

**GOD IS GOOD ... ALL THE TIME**

**Worship Bulletin for August 11, 2024**



*Sola Fide*

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**FAITH ALONE**

**GLORIFY HIM ...**

**GROW IN HIM ...**

**GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

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# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

## A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

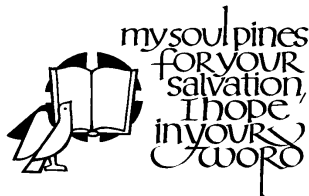
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

**LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /  
'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** What part of your body do you want to break? Hopefully you said ‘not any part.’ Since that is the case, we take steps in life with the goal of not breaking any part of our body. Do we take a similar approach when it comes to our soul (having and maintaining a relationship with Jesus)? Today we are reminded of the steps to take in order to keep our relationship with Jesus from breaking apart, something that is happening with too many people by their own doing.

## PRELUDE

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Arr. by Glenda Austin*

### *Greeting & Invocation*

Minister: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

**Congregation: Your mercies are new every morning.**

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

**C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

M: Better than life is your love.

**C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!**

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

**C: Let us worship Him.**

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

## Let All Things Now Living

*Christian Worship Blue # 861*

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us; His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”**

## RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Lamentations 3

M: ... this I call to mind

**C: and therefore I have hope:**

M: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

**C: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

M: I say to myself,

**C: "The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him."**

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him ... Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,

**C: so great is his unfailing love.**

M: For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men

**C: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

M: Let us give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C: Let us worship Him.**

**COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD**

**Psalm 95**

*(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is marked with a circled '1' and contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff is marked with a circled '2' and contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1  
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

*Verses*

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
 2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
 You are the God whom we call our own,

*to Refrain*

you made the seas and the dry - land.  
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

M: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son,

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 119**

M: Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

**C: Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.**

M: Your word is a lamp to my feet

**C: and a light for my path.**

### **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Exodus 16:15-31**

*God provides not always in our way, but He does provide for our physical and spiritual needs.*

When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.”<sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.<sup>18</sup> And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.<sup>19</sup> Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”<sup>20</sup> However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.<sup>21</sup> Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.<sup>22</sup> On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses.<sup>23</sup> He said to them, “This is what the LORD commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”<sup>24</sup> So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.<sup>25</sup> “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today.<sup>26</sup> Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”<sup>27</sup> Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none.<sup>28</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?<sup>29</sup> Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.”<sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.<sup>31</sup> The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Celebrate the grace of God in your life!*

*And, sing a new song to the Lord.*

### **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction ... Song on pages 7 & 8*

**The Lord Is My Light**

*Christian Worship Blue # 825*

*Refrain*

The\_ Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The\_ Lord\_ is the  
 strong-hold of my life.\_\_\_\_ Since the Lord is my life, my  
 strength, and my all, whom then shall I fear?

*Verse*

1 There is one thing I ask\_ of the Lord: to\_ dwell in his  
 house for - ev - er, to gaze\_ on the beau-ty of the  
 Lord all the days\_ of my life.\_\_\_\_ *Refrain*

*Verse*

2 Do not hide\_ your face, O\_ Lord. Ev-'ry day I will  
 seek your\_ face.\_\_\_\_ Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -  
 sake me, the\_ Lord\_\_\_\_ will re - ceive me. *Refrain*

*Verse*

*Refrain*

good-ness of the Lord in the land of all the liv - ing.

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13**

*Being in Christ does not give license to sin. When tempted, think and turn to Christ.*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... 1 Timothy 1**

**M:** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

**C:** **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.**

**M:** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

**C:** **be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.*

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**John 6:24-35**

*Jesus is the 'food' which always meets our needs.*



Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” <sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor**

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 10*

*Christian Worship Blue # 812*

*Vocalists to sing verse 1, Congregation repeats it*



1 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor in the  
 2 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor while the  
 3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the  
 4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we



fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow  
 tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the  
 floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my  
 face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



through me and my sails have all been torn,  
 bat - tle and it seems the night has won,  
 soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
 glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my  
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I  
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his  
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -  
*Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er*



sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the  
 just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the  
 love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the  
 hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the  
*faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the*



an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.  
*an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.*

*4th stanza repeat italics*

**FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13**

**“Be Careful Not To Slip”**



**A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed**

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**M: What are we meaning to say with these words?**

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

M: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**All: This is most certainly true.**

## YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

*(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)*

### Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

### Verses



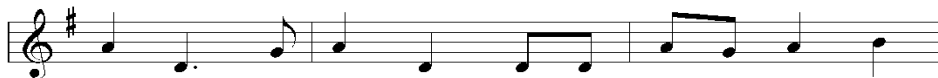
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We  
You have ris - en to free us;

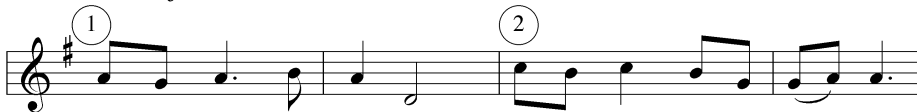


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*  
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

**OUR THANK OFFERING**

*Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the box on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary, mail your thank offering to the church, give online through our website under the “Resources” tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web giving link is at the end of the bulletin.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Grant us, O Lord, to live each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evenings victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever. Make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred,

**C: let us sow love;**

M: where there is injury, **C: pardon;**

M: where there is doubt, **C: faith;**

M: where there is despair, **C: hope;**

M: where there is darkness, **C: light;**

M: where there is sadness, **C: joy.**

M: O Lord, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;

**C: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

**C: Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*And we also pray ...*

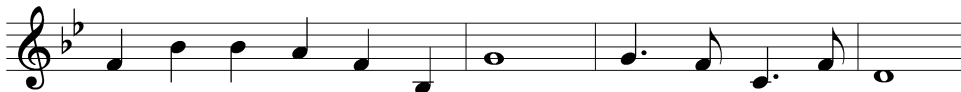
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

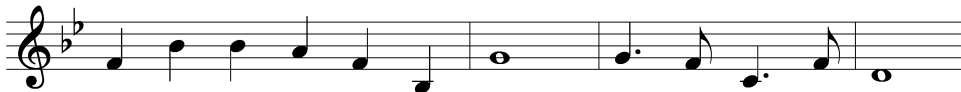
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## He Will Hold Me Fast

*Christian Worship Blue # 813*



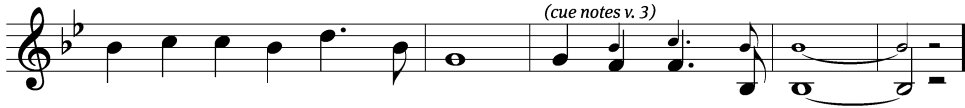
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



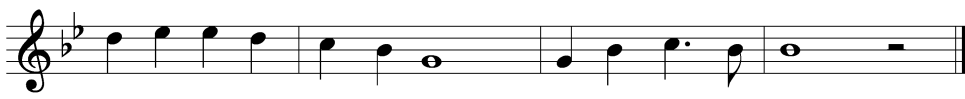
I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.  
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
 till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

**HYMN**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*Musical Introduction*

*Christian Worship Blue # 864*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry  
 to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no

need that has us now o'er - tak - en.  
 ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.

The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;  
 The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,

deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in  
 his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is

fight; on earth is not his e - qual.  
 done; one lit - tle word can fell him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Arr. by Victor Labenske*

## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Reader: Vinny Rowe

Accompanist: Jodi Rowe

Vocalists: The Rowe Family

Altar flowers: Flowers today are given by David and Louann Hahn in loving memory of their son Michael.

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### For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

1<sup>st</sup>: What were the instructions? What was the problem? How are we like those Israelites? What does God want from us? Read Luke 11:28 & James 1:22-25.

2<sup>nd</sup>: What was OT Israel's purpose from God's perspective? What grade would you give those Israelites in following God's ways? What grade would you give as you look in the mirror? What, then, is the warning here; and then the reason for hope? Read 1 Peter 5:6-11.

3<sup>rd</sup>: What do people tend to focus on when it comes to Jesus? How does Jesus enable us to not ‘go hungry’? What is the relationship like between Jesus and His Father, and why is your answer significant? Read John 15:1-17.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Office Building Chapel)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	School Opening Service
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Black Bear Diner) – <i>moved to the 23rd</i>
Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
	<i>Aug 13</i>	John & Pam Lervold
Kyler Ross	<i>Aug 14</i>	Pastor & Jenny Kolander
		Hal & Jerry Steward
		Phil & Ann Swan
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