

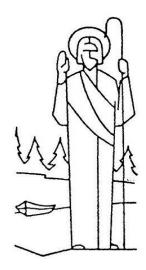
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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:

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Or on the church website – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at

www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Readings for July 16, 2023:

 First Reading
 Isaiah 55: 10 - 13

 Psalm
 65: [1 - 8] 9 - 13

 Second Reading
 Romans 8: 1 - 11

Holy Gospel Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Life in Every Direction

We can identify death in every direction. We see war, hunger, addiction, poverty, a dying planet, and broken hearts. This is not a new story. The children of Israel surely saw death in every direction, wandering in the desert and at least occasionally wondering about their next meal. Paul looks at his own life and, at first, sees nothing beyond spiritual death. He reminds us that death is not just physical, but also spiritual. Then, in the parable of the sower, three-fourths of the seeds die and three-fourths of the sections of the field are inhospitable to flourishing life. Sometimes, life isn't even given a chance. We might look at the world and ourselves and only see the places that are absent and inhospitable to God's love.

Today's texts all go a step further, however, to articulate or reveal God bringing forth life where there is only death and God's absence in every direction. First, God renews the covenant with the children of Israel. After their own failures and disobedience, God restores a relationship with the children of Israel and gives them "the best of all the land in Egypt" (Gen. 45:20) and "provisions for the journey" (Gen. 45:21). Paul reflects on God growing new branches where old tree branches had fallen away. The parable of the sower elicits reflection, repentance, and, ultimately, new life from its readers and hearers in considering the sort of spiritual life they practice. Are we hospitable or inhospitable to God's word? This parable is a vivid reminder of all God has overcome—rocks, scorching sun, thorns, and snatching—to bring life to the world. God brings forth life in places where people see only death.

FINANCIAL NOTES:

(Information not available yet at time of printing of Worship Guide)

July 2, 2023	Attendance:
General Funds	
Total	

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

July 23rd, at 10:30 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each Sunday after worship. The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you wish.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. and regular Wednesday evening services at 6 pm. Both services offer Holy Communion at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

CARITAS URGENT DONATION PLEA:

Caritas-Minocqua, serves Vilas and Oneida counties by distributing funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. They are currently experiencing a very high level of need and are in urgent need of donations to continue their work in assisting our community members that are desperate for help. They have two anonymous donors that have offered to match donations, each matching up to \$5,000. Donate now and have your gift matched dollar for dollar! There are pink envelopes available in the Narthex for your donations.

FOOD PANTRY:

There are a lot of people in our area who depend on the food pantry. Please pick up an extra can or two as you shop and place in the brown basket in the coat room. Thank you!

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES CHOIR:

For anyone who is interested in joining the choir, Beth Von Ende will be directing us and is planning to hold weekly choir practices on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and also one hour before Sunday worship, at 8:00 a.m. Please come and join us if you would like to be in the church choir!

ANNUAL PICNIC/PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the church will hold their Annual Picnic. They will be serving brats, hot dogs, beans, B-B-Q, coleslaw – and their famous Pie & Ice Cream!! Donations will go to World Missions. Contact Joanne Pierce at 414-477-5804 for more information. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex if you would like to make a donation to the picnic – Thank You!



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please note: "Current Issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

LuAnn, Amy, Graham, Tammy, Phyllis, Bob, Beth, and Ken (friend of Laura)

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth.

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Lyn Hurbanis, Brittany Johnston, Linda Thomas

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>secretary@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 9th, 2023

Greeting & Announcements

Invocation

(Please remain seated.)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

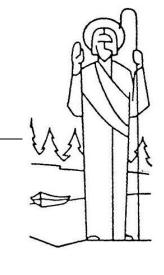
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





Gathering Song

"Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 vs. 1,2,5.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

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

Opening Dialogue

When the world divides us,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray,

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

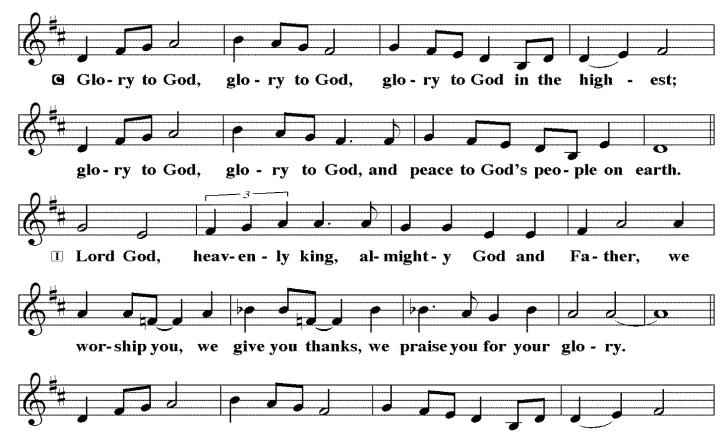
Come and fill this place.

Greeting

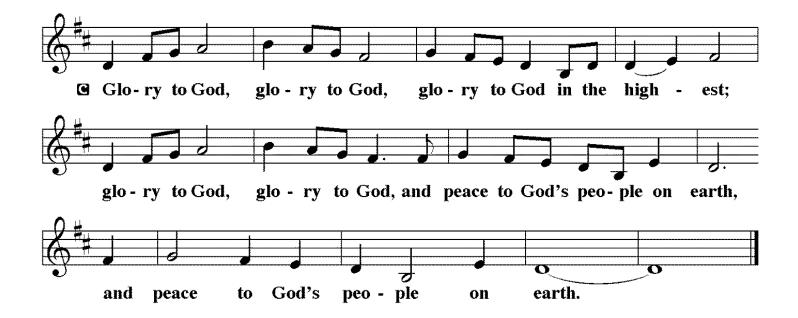
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray.....

You are great,

O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord....

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all,

and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

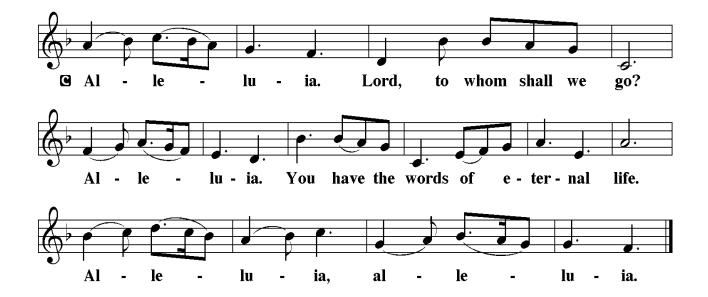
²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord....

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" ELW 608

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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 the Church

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(I invite you to share the peace as you, and your neighbor, are comfortable.)

Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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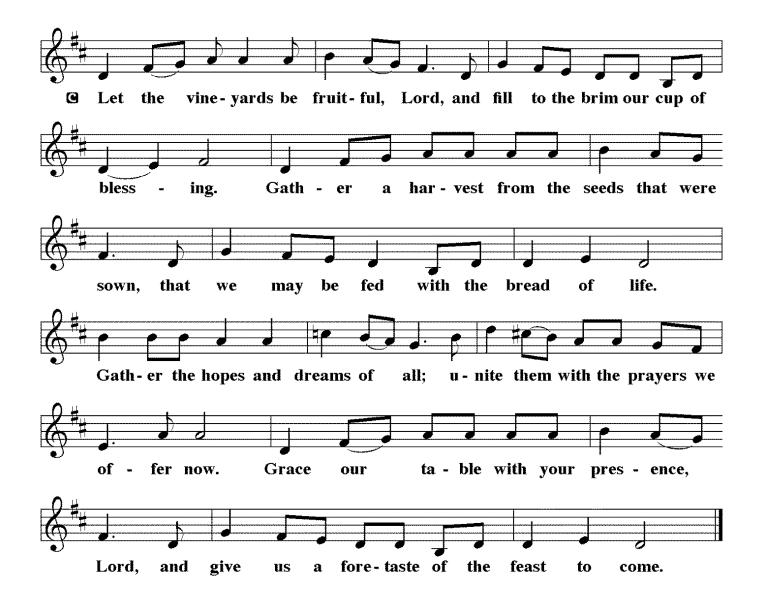
As our offering is received and the Lord's table is prepared,

Choir: As A Little Child, Composer Joseph Martin

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hynm

(please stand as you are comfortable)



Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.......

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

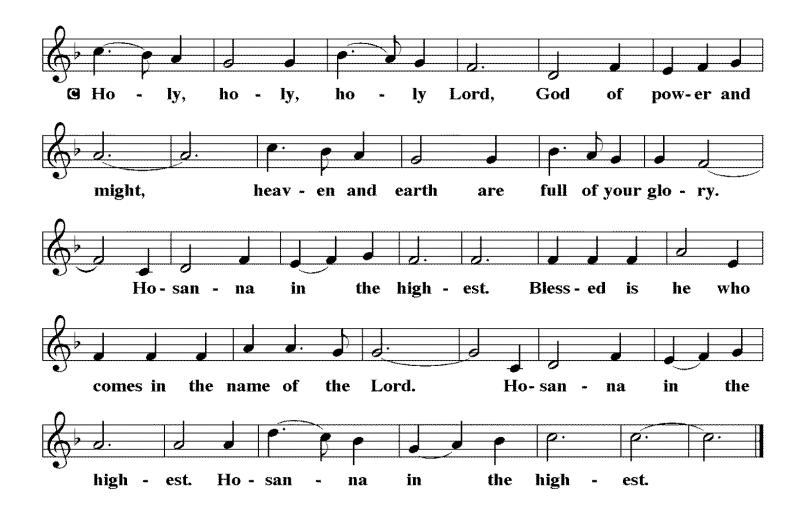
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...... and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

Lords 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 the Table

(All are welcome to the Lord's table)

Distribution

(Please come forward as the ushers direct.)

(Children and others not wishing to commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.)

Lamb of God (please be seated) 2 Lamb of God, you take the sin of the world; have mer-cy on a - way Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have us. mer-cy on Lamb of God, you take the us. sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

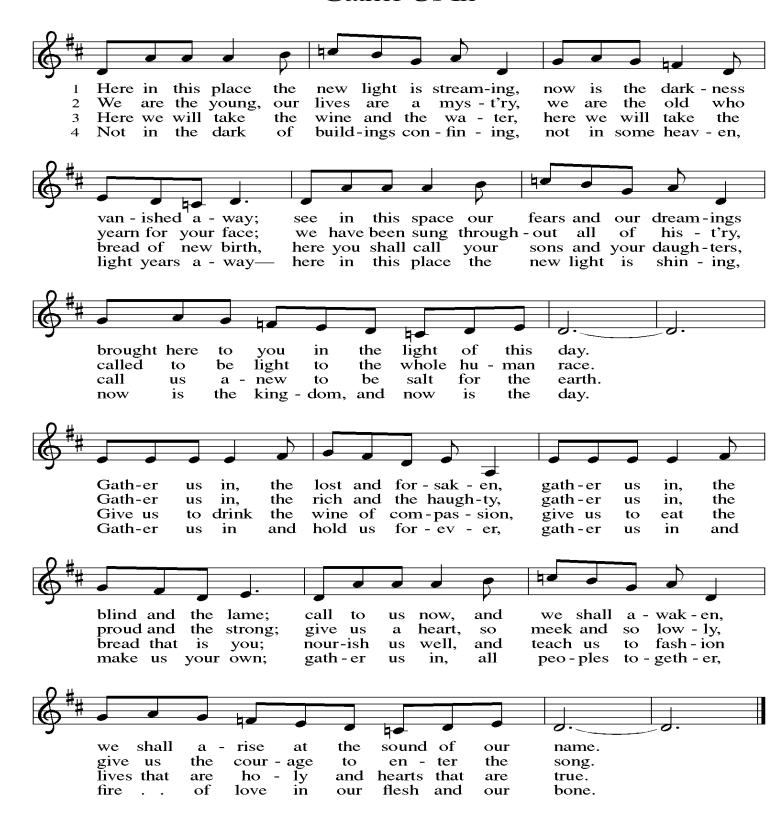
Communion Hymns "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" ELW 335 vs. 1,3,4.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Gather Us In



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen Text and music © 1982 GIA Publications Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound" ELW 779 vs. 1,2,5.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer

We give you thanks,

generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

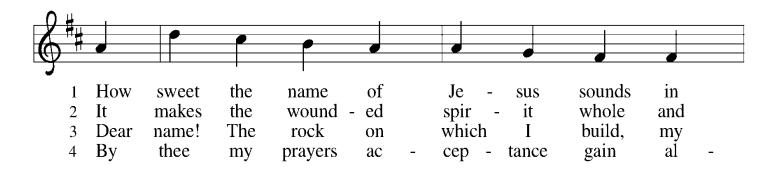
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

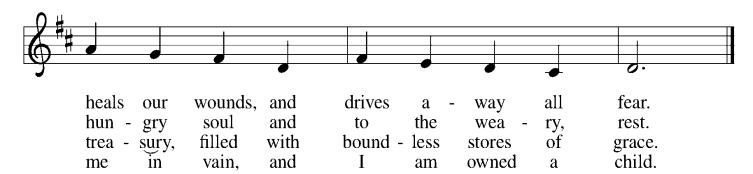
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds" ELW 620 vs. 1-3. How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds







- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: St. Peter, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of July 10 – July 16, 2023

Wednesday	July 12,2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	July 13, 2023	WELCA	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13, 2023	No Choir Practice this week!!	
Thursday	July 13, 2023	Newsletter Articles Due!!	Thank you!
Sunday	July 9, 2023	Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Sunday	July 9, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

July 23rd, at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Pie & Ice Cream Social/Annual Picnic Thursday, July 29th, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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