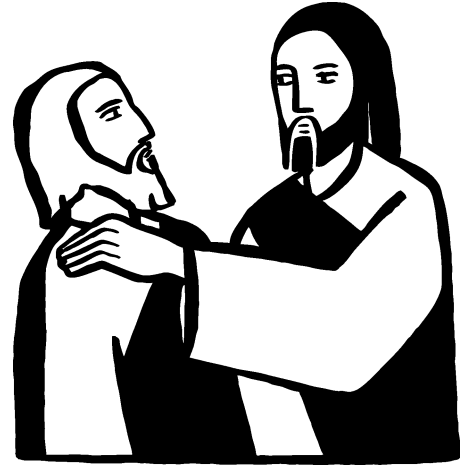


Sunday, August 23, 2026
The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00am: 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 *The Church's One Foundation* (vv 1-2,4-5) ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



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

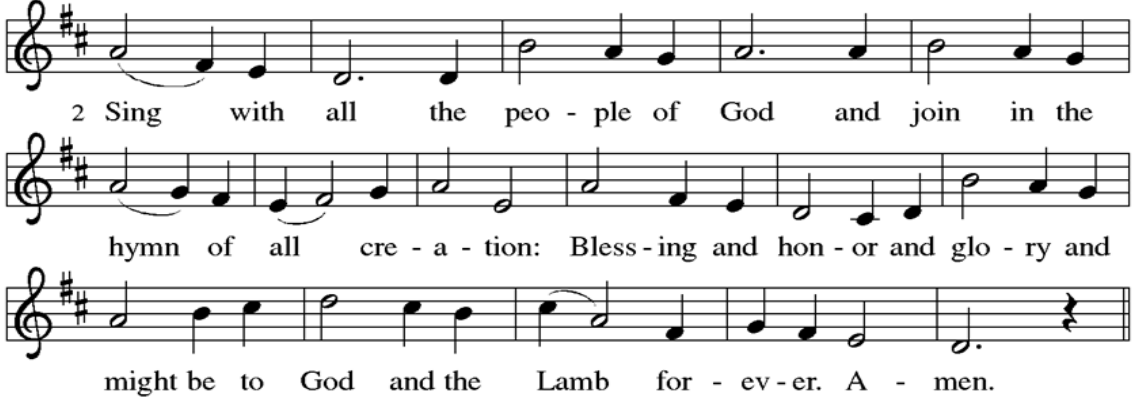


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

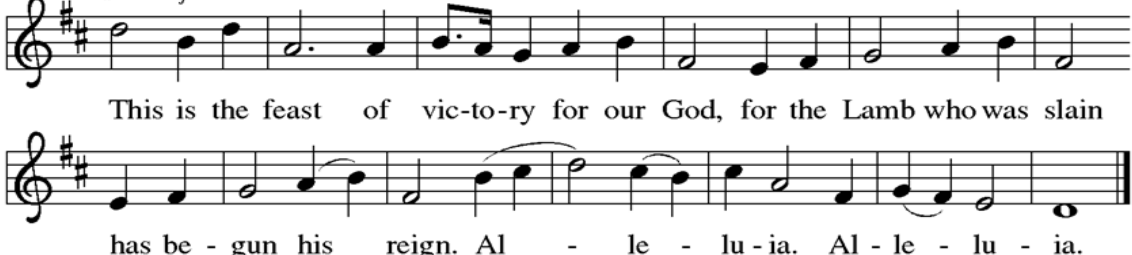


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the

earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

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"



O LORD, your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

¹ *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.*

² *I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.*

³ *When I called, you¹ answered me; you increased my strength within me. R*

⁴ *All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.*

⁵ *They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.*

⁶ *The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar. R*

⁷ *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.*

⁸ *You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works¹ of your hands. R*

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung twice.



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 *Built on a Rock* (vv 1-3)

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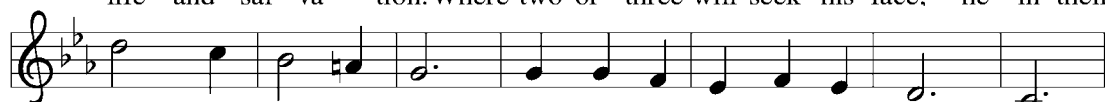
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



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.



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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 O Savior, Precious Savior (vv 1,3,4)



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

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.

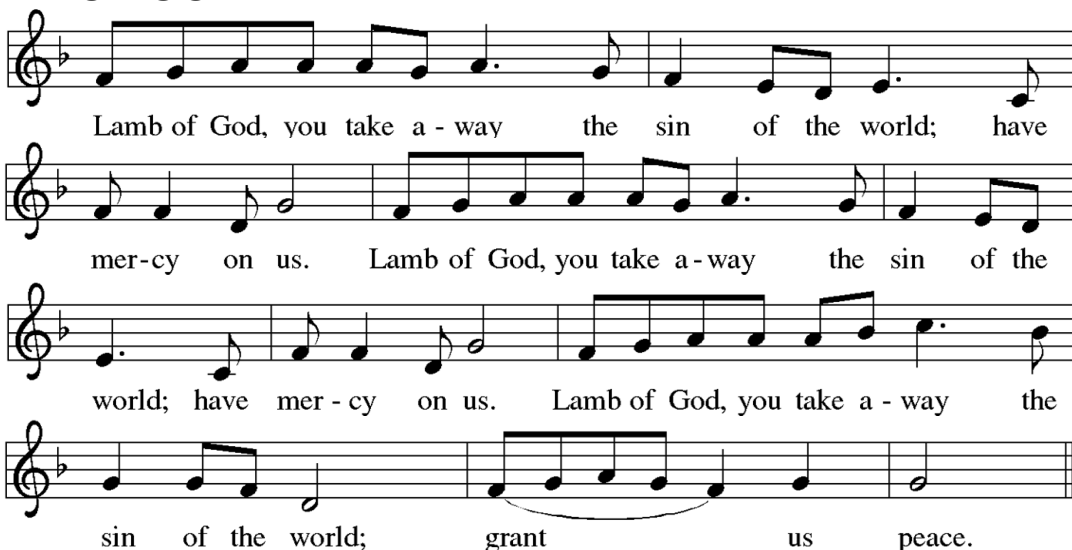


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



LAMB OF GOD

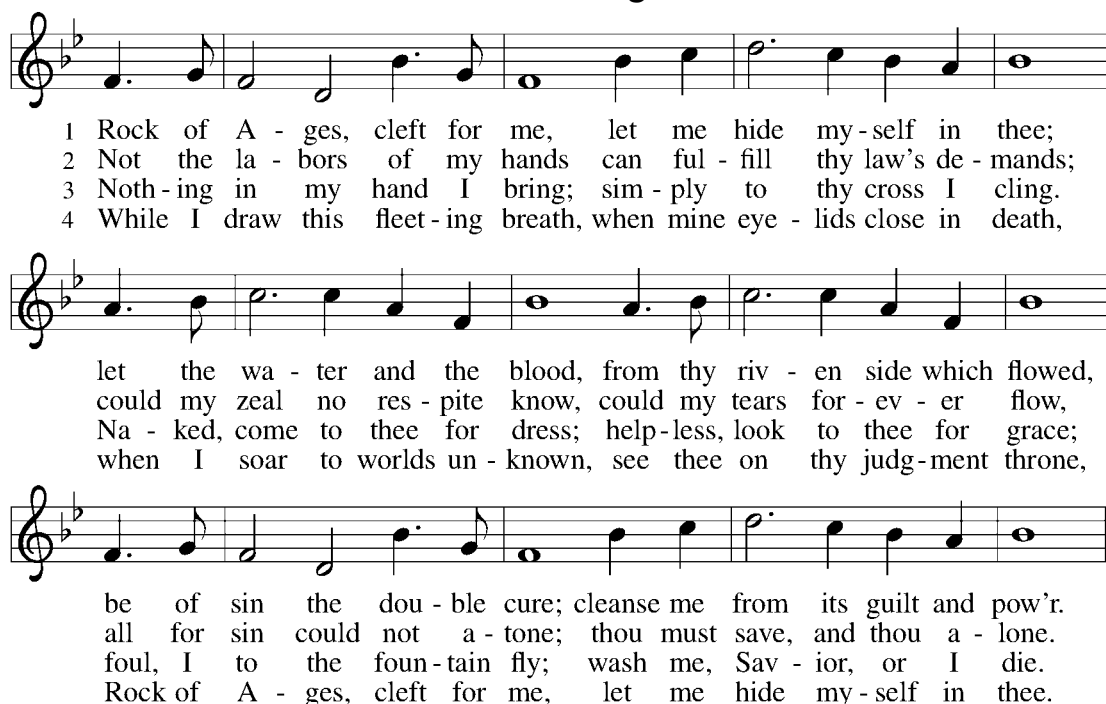


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN *Rock of Ages*

ELW 623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,
 let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,
 be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



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 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 596



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



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	Paul Erickson	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
08/16/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Aimée Fox	Gary Bartelt, Aimée Fox	The Bartelts	Thanks & prayers for teachers & students
08/23/26	MLC	10:00 AM	Violet Prepost	Phil Rearick, 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 her great granddaughters, Hope Baker and Ava Jones, Baptisms.

Birthdays this week:

08/27 - Barb Macomb
08/28 - Kim Forcino

Anniversaries this week:

08/24 – Marty & Tom Snapp

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (08/23)

9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
11:00pm – Fellowship Hour (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (08/24)

Bulletin Items Due

Tuesday (08/25)

10:30am – Ship Builders Club (DTC 1st Floor)

Wednesday (08/26)

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

Thursday (08/27)

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

Friday (08/28)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
6:00pm – Private B-day Party (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Saturday (08/29)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

After worship on Sunday 9/6 we will show our love and support to Tyler and JJ Thomas who are expecting sweet baby Jasper Wayne on October 25, 2026. More details to come.

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Bob Sockrider
Frances Guido
Susan Herzhauser

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Judy Milanese
Petra Young
Sally Evans

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

For those needing strength or healing:

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

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

The family & friends of Pete Regan
The family & friends of Barbara Hann
The family & friends of Cecil Miles
The family and Friends of Pr. Joe Conner



	This Month (as of 07/28/26)	YTD Actual (as of 07/28/26)	YTD Budget (through 08/31/26)
Income	47,630.81	209,961.80	189,698.54
Expenses	(46,643.91)	(283,107.94)	(302,179.69)
Net	986.90	(73,146.14)	(112,481.15)
Cash available in Bank Accounts:			87,984.00
Balance in Investment Accounts:			708,155.34

Supporting Southern Supportive Services

A New Opportunity to Share God's Love

This past week we hired Southern Supportive Services to help remove the chancel area in our sanctuary. As we spoke with the wonderful people from their organization, we learned more about their ministry and the important work they do in our community.

Formerly known as My Place in Recovery, Southern Supportive Services is a nonprofit organization that has been serving people in the Tampa Bay area since 2013. Their mission is to help individuals experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, unemployment, and other difficult circumstances get back on their feet. They provide meals, housing and shelter support, employment assistance, case management, support groups, and referrals for addiction recovery services.

What especially touched our hearts was learning that many of the people who work with and receive services from Southern Supportive Services are in desperate need of some very basic necessities. Shoes—especially work boots—along with towels, washcloths, and twin-sized bed sheets are greatly needed.

The Spirit has moved us to hold an ingathering of these items to help support their ministry and the people they serve. A donation box will be placed in the Narthex, and we invite our congregation to help by donating:

Shoes, especially sturdy work boots

Towels

Washcloths

Twin-sized bed sheets

Items may be new or gently used.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Something as simple as an extra pair of shoes, a set of sheets, or a few towels can make a meaningful difference in the life of someone working hard to find stability and a fresh start.

Let us come together as a congregation to share God's love in a practical and meaningful way. Every donation is a reminder that someone cares, someone sees them, and they are not alone.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18