

Sunday, August 16, 2026
The Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost

Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Ave N
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 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 *All Are Welcome* (vv 1,2, 4)

ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: TWO OAKS, 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.

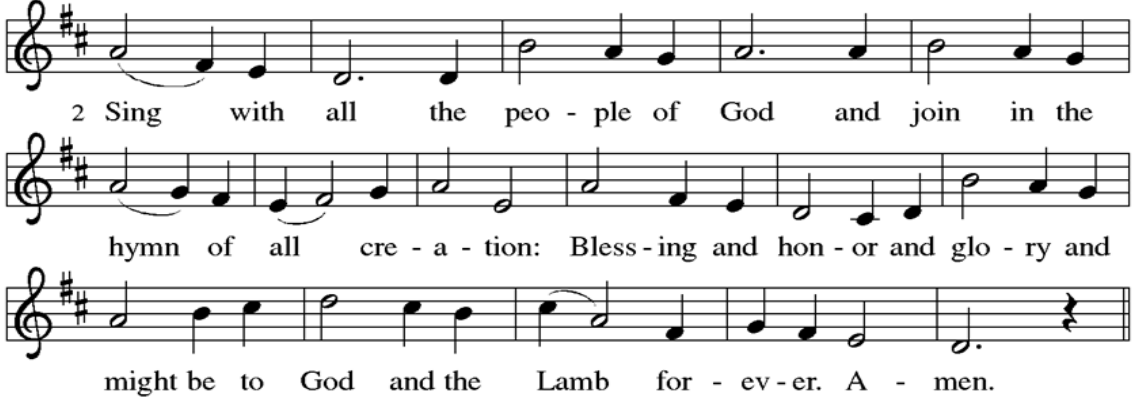
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
 strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

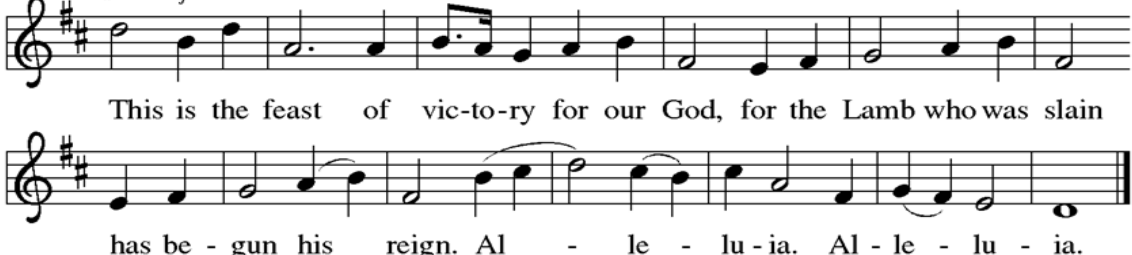


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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 all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

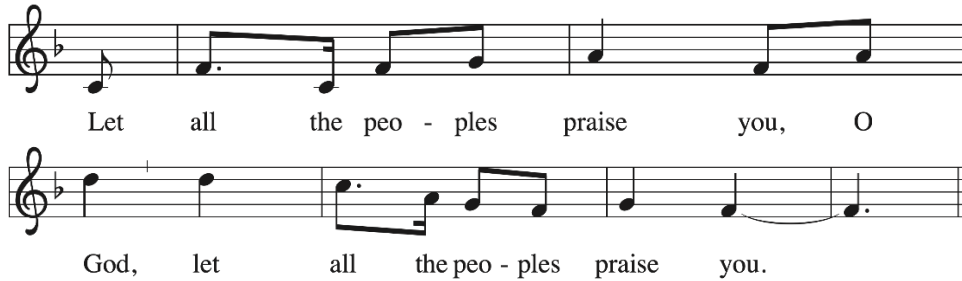
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 67

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"



¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **R**

⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. **R**



SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung twice.





GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"

¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON (Pastor Felice Johnson)

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Commonwealth is God's Commandment* ACS 1036

The refrain of this hymn includes words for "peace" in Hindu, Latin, Hebrew and Arabic.



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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

With trust in God who supplies our needs, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.



ACS 1062

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Build a Longer Table*

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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**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 (spoken)

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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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.

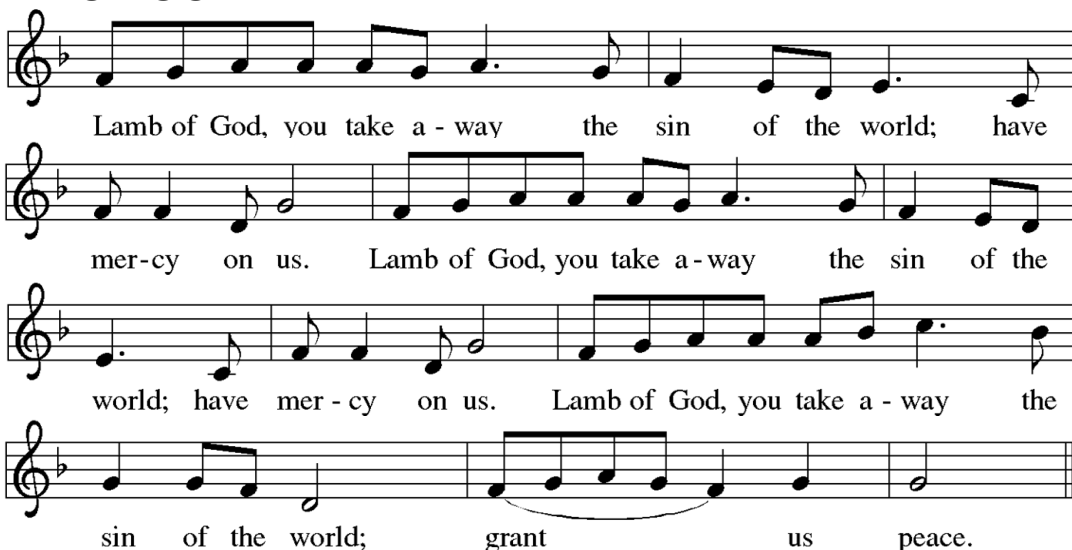


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



LAMB OF GOD

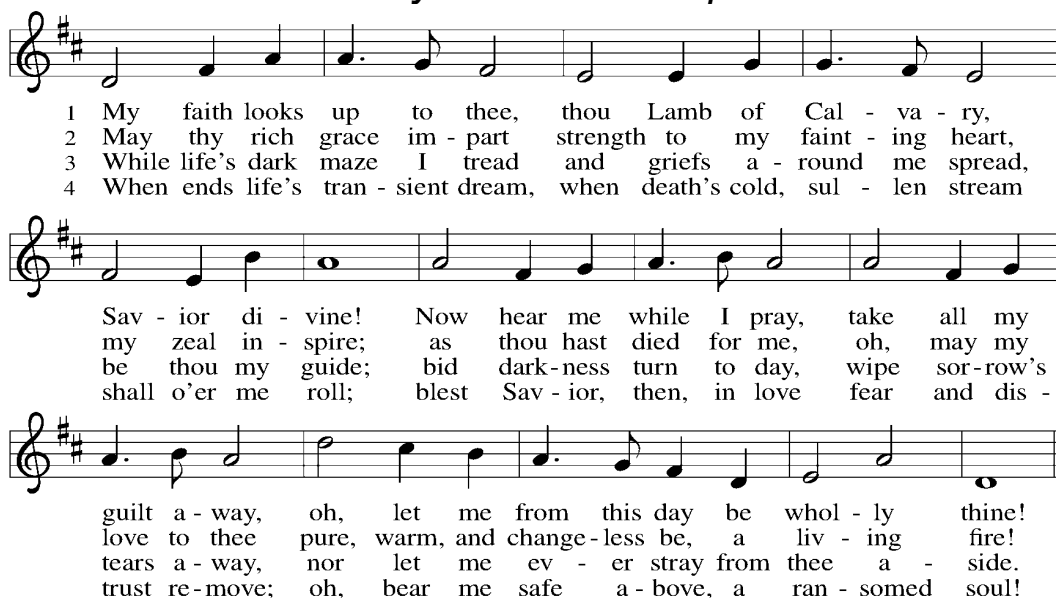


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



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.**



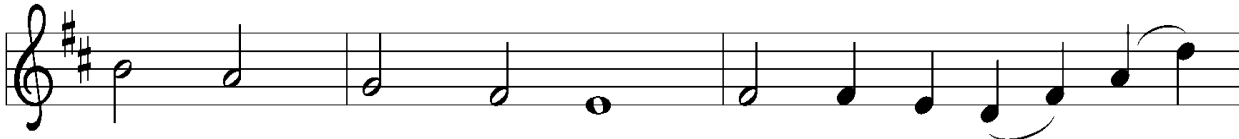
SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign (vv 1-3)

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793



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
08/02/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Margarita Rodriguez	Frances Guido, Marty Snapp		
08/09/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Rob Carter	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
08/16/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Aimée Fox	Gary Bartelt, Phil Rearick	The Bartelts	Thanks & prayers for teachers & students
08/23/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Violet Prepost	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	F. Guido	For the Glory of God
08/30/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Gary Bartelt	Marty Snapp, Violet Prepost	Pat Shipley	In celebration of Hope Baker and Ava Jones Baptisms.

Birthdays this week:

08/16 - Toni Durilla
08/21 - Matthew Reitz

Anniversaries this week:

– None –

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (08/16)

9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
11:00pm – Fellowship Hour (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
1:30pm – Fleet Reserve Assoc. (DTC 2nd Floor)
7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (08/17)

Bulletin items due

5:30pm – Umpire Training (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Tuesday (08/18)

No scheduled activities

Wednesday (08/19)

9:00am – Quilting Circle (MLC CommUNITY Room)
11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)

Thursday (08/20)

Newsletter items due

6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (MLC Sanctuary)

Friday (08/21)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
6:00pm – Film & Faith (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Saturday (08/22)

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:

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

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

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