

Sunday, July 26, 2026
The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost

Trinity Lutheran Church
11:00am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Ave N
727-822-3307



 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 PRELUDE

 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassionate mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our failure to love as we are loved.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest and rejoice in God's love.
Amen.



GATHERING HYMN *Gather Us In*

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?” ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

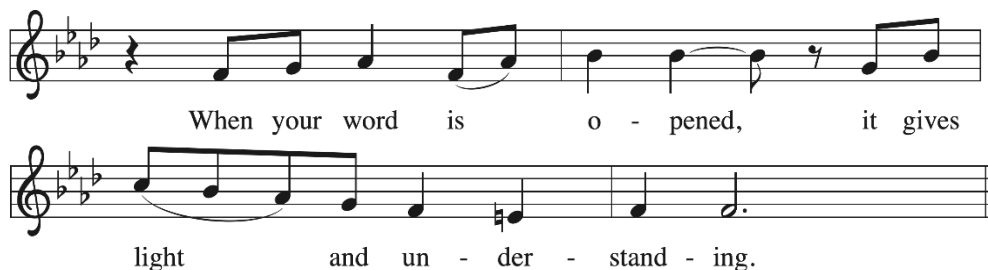
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by “R”



¹²⁹ *Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.*

¹³⁰ *When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

¹³¹ *I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments. R*

¹³² *Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.*

¹³³ *Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.*

¹³⁴ *Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments. R*

¹³⁵ *Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.*

¹³⁶ *My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching. R*



SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung twice.





GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ [In private, he told his disciples,] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught things of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

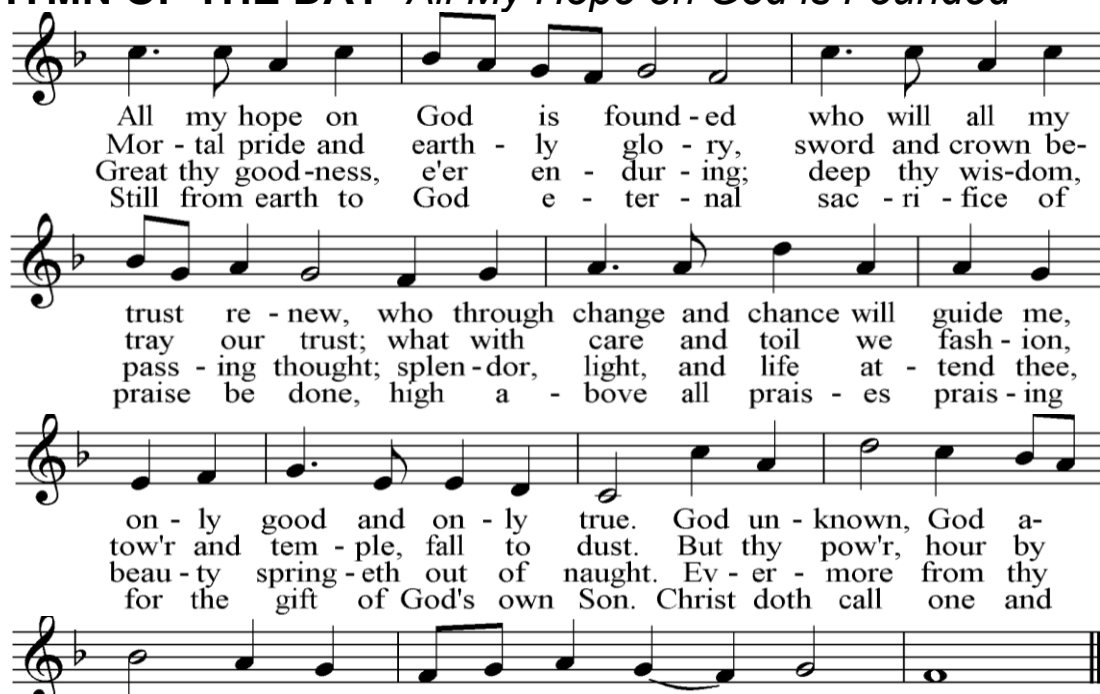


SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *All My Hope on God is Founded*

ELW 757



All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be-
Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis-dom,
Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of
trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing
on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a-
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and
lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1690, para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Music: MICHAEL, Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

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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

Gathered in this place by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

After each petition:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Trusting that you hear all our prayers, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**



ELW 519

THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Open Your Ears*



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal-le-lu-jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version
Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

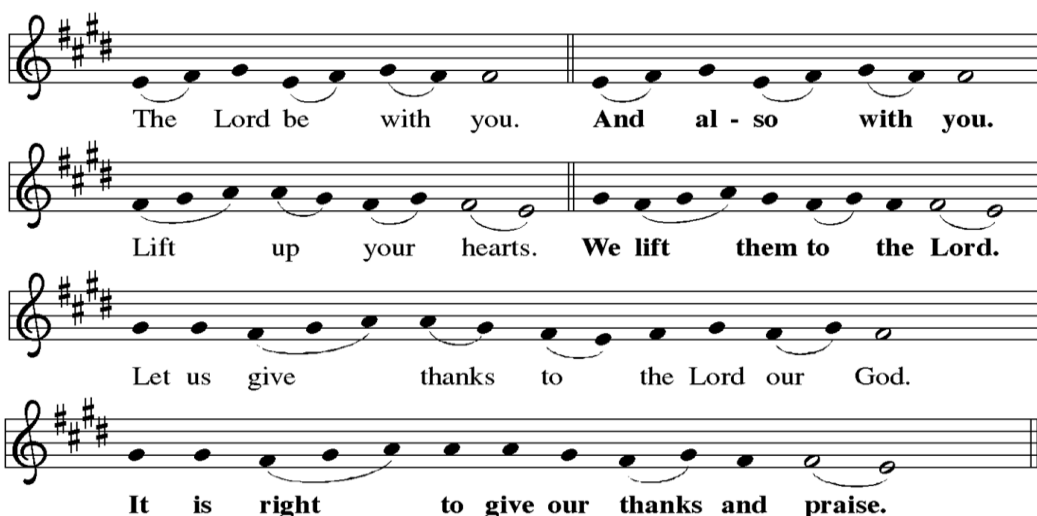
Help us share freely of your love,

that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

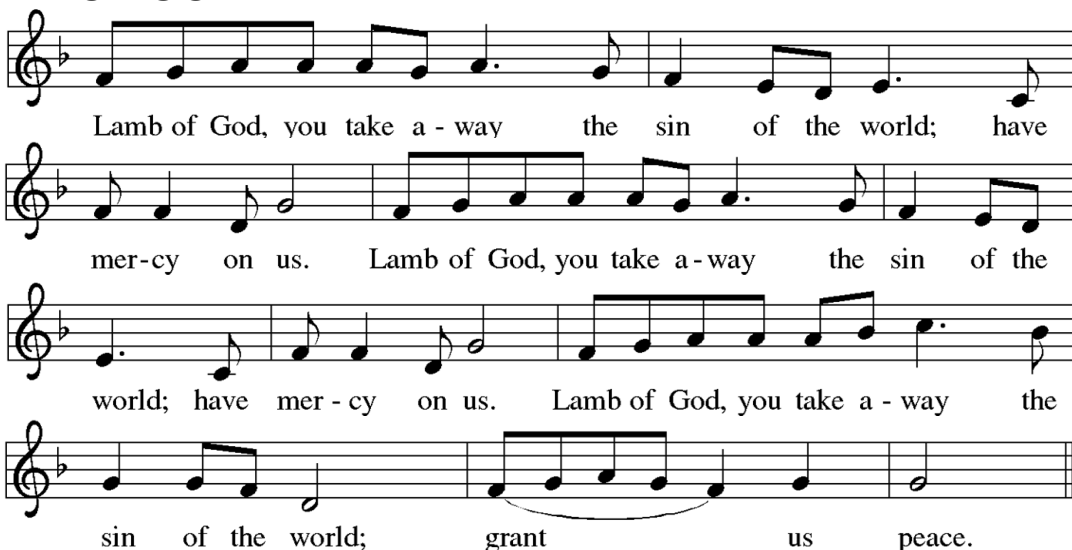


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

With these gifts, heaven has come near.
Come, let us share in the feast!



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.



COMMUNION HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life*

ELW 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we may share your love freely,
as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit sustaining us now and forever. **Amen.**



BLESSING

May our God, ✠ Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer
bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**



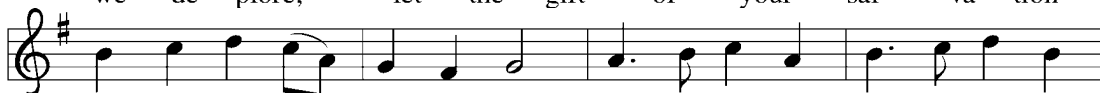
SENDING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live the good news.
Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (MLC) = Meadowlawn Campus (DTC) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
07/05/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Betty Herzhauser	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	Bartelt Family	God Bless America!
07/12/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Gretchen Frederick	Marty Snapp, Violet Prepost		
07/19/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Lou Carter	Margarita Rodriguez, Gary Bartelt		
07/26/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Gary Bartelt	Phil Rearick, Aimée Fox	F. Guido	For the glory of God

Birthdays this week:

07/26 - Kelly Osborne
 07/27 - Terri Craig
 07/27 - Jan Frakes

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (07/26)

9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
 11:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
 12:00pm – Fellowship Hour (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
 12:30pm – All Ages Education (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
 7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (07/27)

Bulletin Items Due

5:30pm–Volleyball Referee Training (CommUNITY Rm)

Tuesday (07/28)

11:00am – TLC Staff Meeting (MLC Library)

Wednesday (07/29)

10:00am – Women's Bible Study (MLC Nursery)
 11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
 1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
 6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Thursday (07/30)

No scheduled activities

Friday (07/31)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
 9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Saturday (08/01)

9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer: For those homebound:

Jim Tallon	Lorna Holder
Whitney & Greg Corrigan	Shirley Taylor
Rick Jackson	Betty Aker
Frank Durilla	Judy Milanese
Rev. Ernest Knoche	Petra Young
Ron Oughton	Sally Evans
Bob Sockrider	
Frances Guido	

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Pr. Tom Snapp	Guy Smith
Will Diefel	Joyce Dare
Terri Craig	Linda Miles
Jerry Barnard	Bob & Irma Kay
Mike Lederhouse	Corinne
Maureen Morris	Leonard
O'cerion Johnson Jr.	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Janet Crim	Brian Schutzbach
Paula Smith	Shakira
Vickie Clark	Jill Boos Martin
Luke Mendenhall	Linda Gascon

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

The family & friends of Marion Cheslock
 The family & friends of Jan Estabrook
 The family & friends of Pete Regan
 The family & friends of Barbara Hann
 The family & friends of Cecil Miles
 The family and Friends of Pastor Joe Conner



	This Month (as of 07/21/26)	YTD Actual (as of 07/21/26)	YTD Budget (through 07/31/26)
Income	22,893.61	185,196.04	170,819.81
Expenses	(42,184.25)	(278,623.43)	(261,999.11)
Net	(19,290.64)	(93,427.39)	(91,179.30)
Cash available in Bank Accounts:			68,539.31
Balance in Investment Accounts:			741,129.44