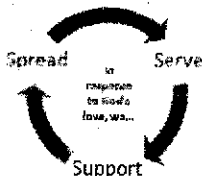


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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship -9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *Our world enjoys labeling people. Whether by skin color, gender, economic status, ethnic background, political affiliation, age, or whatever else it may be, labels are popular. This sort of labeling divides people into categories and causes much strife and argument. There was labeling going on in Colossae as well: Greek, Jew, circumcised, uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free. But in Colossians, Paul gives us a label that we share and a label that leads not to divisive evil but to amazing generosity and love. Paul writes, "You have been raised with Christ." Imagine that. He doesn't say that you will one day in the future be raised with Christ (although that is also true), he says, "You have been raised with Christ." That is the label we are marked with in Holy Baptism. This comes to us by grace and calls forth from us a life abundant with generosity.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Just as I Am"

by E. L. Ashford

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯ Means please stand; ♯ Means please be seated]

♯ OPENING HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.

(continued)



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One. Amen.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Enter God's place with thanksgiving.*
- C** **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**
- P** *Give thanks to God and bless His name.*
- C** **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**
- P** *Come into God's presence with singing.*
- C** **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**
- P** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*
- C** **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*
- C** **But, with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
- P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.***

INTROIT

Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- P** *Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!*
- C** **Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.**
- P** *This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.*
- C** **But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.**
- All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** *Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!*

KYRIE



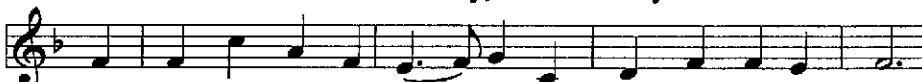
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



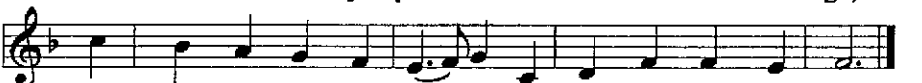
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: Lord of life, You have raised us with Christ to be Your people. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with thanksgiving to You that overflows in generosity toward You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:1–11

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

G Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
G These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
G Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.*

G Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to Me

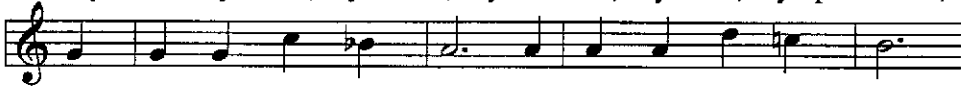
LSB 730

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

(continued)



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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SERMON **"CHASING AFTER THE WIND"** **Ecc. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

- I. As Solomon teaches, finding peace and security in the things of this world is like "chasing after the wind."
- II. Only in Christ is there true peace and security, for this life and eternity.

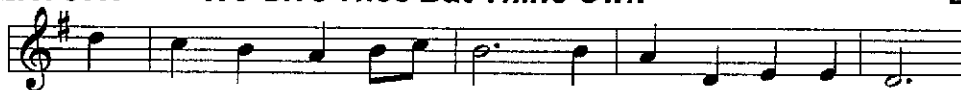
☩ NICENE CREED

☩ I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

☩ OFFERING

"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"

Jeffrey Blersch



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive



All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever. For the Church, that raised with Christ we put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of God. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus. In mercy,*

C **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

P *For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness. In mercy,*

C **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

P *For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God's will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [Other petitions may be inserted here.] For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work. In mercy,*

C **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

P *For this congregation, that, knowing God is God and that we have been raised with Christ, our lives be transformed from the old self with its selfish practices to life abundant with the new self, filled with generosity toward God and others. In mercy,*

C **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

P *In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations.*

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross and was raised on the third day and has raised us with Him to live renewed life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Thank You, Father in heaven, for You are good and Your faithfulness endures to all generations. You were faithful to Abraham and Sarah, giving them a promise and a purpose. You were faithful to Moses and the Israelites and You set them free from slavery and gave them a land of promise. You were faithful to the prophets when they spoke Your Word to stubborn and ungrateful people. In Your steadfast love, You were faithful in sending Jesus, Your only Son, to make Yourself known to us and to transform our lives. You are faithful in providing us with Christ's body and blood to forgive our sins and to put down our old selves and call for the new self in Christ. For Your faithfulness, which endures to all generations, we make a joyful noise of thanks and praise to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

C 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C And also with you.

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

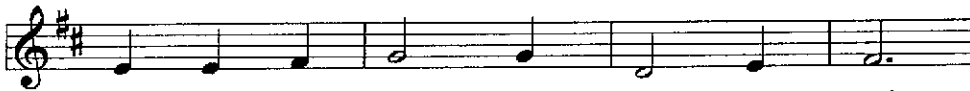
Lamb of God



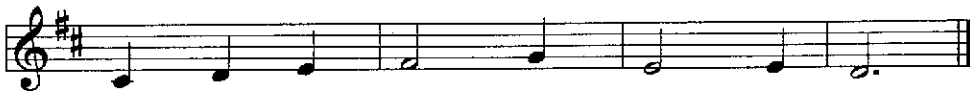
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table

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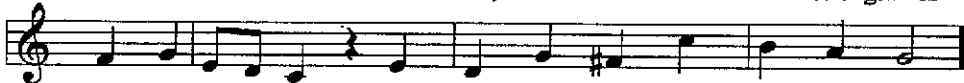


1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

(continued)



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be

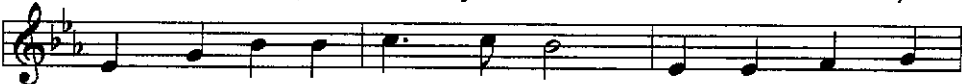
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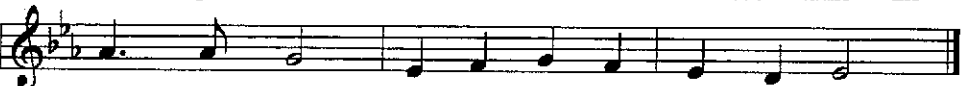
1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me--
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

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5. O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

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Christ Be My Leader

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

(continued)



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P *Let us pray. Thank You, Triune God, for raising us to new life with Christ and filling us with His body and blood. Guide us to keep our possessions from possessing us, but instead to treasure Your mercy for us and for all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.* **G** Amen.


BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.* **G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

LSB 704



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those
heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You
light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[BIRTHDAY: *Hilda Brockmann*]

POSTLUDE

"Triumphal Procession"

by R. S. Morrison

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE

KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

August 11: "How to Pray"; Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Guest Speaker

August Archives: Prayer flows from faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray. A classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.

WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

- Acolyte..... Noah Wohletz
- Altar Guild..... Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
- Coffee Hosts..... Ken & Carolyn Meritt (U-Hills)
- Communion Assistant..... Bill Milliken
- Counter..... Rob Hatton
- Greeter..... Renee Ortado
- Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
- Ushers..... *Naomi Kettner & *Phil Vandre, Head Ushers
..... Brian Albee, Tim Cueva, Devin Monasmith

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

- Today:
 - 8:00 AM..... Bob Sees' Adult Bible Class / Library
 - 9:00 AM..... *Worship w/Communion*
 - 10:15 AM..... Pastor's Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
 - 10:30 AM..... Chapel Service @ Jewell Care Center
 - 11:30 AM..... Fellowship/Outreach Committee
 - 12:00 PM..... *U-Hills Worship w/Communion*
 - 8:00 PM..... Guardian Group (AA) / Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday:
 - 7:00 PM..... Church Council & Committee Chairs
- Next Sunday:
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ATTENDANCE:

07/28/19: 64 A.B.C.: 51 (A); Sunday School: 11 (C)

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Total General Offering Blessings – (July 28, 2019)	\$ 8,946.00
General Fund	6,207.00
E.C.C. Tuition	2,633.00
Loose Plate	73.00
Sunday School	33.00
Recycled Cans / Youth	32.56