

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost ~ August 21, 2022

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Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 HYMN ~ 10,000 Reasons

hymn attached pg. 9-12

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.**

HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* v. 1, 4



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,
3. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym - bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.
4. praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall
rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a
watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be
rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of
the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going
your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take
delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with
the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 103:1-8

Response Spoken

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Thy Word

hymn attached pg. 13

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 13. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY ~ ELW 526 *God is Here*

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *A brief silence.*

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds, *bodies of water*. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress especially, the family & friends of Kathy. Pray also for Pat, Dick, Lew & Jane, Roger & Irene, Darcée, Norma, Peggy, Nicole, Cheryl, Sam & Dorothy, Karri, Bonnie, Judi, Karen, Milo, Ruth, Don, Judy, Carrie, Evelyn, Joyce, Jack & Marjorie. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

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

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN ~ ELW 692 *We Are an Offering*

OFFERING PRAYER ~ Please pray together.

Let us pray. **Merciful God**, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

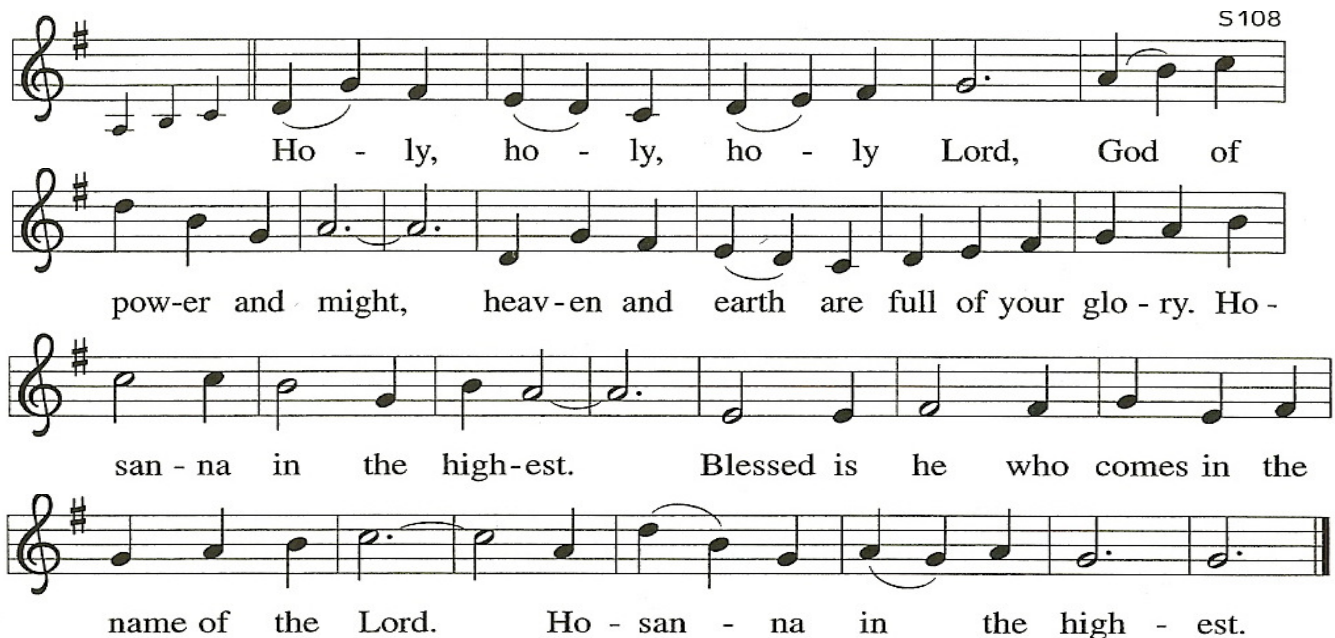
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord.

After receiving the bread, you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or you may choose pre-poured grape juice as an alternative. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen

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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN ~ ELW 481 *Come to the Table of Mercy*

Feed Us Now

hymn attached pg.14

PASTORAL BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ~ Please pray together.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING

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

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 858 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

DISMISSAL *Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

GATHERING HYMN ~ 10,000 Reasons pg.1

♩=73

CHORUS 1a

G D A/C# Bm G D



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. .

4 A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm G A



— Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. .

2nd time to Coda

VERSE 1

8 G/D D G/D D G D A Bm



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,

12 G D A Bm G D



it's time to sing Your song — a - gain. — What - ev - er may — pass, and what -

15 A Bm G D



-ev - er lies be - fore — me, let me be sing - ing when the

18 A^{sus} A D G/D D



eve - ning comes.

D.S. al Coda

Bless the

cont'd

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Coda

VERSE 2

21 G/D D G D A Bm



2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your

24 G D A Bm G D A/C# Bm



name is great and Your heart is kind. _ For all Your good-ness, I will keep on sing - ing; _

28 G D A^{sus} A D G/D



Ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.

CHORUS 1b

32 D G D A/C# Bm



(instr. repeat)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul;

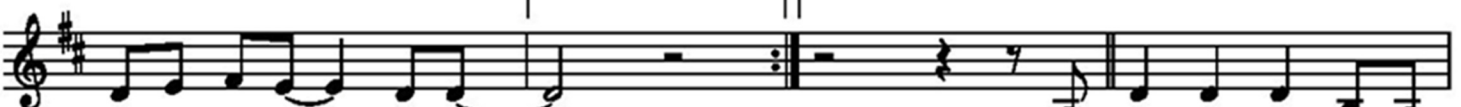
35 G D A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm



Wor-ship His ho - ly name. _ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll

39 G A 1. D 2. D G D

VERSE 3



wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _ 3. And on that day, when my

cont'd

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strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; _ Still, my soul will sing Your

47 A/C# Bm G D A^{SUS} A

praise un - end - ing _ ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er -

CHORUS 1b

51 D G/D D G D A/C# Bm

-more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _ my soul;

55 G D A^{SUS} A G Bm G A Bm

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. _ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll

59 1. G A D 2. G A

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _ Bless the wor-ship Your ho - ly name, .

TAG

62 Bm G A Bm

- wor-ship Your ho - ly name, _ Lord, I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

65 G A G D A/C# Bm G D

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _

cont'd

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ENDING

69 A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm G A

Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name, .

73 Bm G A Bm

— wor - ship Your ho - ly name, —

76 G A D

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. —

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Thy Word

♩=70 **CHORUS**

F C/E F B \flat /D C F



Thy Word is a lamp un-to _ my feet and a light un-to my path.

5

C/E F B \flat /D C F

Fine



Thy Word is a lamp un-to _ my feet and a light un-to my path.

VERSE

9

C Gm Dm Am B \flat C



1. When I feel _ a-fraid, and I think I've lost _ my way, still You're there right be -
 2. I will not _ for - get Your _ love for me, _ and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12

B \flat /F F C Gm Dm Am



-side _ me. Noth - ing will _ I fear as _ long as You _ are near.
 wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be _ my guide and _ hold me to _ Your side;

15

B \flat C C/D D C^{SUS} C

D.C. al Fine



Please be near me to the end. _____
 I will love You to the end. _____

COMMUNION ~ Feed Us Now



1. Feed us now, Bread of Life, in this ho - ly meal;
 2. Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good;
 3. God is here, O so near, near - er than our thoughts.



Let us know Your love a - new; We hun - ger for You.
 Love and mer - cy come to us, Your prom - ise we trust.
 Stay with us wher - e're we go; Lord, help us to grow.



Feed us now, Bread of Life, come and live with - in;
 Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand
 God is here, O so near, in this heav - en's meal.



Let Your peace be ours to - day, Lord Je - sus, we pray.
 how His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.
 May we al - ways feed on You, on the Bread that's true.

GOSPEL MESSAGE ~ A Good Time for Liberation

Luke tells us that Jesus had such compassion for an ailing woman that he healed her without waiting. It's hard to imagine what it was like for her to be bent over for eighteen years. Anyone who has known back pain knows how debilitating it can be. The image of her stooped over is quickly transformed when she is healed, is liberated from her ailment, and stands up straight. She is set free from pain and social isolation. She spontaneously praises God. How could she not? Some people present with Jesus and the woman did not celebrate or praise God. They complained that Jesus' timing was bad. It was the Sabbath day. Sabbath is a holy gift from God given for God's people to have rest, to be free from the burdens of labor, and to enjoy life in community with one another and God. Some thought restrictions against doing work meant it was a bad time for healing. They failed to see that as good as Sabbath-keeping is, there is never a bad time for healing. It is always the right time to liberate people from whatever disease and oppression keeps them bent over and suffering. Luke's message is that Jesus comes to bring God's liberation for the poor, oppressed, sick, and sinful. Through mercy granted unconditionally, a new world is formed in Christ where it is always a good time for healing and liberation. Just as Jesus lifted up the woman bent over in pain, God lifts up the lowly and humble to give them life and liberty. God surprises us with grace that comes even when we think it can't be the right time. Whether it is God claiming us in Christ through baptism, or granting healing from disease, or lifting up people bent over from marginalization, it is always the right time. How could we not offer our spontaneous praise as we are lifted up by such good news?

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PARISH NOTES ~ August 21, 2022

Please pray for: Pat Kerr, Family and Friends of Kathy Ebner. Don & June Morey, Jan Huebler, Dick Stoker, Lew & Jane Penna, Roger & Irene Owens, Darcée Anthony-Lon Jenkins' sister, Norma Squire, Peggy Kaeberlein, Nicole Woome, Cheryl Tufts, Sam & Dorothy Elder, Karri Pacileo, Bonnie Gebhardt, Judy Nordin, Karen Shick, Milo Mariotti, Ruth Hinkson, Don Fuller, Judi Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, and Joyce Hersperger.

WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE: **One service @ 9:30a until Sunday, September 11.** Both **8:30a & 10:30a** worship will **return on Sunday, September 18.** The 9:30a service will live-stream on Facebook and then post to the **AHLC** web page. Please check parish notes or our web site for any time changes.

Sunday, August 28, 10:30am: Pastor will offer prayer and bless backpacks for teachers & students returning to school. Also, this is the **last day to return** your donations of **school supplies.** See list attached to the calendar in the narthex.

Women's Retreat at Lutherlyn: Interested in a sleepover September 16-17 (or a one day only) retreat with worship, prayer, workshops, spending time with friends or alone in the great outdoors. **Registration forms,** available in the narthex, **must be received by August 27th.** Please contact Jacque Holmberg if you are participating.

Office Hours: Mon & -Tue 9:30a-3:30p, Wed 9:30a-12:30p. If office is not staffed, leave a message, your call will be returned. For immediate pastoral assistance, call Pastor Karen at 814-881-3266. Pastor is in the office on Tuesdays @ 10:00a or by appointment.

KAFP Project Dignity: August item ~ cleaning products. Basket in "cry room" for your donation.

Bethany Outreach: Doing some wardrobe cleaning out and updating? Remember your gently used clothing, shoes, household items, toys, children's items can be donated. All items are given out without charge. Thank you for your continued support. Analee Cree -814-397-6168.

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, the weekly sign-up sheet and request form are on the table in the narthex. Arrangements - **20.00 each**. Place the **completed request form and payment** in the offering plate or to the office at least two weeks, but no less than one week prior to your chosen Sunday.

**Altar Flowers are given, to the Glory of God,
In Celebration of our 50th Anniversary ~ Cindy and Rick Filson
In Memory of my sister, Norma Henderson, on her birthday
From Evelyn Senger**

**Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of Gordon and Mark Wunch, from Carol Wunch**

CURRENT FUND REPORT

July Income:	\$ 5,235.00	Year to Date Income:	\$51,517.93
July Expenses:	\$10,036.32	Year to Date Expenses:	\$72,260.66
July Difference:	\$-4.801.32	Year to date Difference:	\$ -20,742.70
		Year to Date Budget:	\$ 73,437

WORSHIP LEADERS ~ August 21, 2022 ~ 9:30am

Videographer	Analee Cree
Greeter/Coffee	June Morey
Lector/Prayers	Sally Zill
Comm Assist/cups	Mary Randall
Comm. Assist/wine	Penny Gresh
Communion tray	Michelle Rion
Presenter	Jeanne Tropper
Presenter	Kayla Miller
Usher	Andy Saska
Usher	Dave Cuning
Counters	Analee Cree
	Lois Kuhns