

# *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

## *Sunday, July 11, 2021*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

"Prelude in D Major"

F. Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves  
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

**We have used our time foolishly and daily strayed from your path.**

**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through Jesus Christ, the true Bread of life, God has given us life and hope.  
Know that your sins are forgiven and live abundantly – as we await his coming!  
**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three columns corresponding to the three parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second and third lines, and the third system covers the final line. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

## 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

### “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A Reading from Amos

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”  
(Amos 7:7-15)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 85:8-13 (Read responsively)**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

### **A Reading from Ephesians**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his

will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:3-14)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason, these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

<sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. (Mark 6:14-29)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,  
 en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

**SERMON**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty Father, bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, raise up green plants from the earth, increase the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, protect those who speak difficult truths and teach us to stand with those who are oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of strength, bring healing and wholeness to all who are sick, injured, or suffering. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of love, we give thanks for everyone whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for all who have died in the faith. Daily remind us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

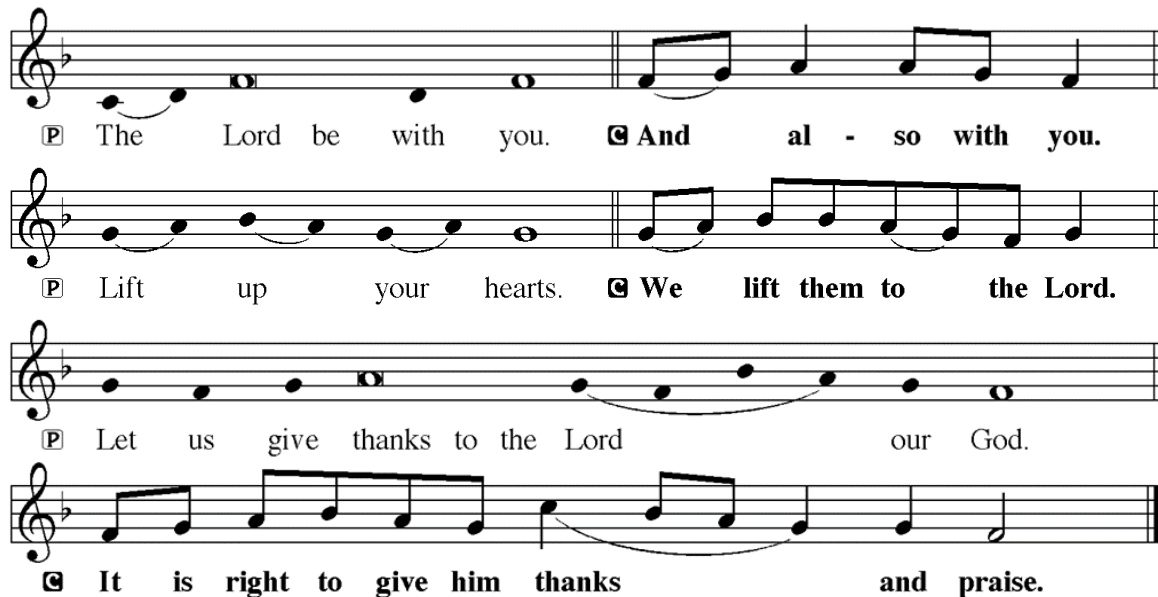
**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. J. Raney  
Kate Kauffman & Justin McClure, piano duet

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

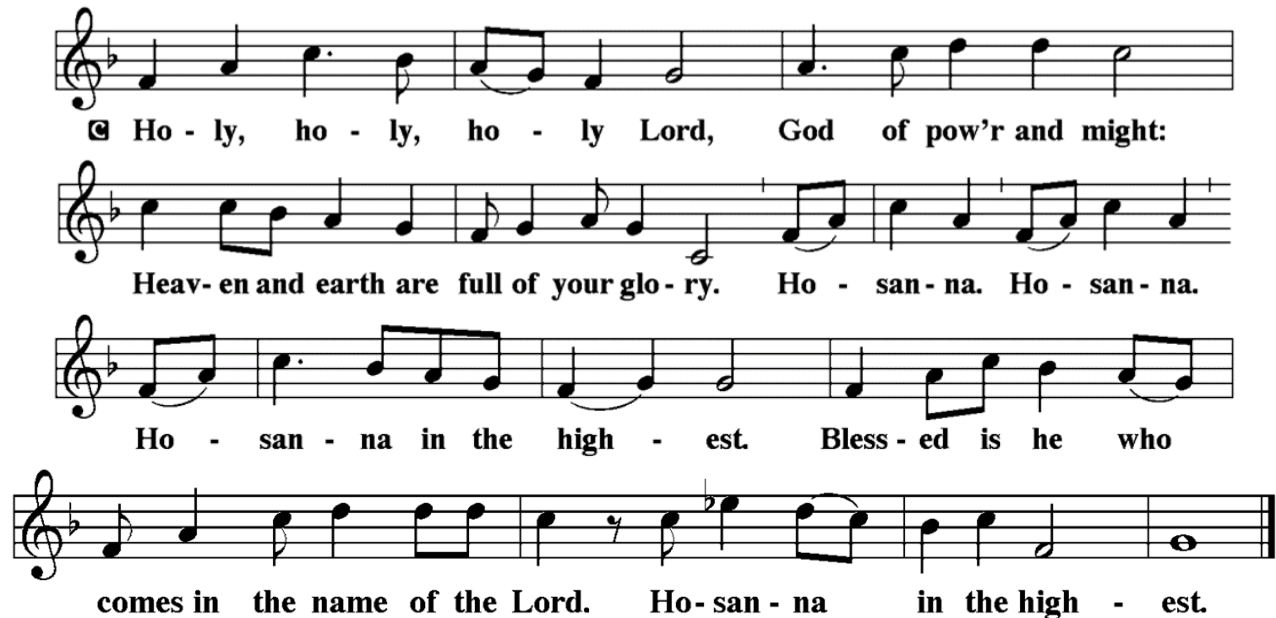
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us  
through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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, 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**

Christ has set this table. There is heavenly food and drink for all. Come and be filled with new life!

### ***INSTRUCTIONS***

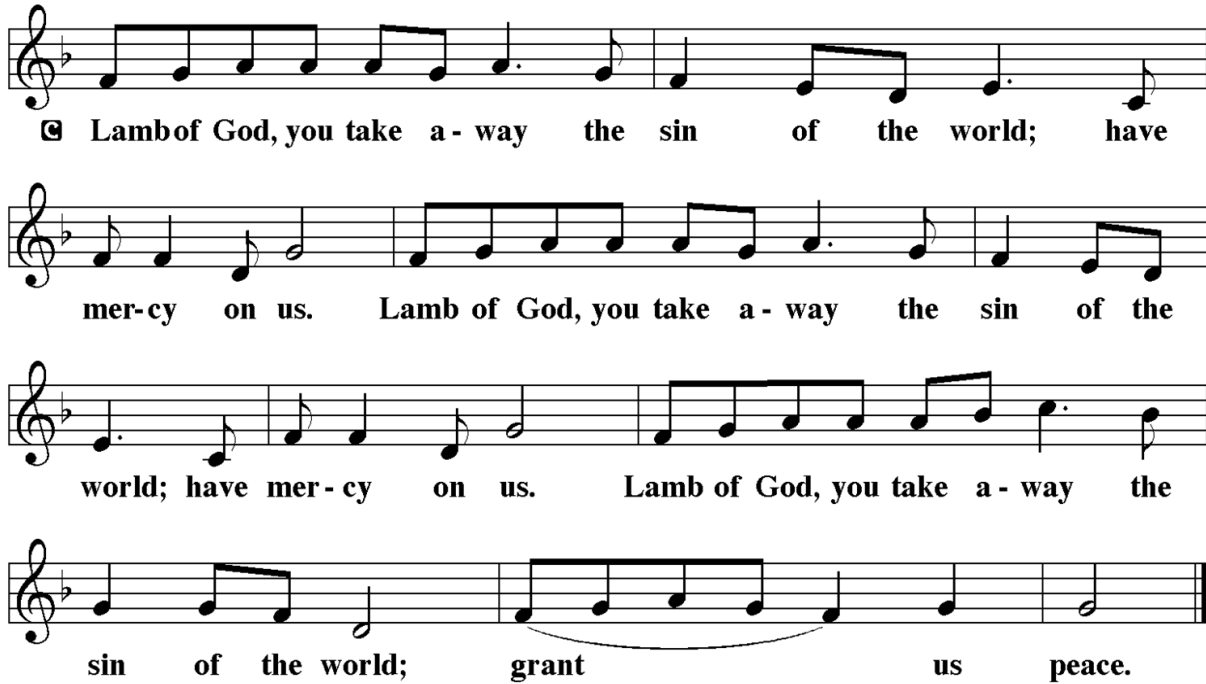
*If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. Walk towards the Pastor allowing sufficient space between you and the person in front of you.*

*When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then turn to the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. [Please be careful not to touch the chalice or wine with your hand.] After you have eaten the wafer, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Those unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament may receive in their pews.*

*Those who would like to receive a blessing from the Pastor rather than the Sacrament should stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."*

## AGNUS DEI



☩ 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 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” [See back of bulletin]

### TABLE BLESSING

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love the world. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## “Faith of Our Fathers”

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*  
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

#### "Triumphant Finale"

T. Bliss

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**Introduction to the day:** When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (7/11/21)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Jim Emerich; GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Carl Heintzelman;  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Schenck;  
ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko and Beth Post;  
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY at ALBRIGHT'S WOODS PAVILION (7/18/21)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Mary Timpany; GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Jeff Ritschel;  
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht;  
COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

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| Sunday, July 11    | 9:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion                              |
| Wednesday, July 14 | 5:00 PM | STiC   |
| Friday, July 16    | 9:30 AM | STiC SRT Walk in Auburn                                  |
| Saturday, July 17  | 5:30 PM | Worship  |
| Sunday, July 18    | 9:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion at Albright's Woods Pavilion |

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**STiC EVENT NEXT SUNDAY**

Gather after worship next Sunday for some "Wellness in the Woods!" We will share fellowship with some fun relaxing activities for all ages and **remember to bring your lunch...**and we have a special "gift from the trees" dessert planned.

# COMMUNION HYMN "I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain on next page...*

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.