ross, Garry Shaw, Marge Shaw, David Thompson, Jennifer Wedeking, Rosemary White

Those whose mobility is limited and whom we remember in prayer as a part of our community of worship: In Nursing Homes: (Heritage South) Rob Cooper, Peg Rink

In the Military: Makenna Brockman, Brian Collison, Levi Collison, Marcus Collison, Marcus Couch, Johnathon Fishel, Chad Hale, Benjamin Raney, Doug Ross, Jakob Stover, Courtney Thompson and Quentin Thompson

If you put someone on the above list and they no longer need our weekly prayers, please let us know so that we may remove their name. Also, please let us know if you would like to have someone added to the list.

Calendar for July 11-July 18

Sun., July 11 - 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

Sun., July 18 - 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

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