Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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

(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 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* **ELW Hymn 742**

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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HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING **Zechariah 9:9-12**

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

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

PSALM *(read responsively)* **Psalm 145:8-14**

L: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
C: LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
L: All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
C: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
C: The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING **Romans 7:15-25a**

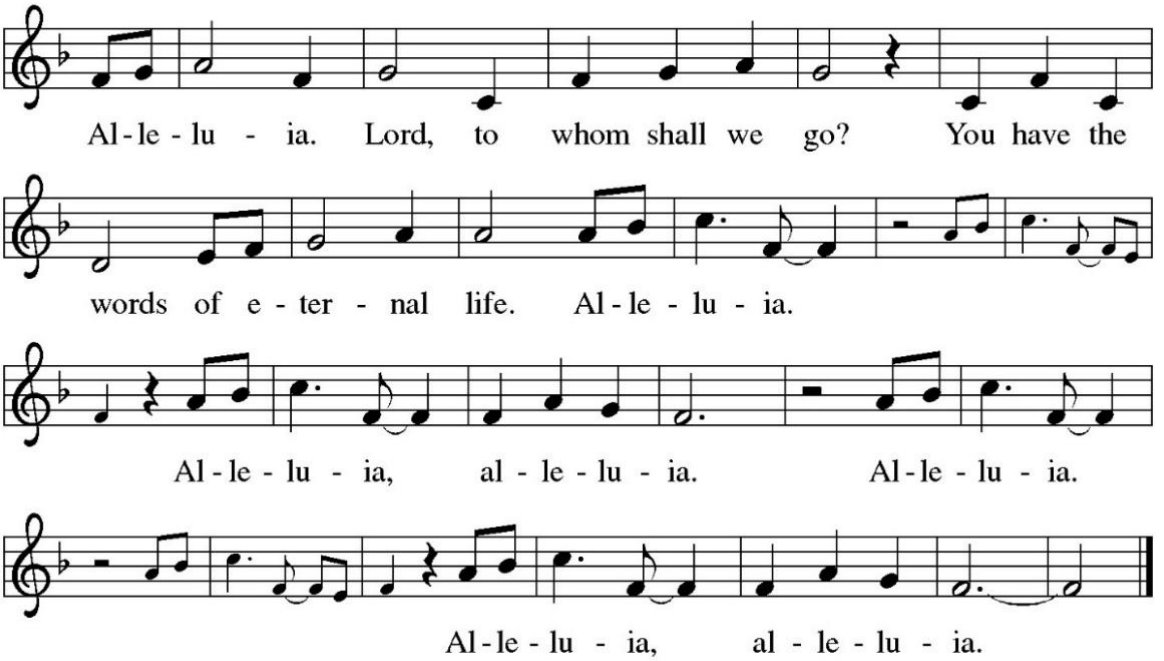
15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very
thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in
fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that the
good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good
lies close at hand, but not the ability. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I
do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it
but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at
hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members
another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin
that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from
this body of death? 25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16 "To what will I compare this generation? It is
like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'
18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; 19 the
Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a
drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her
deeds."

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because
you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed
them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have
been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses
to reveal him.
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will
give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and
my burden is light."

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 *"Give Me Jesus"* **ELW Hymn 770**

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

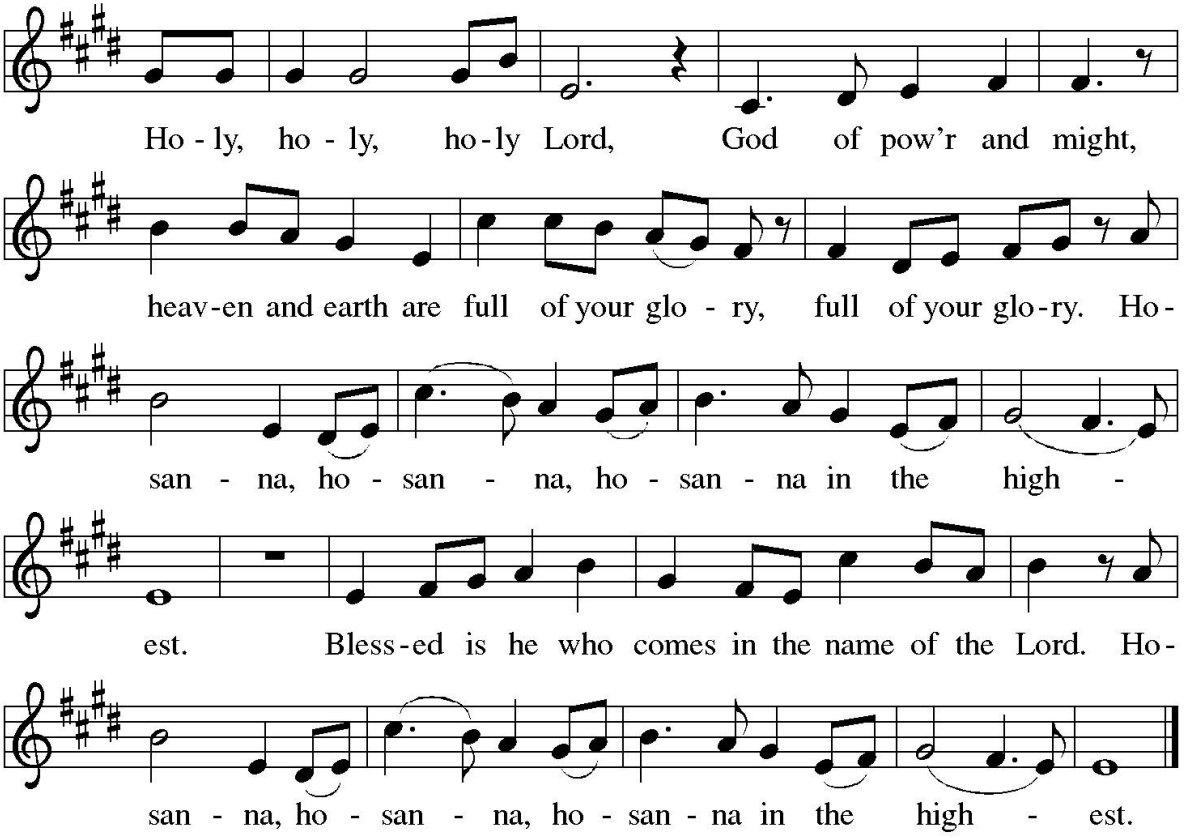
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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.

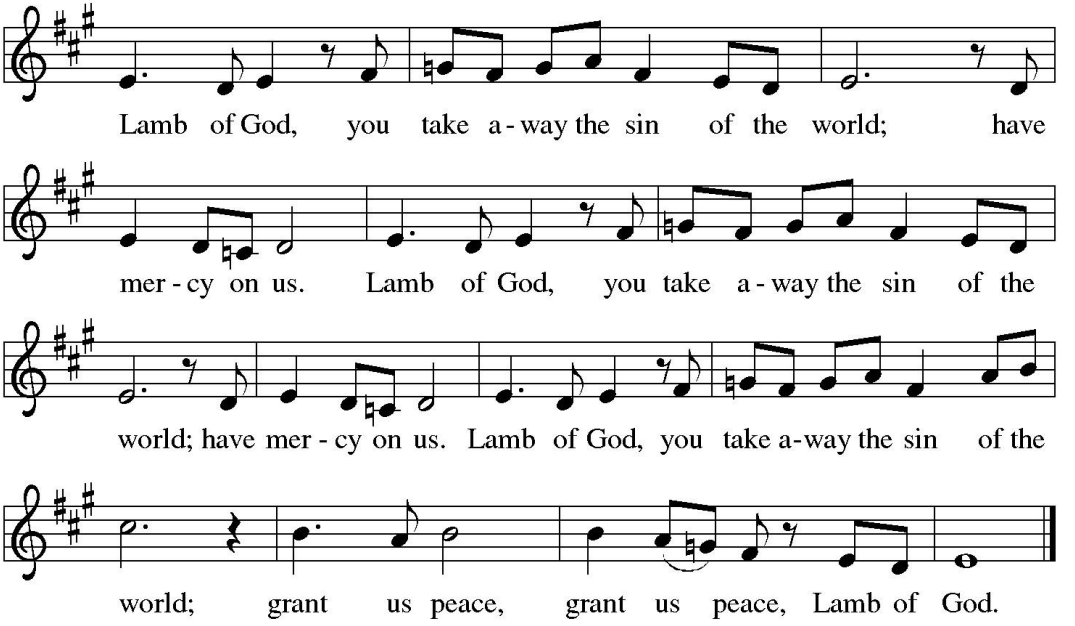
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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 *"Day by Day"* ELW Hymn 790

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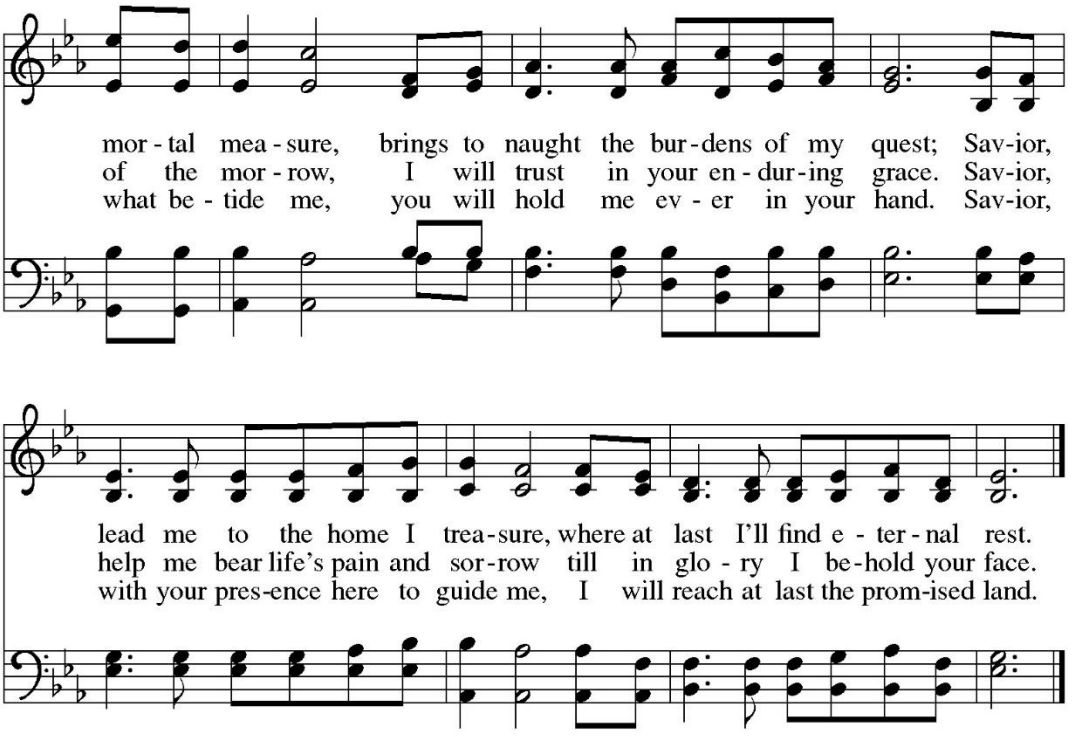
mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,
lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* **ELW Hymn 726**

(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 *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"* **ELW Hymn 777**

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Missionary Support:	Open
Altar Flowers:	Dan Wischmeier
Remember in prayer:	Mel Craven; Mark Hermann; Kerri Hermann

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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:	**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Wednesday:	**12:30 p.m.**	**Lunch Bunch @ Applebee's**
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study @ Messiah
	6:00 p.m.	**Executive mtg.**
	6:30 p.m.	**Finance mtg.**
Next Sunday:	**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	**Church Life & Outreach**
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service

PASTOR MISHA AT ROSTERED MINISTERS GATHERING JULY 6 -11

Pastor Misha will be out of the office starting the afternoon of Sunday, July 5 through Friday, July 11 for the Rostered Ministers Gathering in Indianapolis, IN.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR JULY 6-11

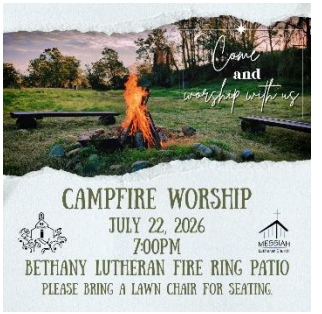
Pastor Mark Youngquist, from Swedesburg Lutheran Church in Swedesburg, IA, will be providing coverage for any Pastoral emergencies that may arise while Pastor Misha is out of town at the Rostered Ministers Gathering in Indianapolis, IN from Monday, July 6 through Saturday, July 11. He can be reached at 319-631-8564.

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.

SUMMER CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE

Our last Campfire Worship Service for this year will be on Wednesday, July 22 at Bethany! A meal will start things off at 6:00pm with the service to start at 7:00pm and roasting s'mores will wrap up the evening! We will be singing out of the "With One Voice" Hymnals again this year. Remember to bring your lawn chair! Come gather around the fire with us!



WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT

These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of June 21 – June 27:

June 21-June 27
Income: $1,000.09
Expense: $2,264.76
Shortfall: $1,264.67

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

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

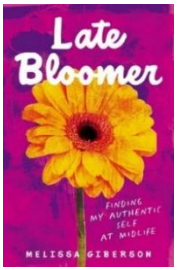
Peace Lutheran Church will be having their Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 8 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

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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Office Hours
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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Our Staff

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