



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 5, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

My Heart Ever Faithful

J.S. Bach

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. Amen.



INTRODUCTION

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

GATHERING SONG

Blessed Assurance

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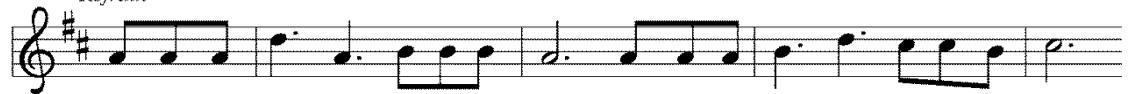


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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.

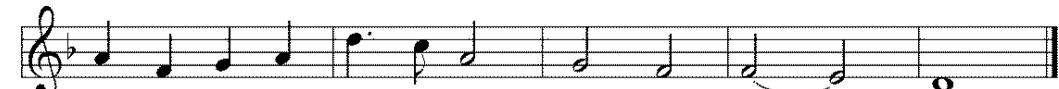
KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son: ⓐ Lord, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy:



Ⓐ Chri-ste e-le-i-son: ⓐ Christ, have mer-cy.
Christ, have mer-cy:



Ⓐ Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son: ⓐ Lord, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



ⓐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



ⓐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied.

Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our

Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4; 9-5

A reading from Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 8:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven, ²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.** ²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough. ²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,** ²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas, ²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.** ²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from Ephesians.

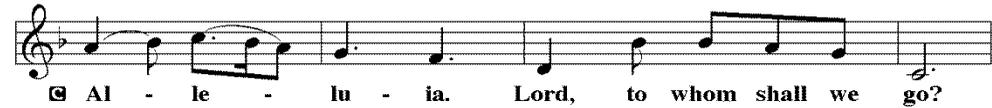
¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one

who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

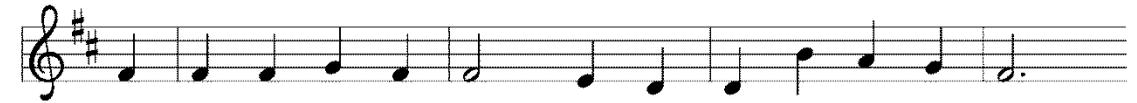
John 6:23-35

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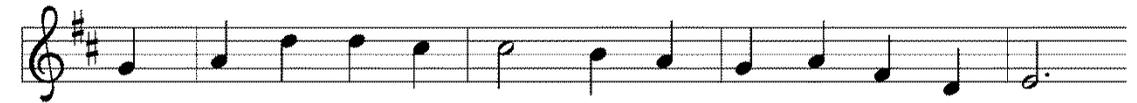
HYMN OF THE DAY

O Bread of Life from Heaven

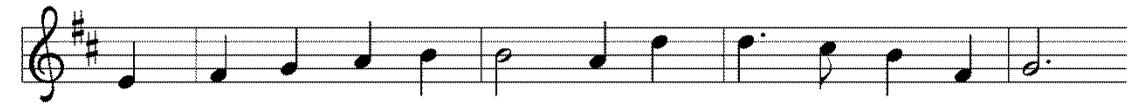
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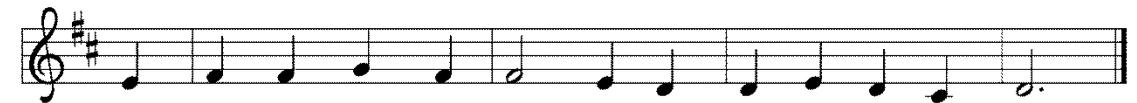
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

CREED AND CONFESSION

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 to the dead. 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.

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you give gifts and talents to every member of the church. Strengthen all your children and bring them to a full understanding and maturity in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, our complex and wonderful world is a sure sign of your abundance and care. Provide for every creature, and rain down the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peaceful God, draw the nations of the world to harmony and mutual understanding. Bind all of humanity in the unity of love and peace that comes through the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for those who are hungry, homeless, and who have lost family or friends. Lead them to places of safety, food, and rest. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you have brought us all together in this time and place. Bless this congregation, including those who are absent, and draw us into closer communion with you, each other, and our community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Infinite God, we praise you for the lives of those who have died in Christ. Keep our hearts in hope, for we have all received the food that endures to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

DIALOGUE

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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the love of God which gives life to the world, sustain you;
May the bread of life, Jesus Christ,
feed you with the food that endures to eternal life;
May the power of the Holy Spirit nourish and strengthen you in faith.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

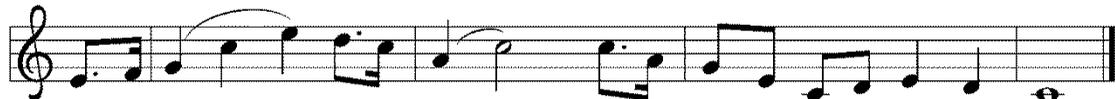


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Dennis & Janet Madson

Reader: Willie Skellenger
Communion Servers: Dan Kirschbaum, Andy Stene
Altar Guild for August: Pat Thorson, JoAnn Villa

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Kim from Don & Janice Smith.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date.**

Readings for next week: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:13-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Time to get the closet ready for the new school year! Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.

Back to School...Time for Lutheran World Relief School Kits...

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters and inches,
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), One eraser
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured with a band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **Shopping lists and Backpacks are available in the narthex.**
- **Completed kits may be returned to the narthex.**



Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends.
Free-will donation.

Salem's Summer Schedule

The Saturday worship service is held at 5:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Lounge.

The traditional worship service is held at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Coffee Fellowship is held at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

The outdoor worship service is held at 10:30 a.m. on the south lawn, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary. You may bring lawn chairs or blankets. Folding chairs are available.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 7/30/2018

Last Sunday, 7/29/18: \$5,017 - Year-to-date as of 7/30/18: \$155,120

Difference year-to-date: -\$12,047 (or) -7.2%

Last year as of 7/30/17: \$167,167

Attendance: Those worshipping July 28/29: 128

Summer Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. **We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week** every month to meet our expenses.

GIVE+Text

INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

As part of our electronic giving program, we offer a smart tool designed for today's mobile phone users.

In less time than it takes to write a check, you can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals or set up a recurring donation by simply sending a text to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367**.

It takes just minutes to sign up and support the church. So, we hope you'll try this easy way to give.

Stop by the church office for help setting it up on your cell phone.

Thank you for helping us build a thriving ministry.

Summer Food Service Program...*Summer Food and Fun...*

Serving Monday – Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Salem's Fellowship Hall.

The Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure that all children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. These free meals meet Federal nutrition guidelines and are provided to all children in qualifying area. All children/youth – infant thru 18 years can eat at the site for free. Meals will be served at Salem Lutheran Church.

SAVE THESE DATES

Faith Formation

August 19 - Blessing of the Backpacks

September 9 - Rally Sunday

September 16 – 1st Day of Faith Formation

September 16 – Play and Pray

September 16 – 4 year olds Whirl Story Bibles

September 30 - 3rd Grade Bibles Classes begin and will meet Oct 7, 14, and 21

October 28 – Reformation Sunday,

3 graders will receive their Bibles

Confirmation Information

August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Parents of 7th and 8th graders meet

September 5 at 5:00 p.m. - Acolyte Training for 7th and 8th graders

September 12 at 5:00 p.m. – First Confirmation Class

October 12-13 Middle School Lock-in at UNI
details to come

**July 2018 — RELIEF TO FAMILIES IMPACTED BY
CENTRAL IOWA TORNADOES**

On July 19, tornadoes struck Marshalltown, Pella, and Bondurant in Central Iowa, causing significant property destruction.

Marshalltown and Pella were struck by EF-3 tornadoes, with winds reaching up to 144 miles per hour. These were the strongest storms experienced in Iowa since 2015. Bondurant was struck by an EF-2 tornado. Governor Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for the tornado areas.

By the grace of God, no lives were lost, although at least 50 people were injured. The damage to businesses (including a hospital and city buildings), homes, and vehicles is extensive. Many families have been displaced.

The Statewide Lutheran Disaster Response Team (a partnership of LSI and the three Iowa synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) is mobilizing in support of Iowans impacted by these devastating tornadoes.

Please consider donating today to support individuals and families whose lives are not the same today as they were before the storms hit. As many struggle to recover and repair the items and places they held dear, let us lift them up in prayer and in care.

Donate online at LSIowa.org/DisasterRelief and select “2018 Iowa Tornado Relief.”

To mail your gift, please write “2018 Iowa Tornado Relief” in the memo line of the check and mail to:

Lutheran Services in Iowa
Attn: 2018 Iowa Tornado Relief
106 16th St. SW
Waverly, IA 50677



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service – South Lawn

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Library
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Worship Leader Practice

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service - Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service – South Lawn
7:00 p.m. Youth Board - Library

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