Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026

Bethany Lutheran Church
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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love – we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone
feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship–red hymnal

PRELUDE

Welcome, Birthday/Anniversary Bank
(money given to Bethany's Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

BLESSING OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

P: God of creation, we thank you that in this time and place you have granted us a community garden where your children may gather and grow together. Bless our footsteps as we walk upon this holy ground. Bless our hands as we plant new seeds and relationships. Keep us ever vigilant to see the growth you bring, that all who partake of this harvest might find in it a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for us in your kingdom.

C: Amen.

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

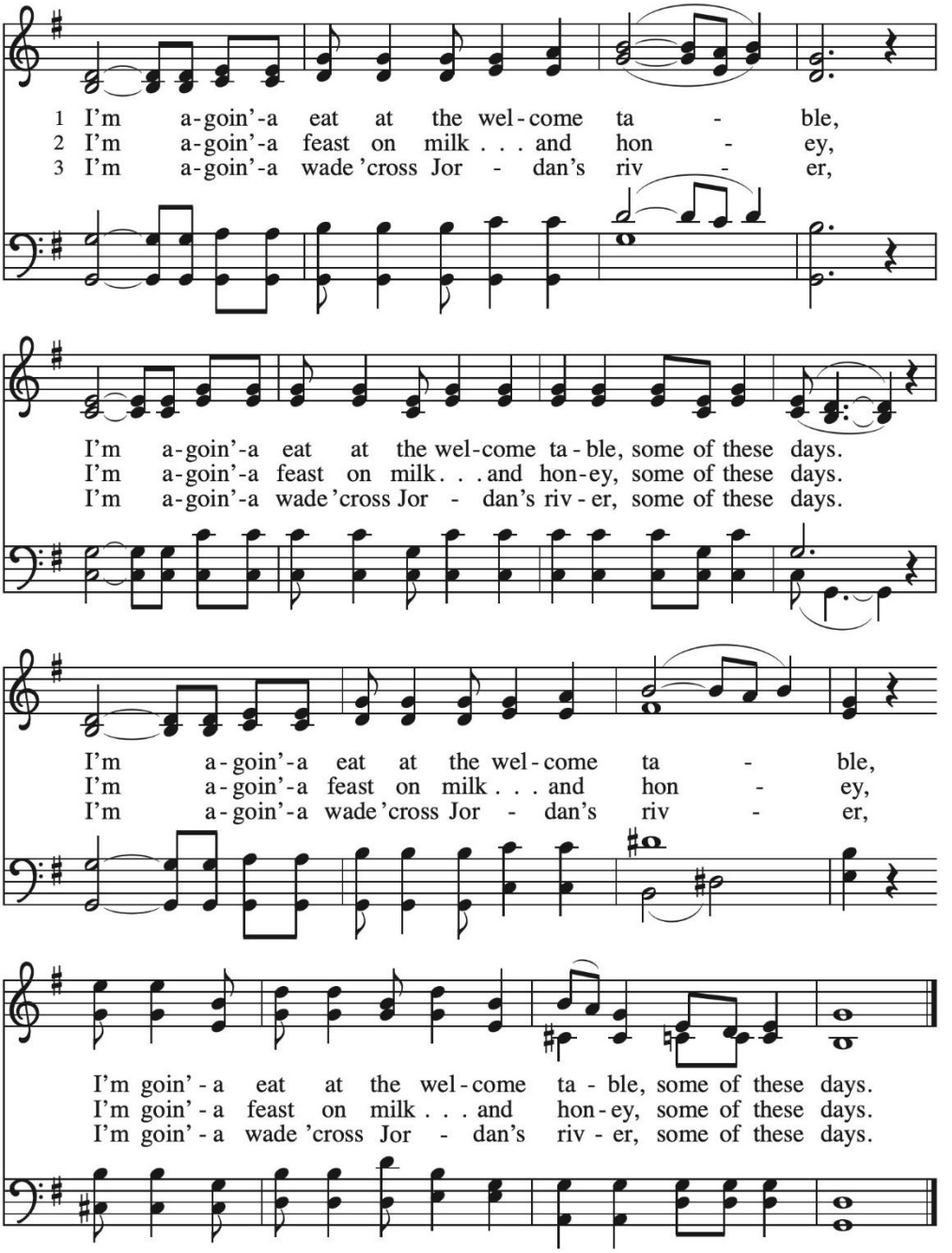
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Welcome Table"* **ACS Hymn 969**

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

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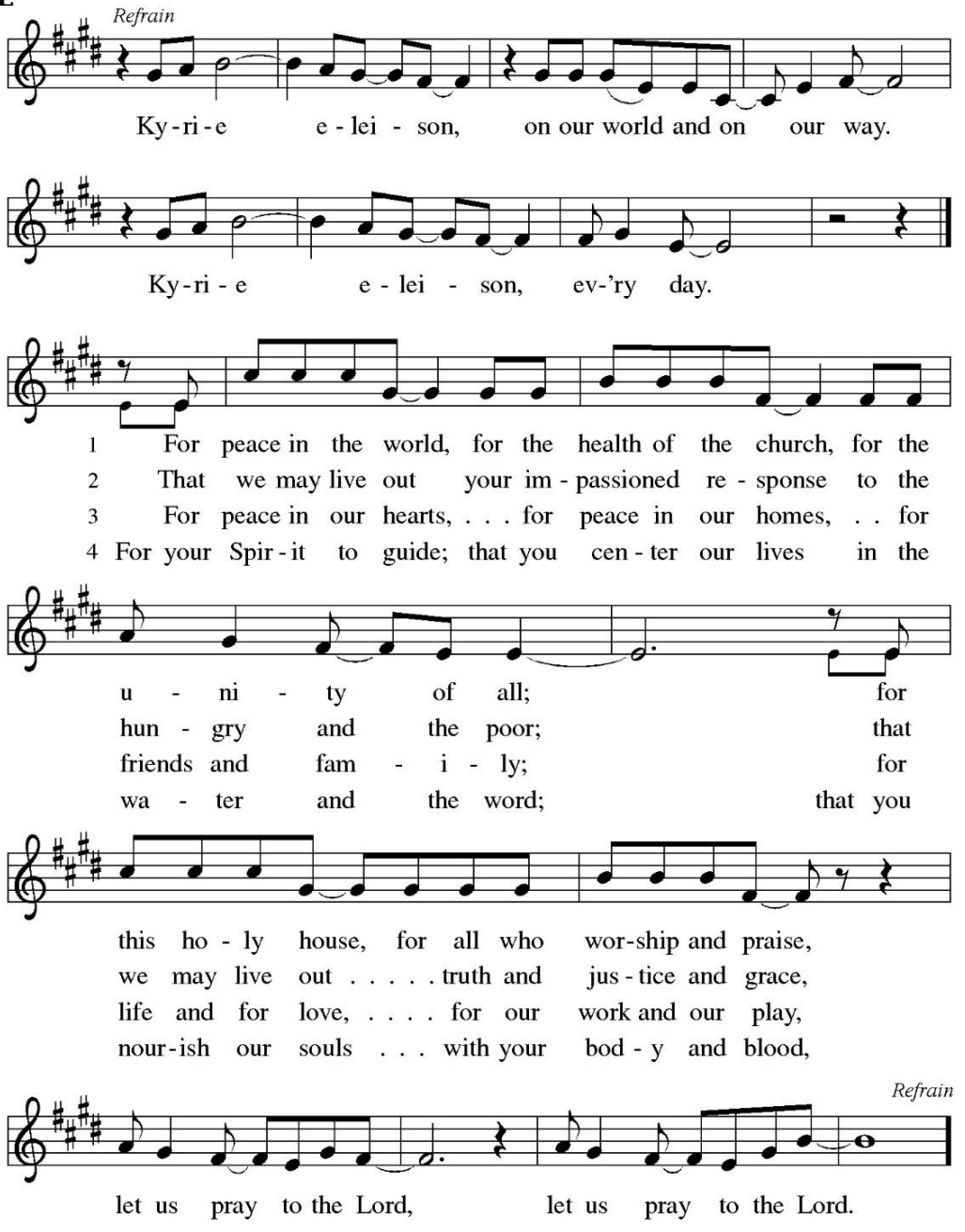
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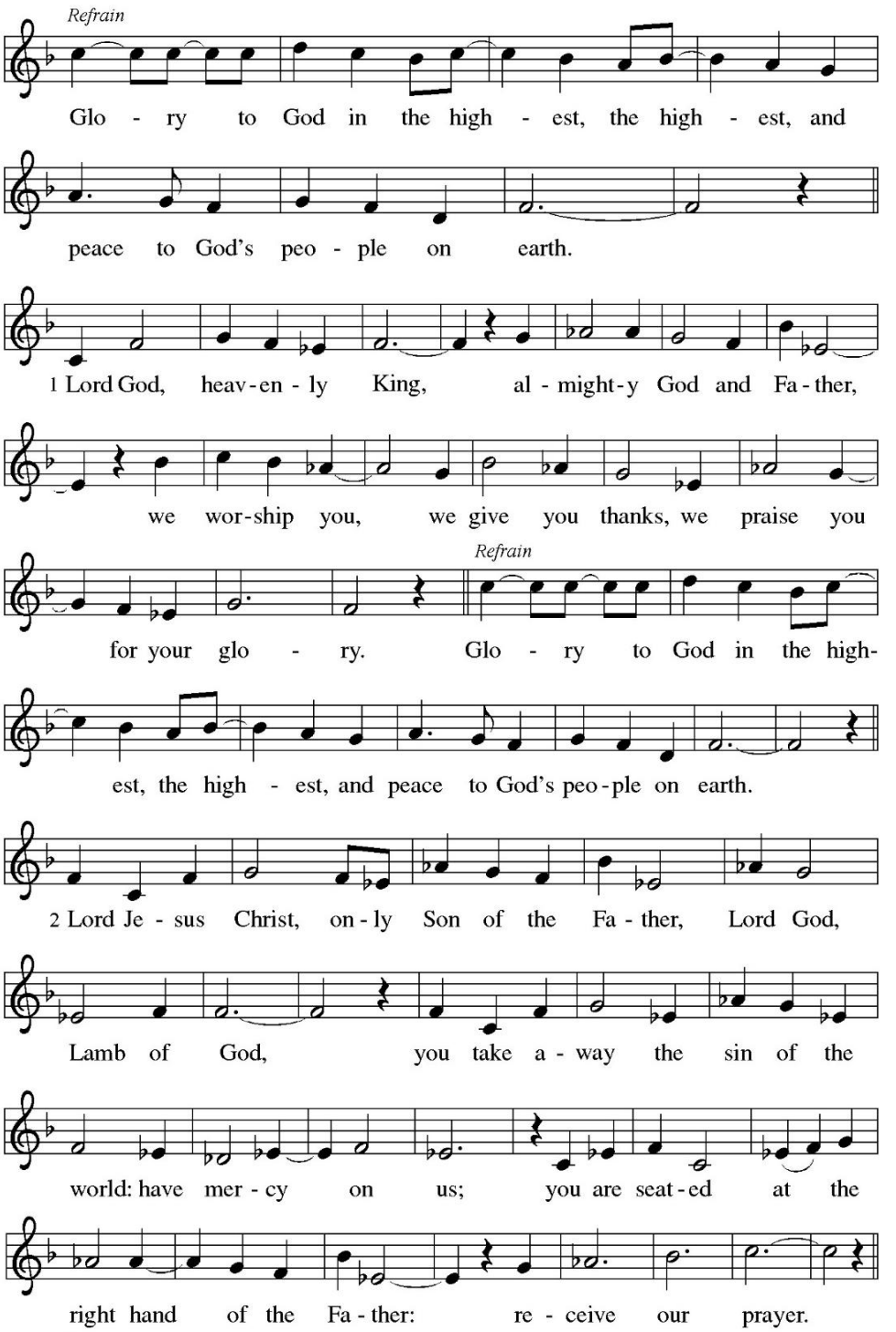
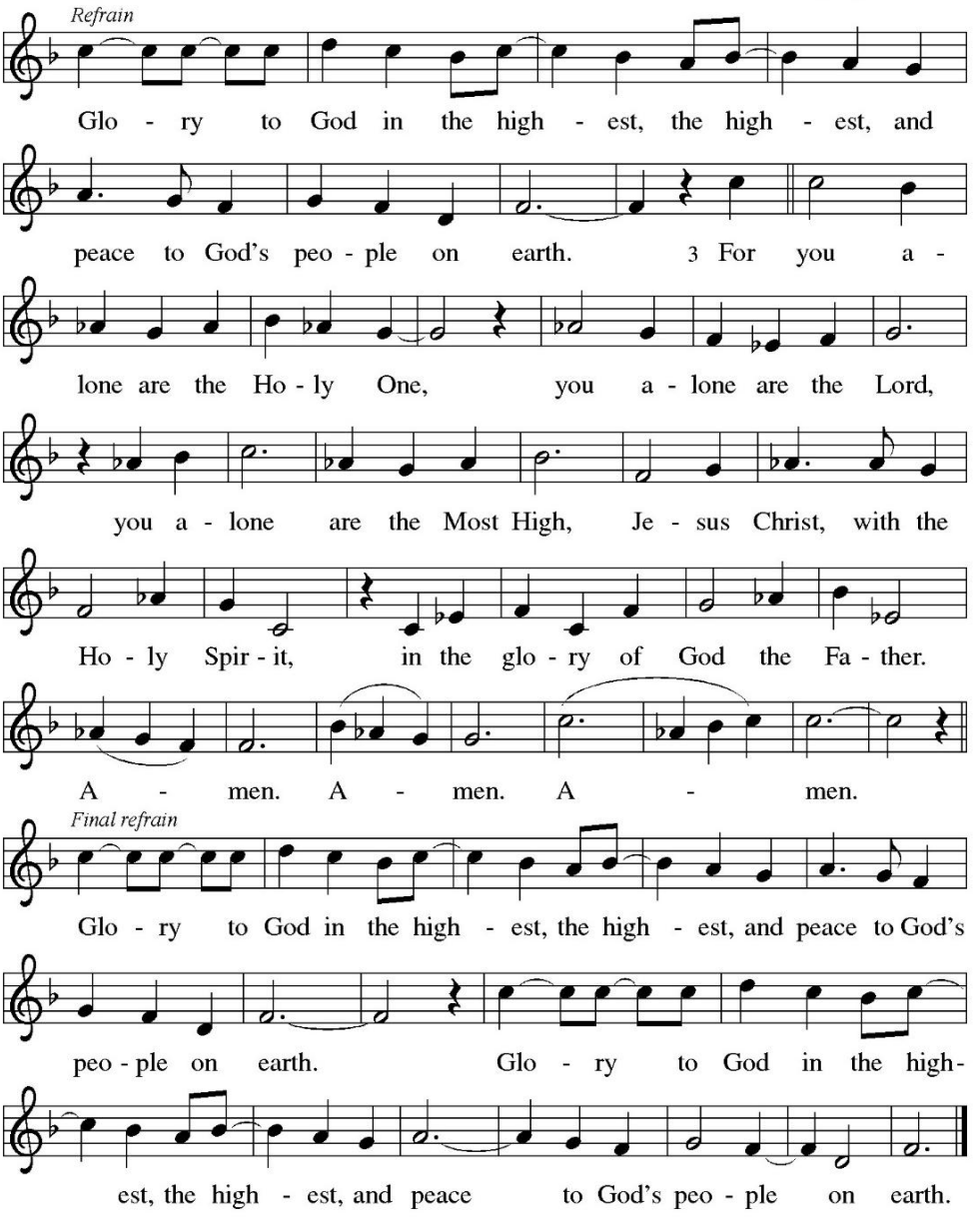

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the
priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, 6 and the
prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words
that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of
the house of the LORD and all the exiles. 7 But listen now to this word that I speak in
your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you
and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many
countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the
word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent
the prophet."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(read responsively)* **Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

L: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**C: For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

L: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**C: 'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

L: Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**C: They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

L: For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**C: Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING **Romans 6:12-23**

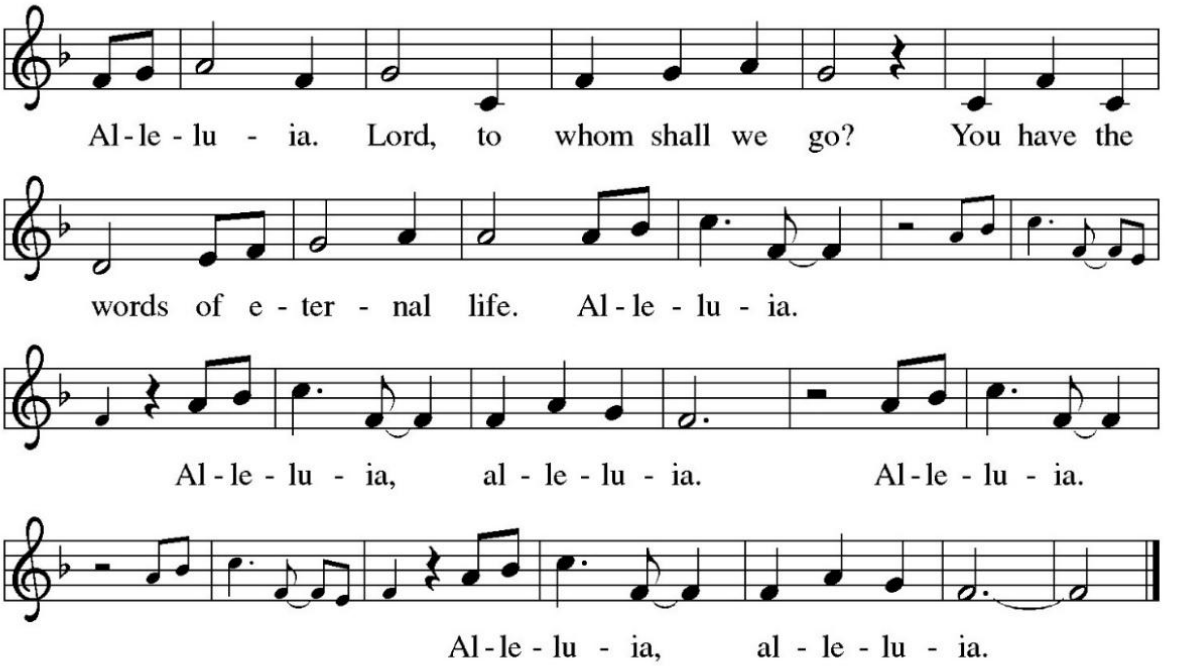
12 Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. 13 No
longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present
yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present
your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no
dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no
means! 16 Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient
slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death,
or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you who
were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to
which you were entrusted 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have
become enslaved to righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your
limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and
lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as
slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So
what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The
end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and
enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal
life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL **Matthew 10:40-42**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

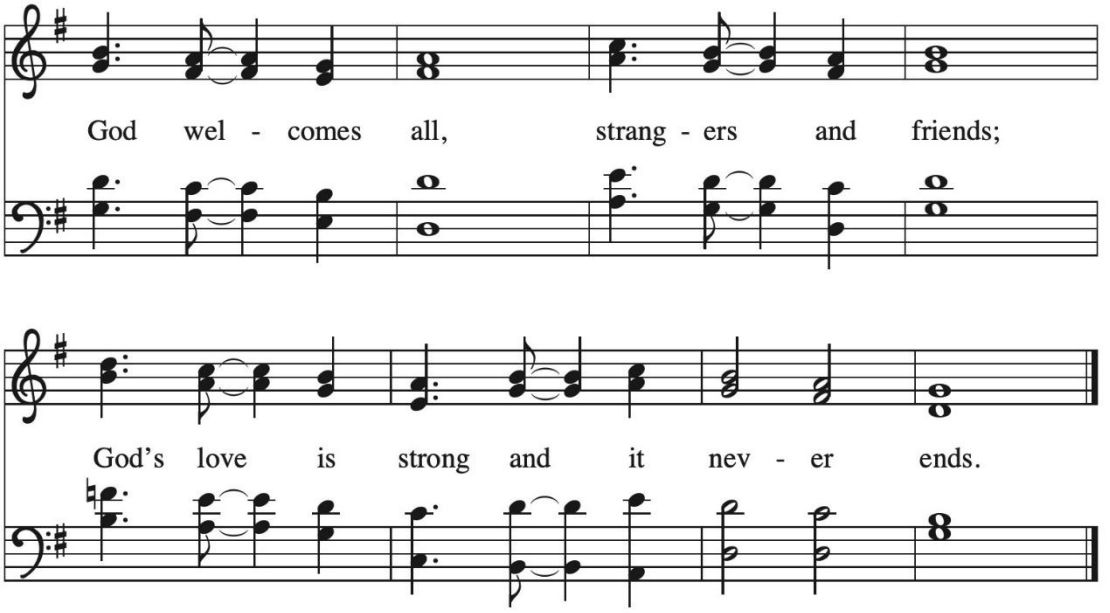
P: The Gospel of our Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON ***Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock***

(Please Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"God Welcomes All"* **ACS Hymn 978**



We Respond to God's Word

APOSTLES' CREED ***(unison)***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

(*Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:
P: God of Grace,
C: hear our prayer.

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please Stand)

DIALOGUE

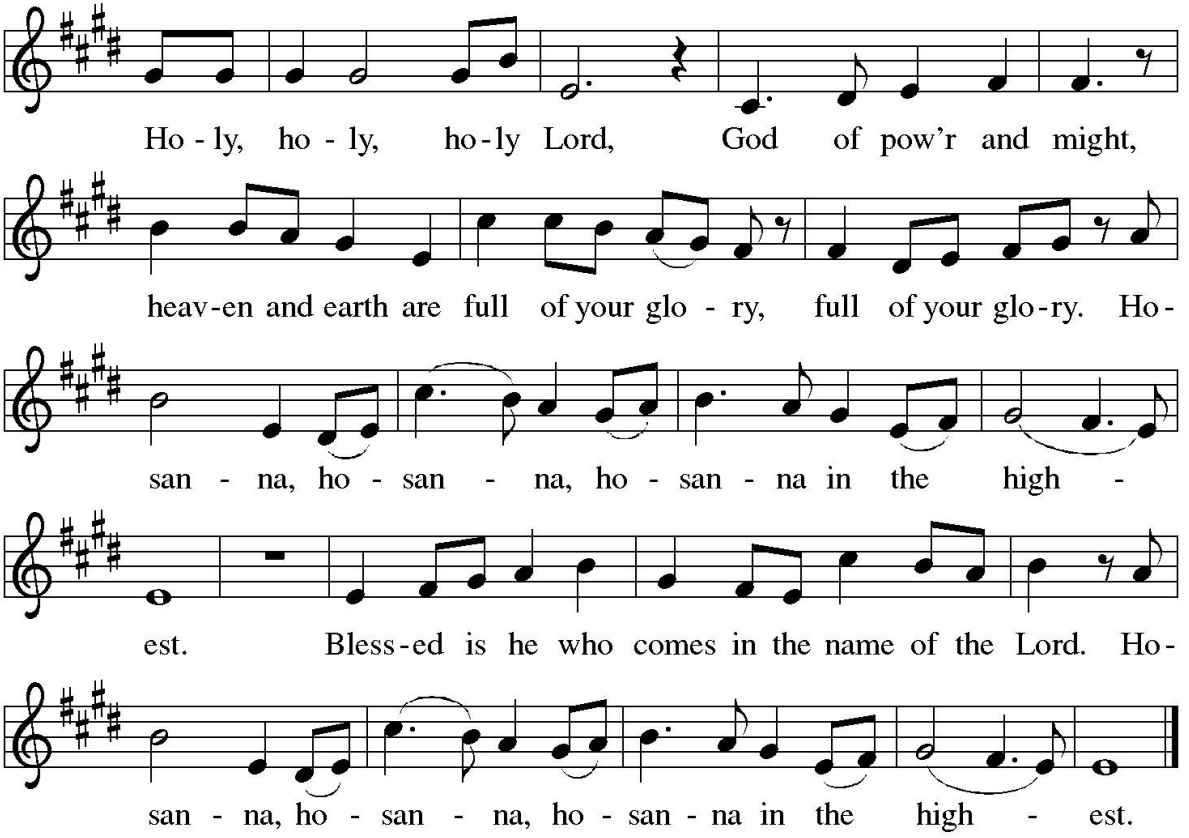
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy….

…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER ***(unison)***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

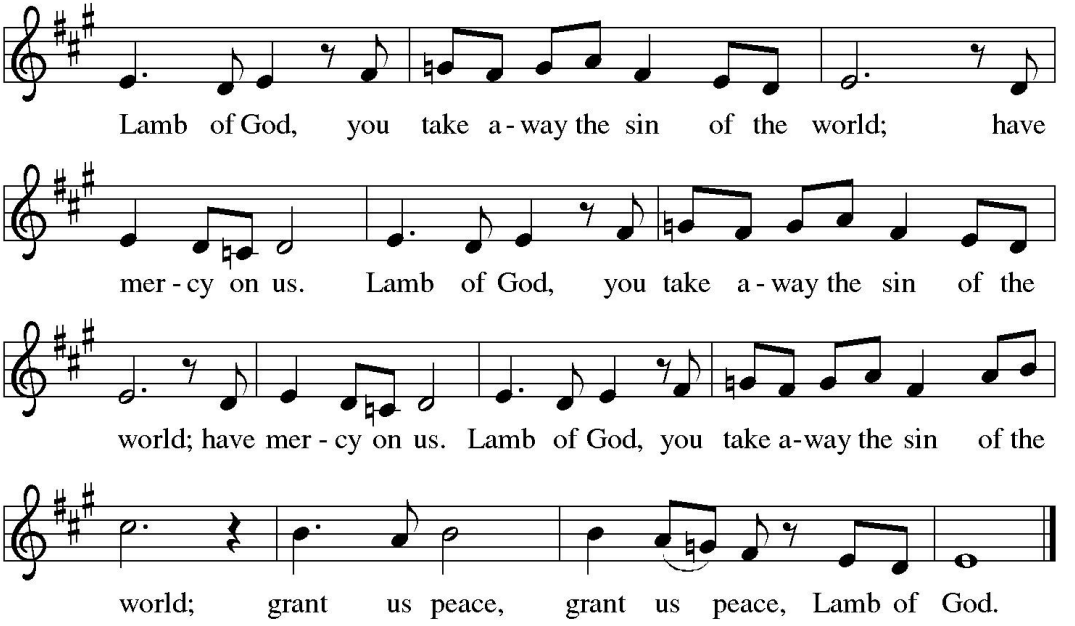
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

(Please be seated)

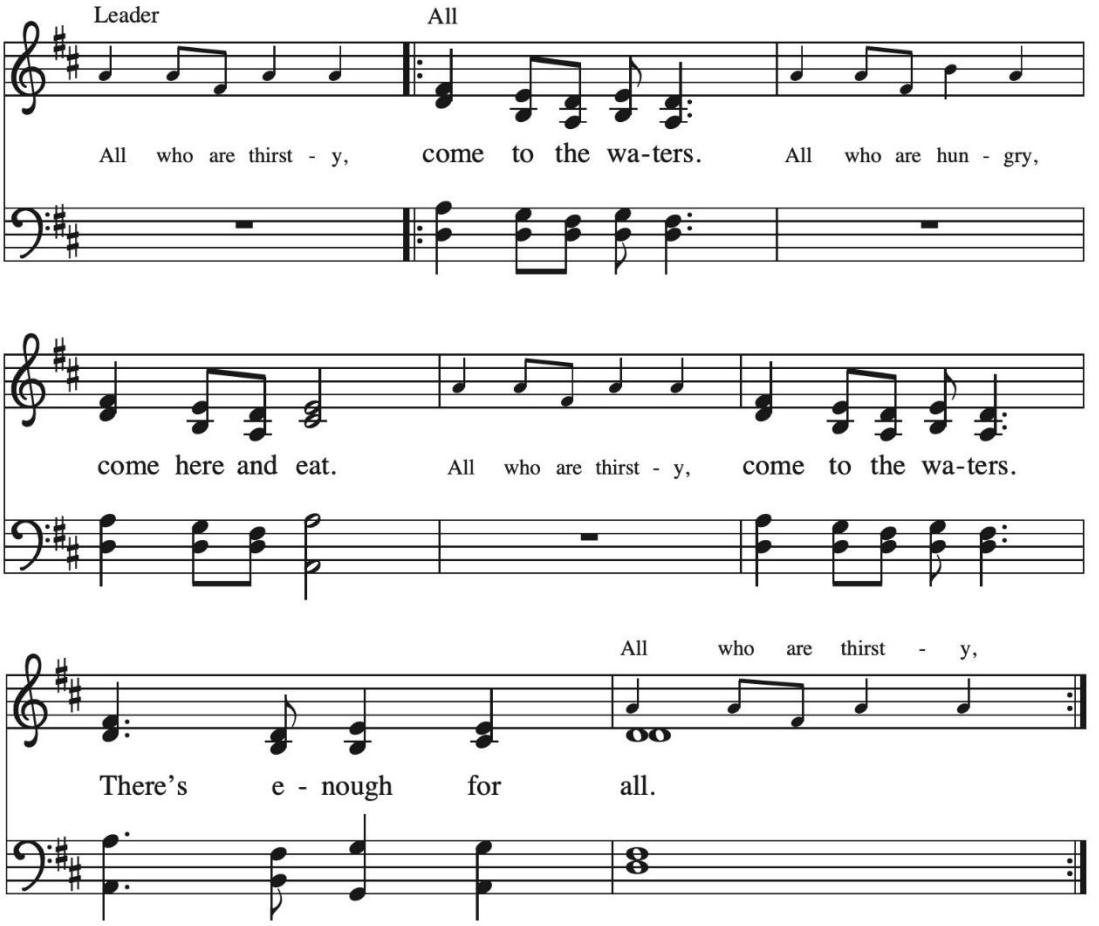
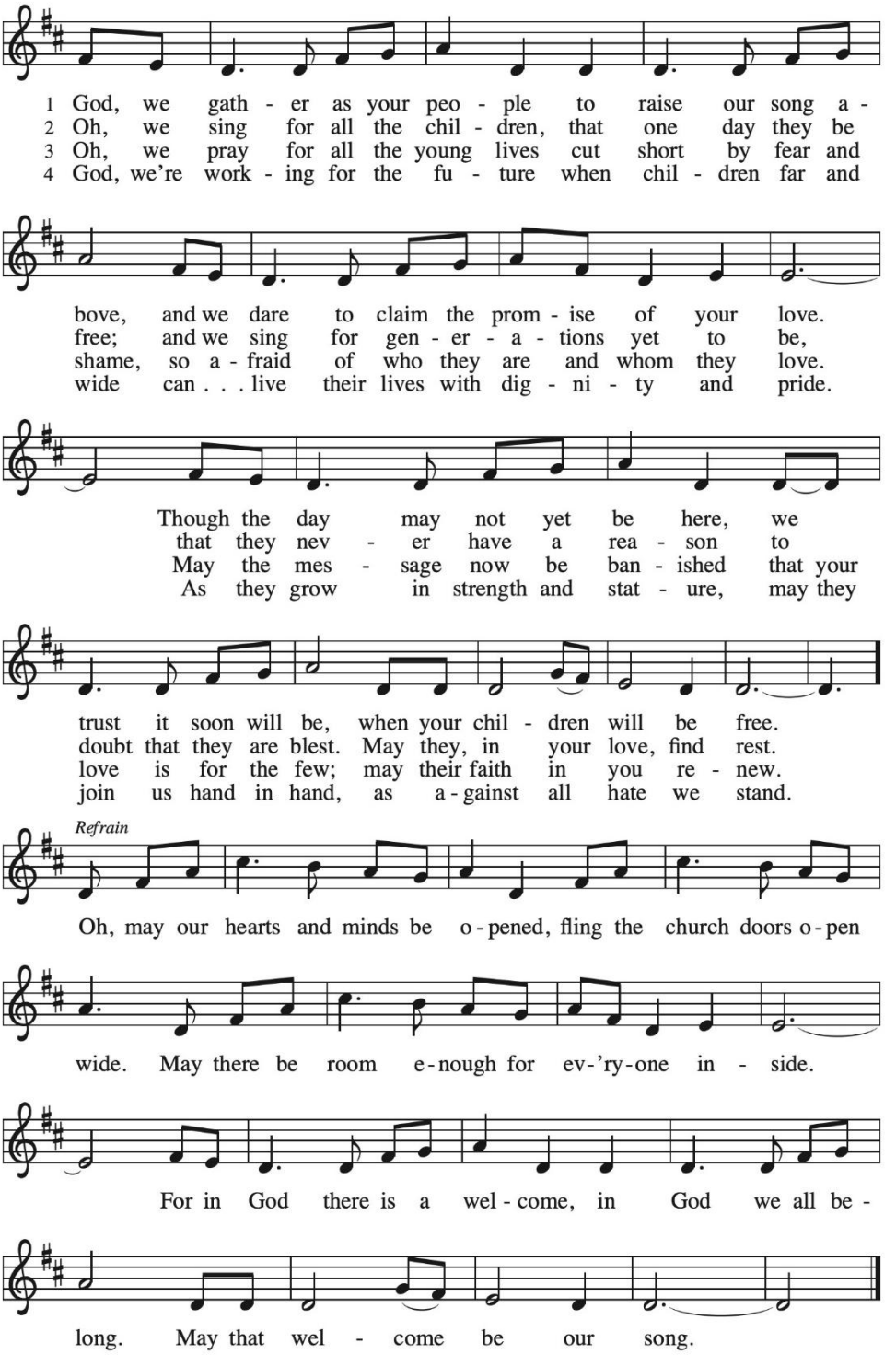
LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"All Who Are Thirsty"* ACS Hymn 981

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"God, We Gather as Your People"* **ACS Hymn 1038**

(Please Stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

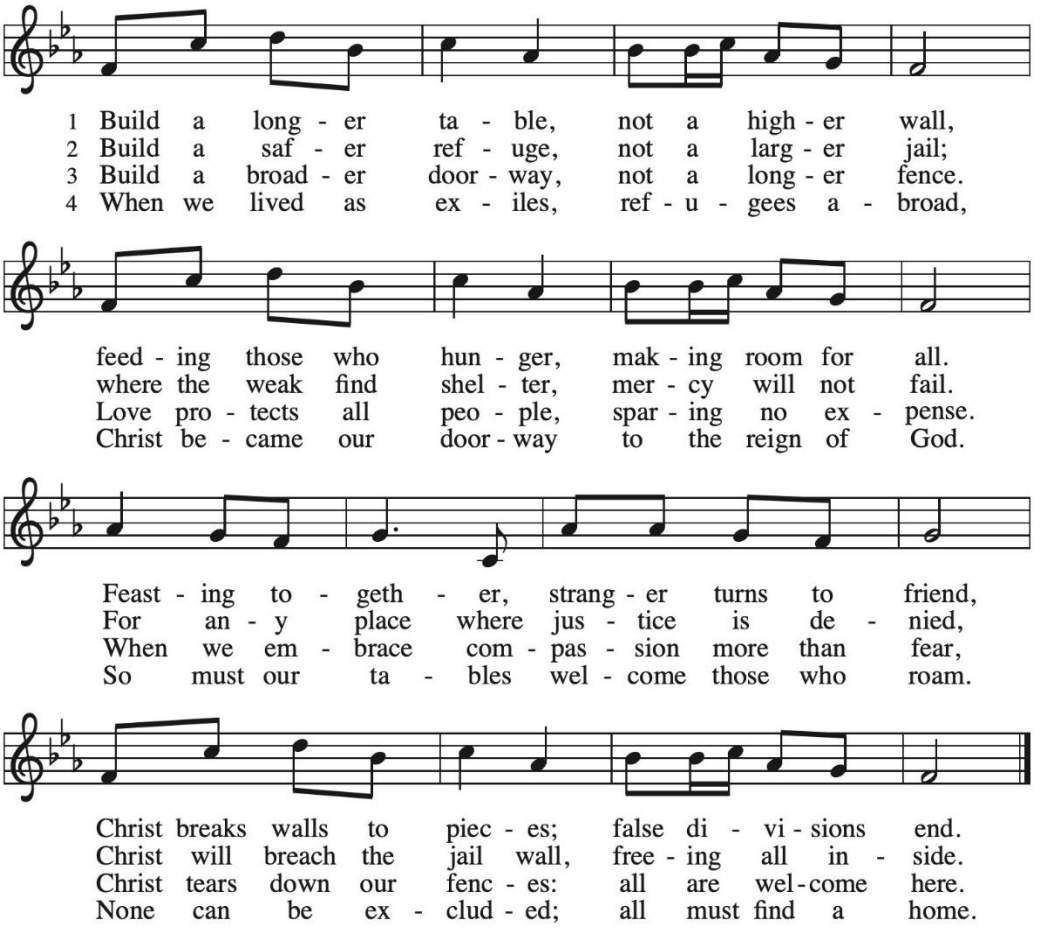
P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Build a Longer Table"* **ACS Hymn 1062**



DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Greeters:	Bill Mundt
Missionary Support:	Open
Altar Flowers:	Dirk & Betty Zaiser
Remember in prayer:	Genieve Hingst; Barb West; Norma Bock

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right. There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week. Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall following the worship service. We would like to get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today:	**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Monday:	**10:30 a.m.**	**Bill Ward, Jr. Funeral; Luncheon to follow**
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study @ Messiah
Friday:	**Office Closed in observance of 4th of July**	
Next Sunday:	**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service

BILL WARD, JR. FUNERAL

The funeral for Bill Ward, Jr. will take place this Monday, June 29 at 10:30am at Bethany. There will be a luncheon to follow in the fellowship hall.

NEW SCHEDULES OUT THIS WEEK

Schedules for Communion Assist.; Lectors; Greeters; and money counters will be out this Sunday on the long table in the fellowship hall. Those that are not picked up on Monday, will be sent out by mail.

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3

The office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of 4th of July. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT
These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of June 14 – June 20:

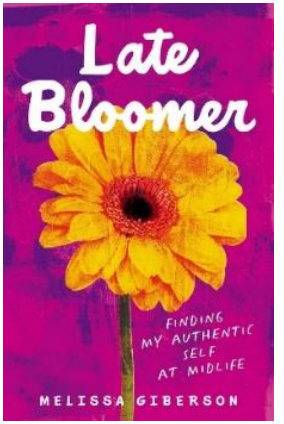
June 14-June 20
Income: $1,262.10
Expense: $1,425.61
Shortfall: $163.51

If you have any questions about these numbers, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

LUNCH BUNCH
Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 8 at 12:30pm at Applebee's! To sign up, have questions, or need transportation arrangement, please call Dave Nuebel at 319-237-6933.

JULY OUTREACH DONATIONS
Food Pantry Donations for July will be anything non-perishable! Thank you for your generosity!

JULY PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB
Our July book club will meet again this Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:00 p.m., here at Bethany. All are invited to join us! For this month, we will be reading "Late Bloomer" by Melissa Giberson!



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Monday-Wednesday-Friday – 9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday – 1:30pm-4:30pm

Pastor Misha's Office Hours
Bethany: Monday & Tuesday
Messiah: Wednesday & Thursday
**** Pastor Misha's hours vary in the office from week to week as she may be out of office on visits or other Pastor duties. Please call or text her to make an appointment or to see if she is in the office. ****

Pastor Misha's contact info: 412-628-6382; damisha.mcfarlandpollock@gmail.com

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