



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Somerset PA
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OUR MISSION:

*Together in Jesus Christ, our mission is
to serve faithfully, boldly, and joyfully.*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! We are blessed to have you join us today in worship. Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and hand it to Pastor or an usher. Rest rooms are in the entrance Narthex or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT TRINITY! At parents' discretion, **red activity bags** hang in the Narthex for children to use. **Pack 'n Plays** are available for younger children in the center of the Nave.

THE FLOWERS in the resets behind the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of father and grandfather, Dr. Robert V. Jacobs, presented by *Jon, Aimee, Matthew, and Sarah Jacobs*.

THE FLOWERS on the Chancel stand are given to the Glory of God and in memory of father, Robert E. Weimer, Sr.; and Bert and Marian Billman, presented by *Bob and Sue Weimer*.

After today's worship services, both vases of Altar flowers will be available for delivery to the homebound. The Chancel stand flowers will be picked up by the donors.

MASKS are optional for all attendees. However, if you have not been vaccinated, we request that you wear a protective mask at Trinity events; some are available in the Narthex on the tables.

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CAMP SEQUANOTA has cancelled the Camp Adult Bible Study for **Thursday, May 19.**



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

All read/sing the material in bold print.

Prelude ***In Dir ist Freude (In You Is Joy)*** J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness *Kneel, sit, or stand*

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We hold on to hurts until our hands begin to cramp, and yet we keep holding. Though they bow our back, we refuse to set our grudges down, because we don't know what it would feel like to have that weight off us. And we've come to believe that you, O God, operate this way as well. But your living Word promises that your anger lasts for just a moment, while your grace, forgiveness, and hope never go away. Give us the courage to bring our prayers of confession to you.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.**

**Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

Come all who are weary
of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division
Come all who are heavy-laden
with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

Come all who have hope
for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.
Hear these words
"See, I am making all things new."
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven and mercy and hope are yours.
Lift glad songs of joy!
The Son of God has gone ahead of you into your new future
and beckons you to follow.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Gathering Hymn ***Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*** ELW #382

Greeting

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

Kyrie *spoken*

As people born of the Spirit,
we are awakened to a world that is caught still
in the night-shades of sin, and broken by its suffering.
We long to bring life;
we would see Jesus, and we would lift him up
as a beacon of your love and promise to our world.
Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy.

God of the hungry and homeless,
the sick and imprisoned,
the angry, the lonely and lost,
we pray that you would not let our concern
pass from our hearts
as these words pass from our lips.
For empowerment to do your work of healing and
reconciliation in the lives of others, we pray.
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy.

You made a fearful and disjointed band of disciples
into your holy church;

that you would make us anew and
 that we, your body in our world,
 would serve you in joy and hope and thankfulness
 all the days of our life together in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 in whose glorious name we pray.
Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise


Refrain




Lis - ten! you na-tions of the world: lis-ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de-clare it to dis - tant is - lands.




1 The Lord who scat-tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



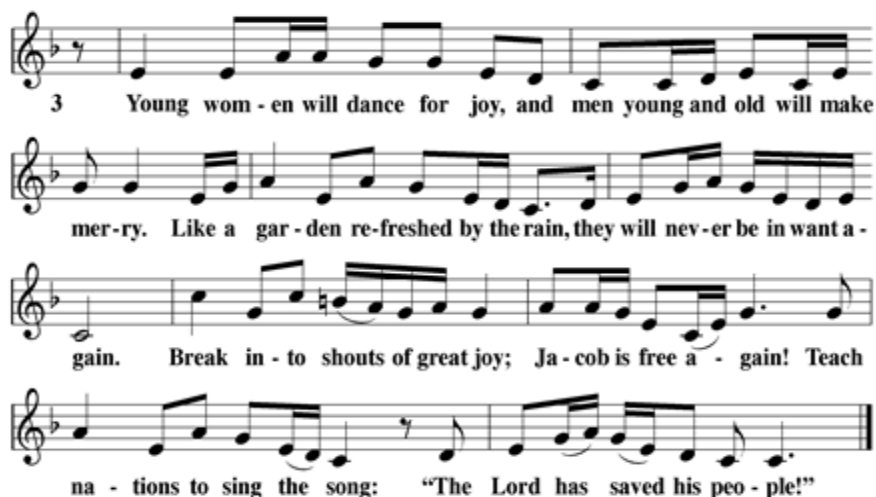
he will keep watch o-ver them as a shep-herd watch-es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra-diant-ly hap-py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show-ers his peo-ple with gifts. *Refrain*



Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I

replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name
only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel,
a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no
more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for
her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this,
for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me,
"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and
the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring
of the water of life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Love Is Not Like a Pie

Pastor Ruth

Hymn of the Day *Where Charity and Love Prevail* ELW #359

Prayers of Intercession *All kneel/sit.*

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power, and call them to work for justice and peace, especially in war-torn lands. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Anthem (*Wittenberg Bells*)

For the Beauty of the Earth
The table is set.

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

MEAL

Offering

Please place your tithes and offerings in an offering plate before, during, or at the conclusion of today's service. Plates are located in the Narthex as well as in the center aisle of the Sanctuary.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

*In the night in which he was betrayed ...
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup ...
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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

Fraction and Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All are invited. No one will be denied.
Thanks be to God.

Distribution***Lamb of God***

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



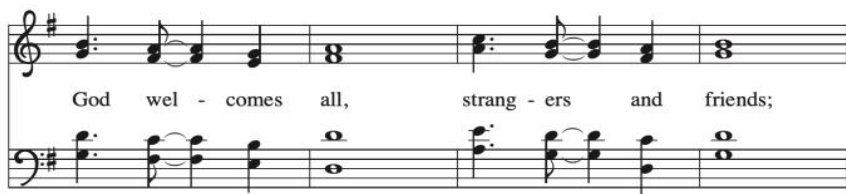
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn***God Welcomes All*****ACS #978**

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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Blessing and Prayer after Communion

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God,
**for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven
and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.**
**Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Earth and All Stars!

ELW #731

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell everyone what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

With High Delight Let Us Unite

arr. P. Berg

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Confession by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog;
Absolution by Rosie Venner, from *I Am Making All Things New*;
Kyrie from Life in Liturgy, adapted for today's use.

MARYS AND MARTHAS Bible study group for women of all ages
will meet in the Parlor on **Monday, May 16** at 7:00 p.m. The
group uses the ELCA women's magazine, Gather. (Current issue
extra copies are in the Chapel Kiosk, Trinity's Office, and Narthex
information desk.)

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesday
afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Adult III. All are welcome!

TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP meets **every Tuesday** at the Turnpike McDonald's at 9:00 a.m. We welcome any men that would like to join us for this coffee fellowship. Contact John Minnich at 445-7660 if you have any questions.

LOVING JESUS BOOK STUDY will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, June 9** in Adult III. The group begins a new book, Fearfully and Wonderfully by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey.

WORSHIP SERVICES are livestreamed on Facebook live. Trinity's Online Worship is available in real time and remains available afterwards on Trinity's Facebook page.

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SPECIAL MUSIC: If you are interested in providing special music, please email (carrollpiano@yahoo.com) or text Nicholas at (814) 233-2093.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets on **Tuesdays** in Adult III from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Led by Pastor Ruth, each weekly session includes a short video clip, sharing (if you like), and topics relating to ways God provides comfort and solace on the grief journey. Due to the generosity of others, there is no cost to participants. A devotional book and personal workbook are provided. For further info, talk to Jo Balsley (814) 443-1871 or Pastor Ruth or simply drop in!

CHILD CARE CHICKEN BARBEQUE FUND RAISER will be held **Friday, May 20** from 2:45 until we sell out. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis (no sign-ups). You will have the option of purchasing a meal (with two sides and a roll) for \$9.50 or half a chicken for \$7.50. Come and let us cook for you!

NICHOLAS CARROLL PIANO STUDIOS RECITAL is scheduled for Trinity's Nave on **Sunday, June 5** at 1:30 p.m. The recital is free and open to the public. All are invited!

GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN to Trinity's Child Care in memory of **Virginia Lloyd** by:

*Bob and Susie Christner
Jesse and Judith Klink
Mark and Ann Persun*

**WE PRAY FOR PEACE
A SERVICE OF WORD, PRAYER, AND SONG**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
May 18 and 25**



RED GERANIUMS AT PENTECOST (Sunday, June 5) are a tradition at Trinity. The bright red color reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit. You may order a geranium by placing \$4.00 per plant ordered in your offering envelope and marking it "Geraniums." The flowers will be planted on Trinity's grounds as a summer reminder that the Holy Spirit gives us power to share the Good News of the Resurrection. Order deadline is **Wednesday, June 1**. Please wear red on Pentecost Sunday (ONE service only at 10:00)!

TRINITY WILL HONOR ITS GRADUATES on **Sunday, June 5** during 10:00 a.m. worship. Please inform Trinity's Office by calling 445-5446 (or by filling out the form below) with the names of the seniors in your family graduating from high school, college, technical school, or graduate school **by Tuesday, May 31** so that they may be acknowledged in the bulletin.



2022 Graduate's Name _____

School/College Name _____

If applicable, degree earned in _____

Home Phone # _____

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY:

SUNDAY: 5/15 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
Children's Sunday School in Educ. Bldg
- 10:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. TLC Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Wittenberg Bells Rehearsal

MONDAY: 5/16 7:00 p.m. Marys and Marthas in the Parlor

TUESDAY: 5/17 DEADLINE: Sunday Bulletin Info to Trinity's Office

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Coffee Fellowship at **Turnpike McDonald's**
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group in Adult III

WEDNESDAY: 5/18 8:00-10:45 a.m. Somerset Food Pantry Drive-Thru

- 1:00 p.m. Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study in Adult III
- 7:00 p.m. We Pray for Peace Worship Service in Nave

THURSDAY: 5/19 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee in Adult III

FRIDAY: 5/20 2:45 p.m. Child Care Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

NEXT SUNDAY: 5/22 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
Children's Sunday School in Educ. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Land and Seasons Spring Communion Worship
Service with TLC Band joining Nicholas Carroll
- 11:15 a.m. TLC Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Wittenberg Bells Rehearsal

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

Sunday, May 8, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance: 143

Trinity Worship Leadership

Presiding Minister		<i>Pastor Ruth Kocha Jensen</i>
Director of Music		<i>Nicholas Carroll</i>
Communion Assistants	10 a.m.	<i>Roger Bailey; Chad Mosholder</i>
Eucharistic Minister	10 a.m.	<i>Jack Illar</i>
Greeters	10 a.m.	<i>Jack and Peggy Illar</i>
Lectors	8 a.m.	<i>Pastor Ruth</i>
	10 a.m.	<i>Gretchen Knupp</i>
Altar Guild	8 a.m.	<i>Deborah Keller; Kathy Mitchell</i>
	10 a.m.	<i>Julie Mitchell, Chair;</i> <i>Betty Wahl; Madelyn Mitchell</i>
Counting Team		<i>Betty Anderson, Captain; Linda Phillips; Shirley Wilson</i>
Sound Technician	10 a.m.	<i>Chris Lloyd</i>
Ushers	10 a.m.	<i>Scott Lloyd, Captain; Emily Barnes</i>
Driver	10 a.m.	<i>Becky Minnich</i>

WHO: The Children's Aid Home**WHAT:** Foster Care Backyard BBQ Event**WHEN:** **Monday, May 16** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**WHERE:** The Children's Aid Home
1476 North Center Avenue, Somerset**WHY:** To celebrate foster families and to provide an opportunity for more local families to learn how they too can be involved in foster care in Somerset County

THANK YOU to Connie Bowers, Sue Centi, Deb Keller, Barb Swanson, Diane Wagner and especially to Shelby Bailey for running the kitchen so smoothly for the funeral meal on Saturday, May 7. This is truly a blessing to the family to be able to gather together for a meal and fellowship.

An Opportunity to Support Missionaries Serving Ukrainian Refugees in Poland

Corby and Ashley White, originally from Shanksville, have served as missionaries in Poland since November 2014 through the World Venture Organization. With the war, Corby and Ashley's ministry in Poland became one of providing emergency relief—temporary housing, food, clothing, medical care, spiritual support, job counseling, language classes, and sharing the never-ending promises of a loving God who has not forgotten the people of Ukraine.

They house refugees in their home, help them through government office formalities, opening bank accounts, applying for assistance, signing up for school, and searching for jobs.

Trinity Church Council voted unanimously to send Corby and Ashley White \$5,000 to support their ministry with Ukrainian refugees from Endowment funds.

As the Church Council discussed the work that Corby and Ashley are doing on behalf of Jesus Christ, members talked about opening up the opportunity to support their ministry to members and friends of Trinity. With prayer and sacrificial giving, it is hoped that we might match the original \$5,000 gift with another \$5,000 from individual givers.

To participate in this special offering, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark "UKRAINE REFUGEE MINISTRY" in the memo section. The entire offering will be forwarded directly to the Whites in Poland on a timely basis. Your donation will be included in your giving statement from Trinity for tax purposes.

Introducing . . .

A New Worship Service for the Summer Months



During June, July and August, Trinity's weekend worship schedule will include **THREE** opportunities for worship:

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (*Nave*)

A 45-minute spoken liturgy based on the assigned scripture texts for the day.

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (*Nave*)

A 65-minute liturgy with singing led by the organ, scriptures, sermon, and Holy Communion.

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (*Chapel*)

A 45-minute spoken liturgy with one or two hymns, based on the assigned scripture texts for the day. On the 1st Sunday of each month, prayers and the laying on of hands for healing will be offered.

5:00 p.m. Summer Worship Calendar

June 5	5 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
June 12	5 p.m. Holy Communion
June 19	5 p.m. Holy Communion
June 26	5 p.m. Holy Communion

July 3	5 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
July 10	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 17	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 24	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 31	5 p.m. Holy Communion

August 7	5 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
August 14	5 p.m. Holy Communion
August 21	5 p.m. Holy Communion
August 28	5 p.m. Holy Communion

