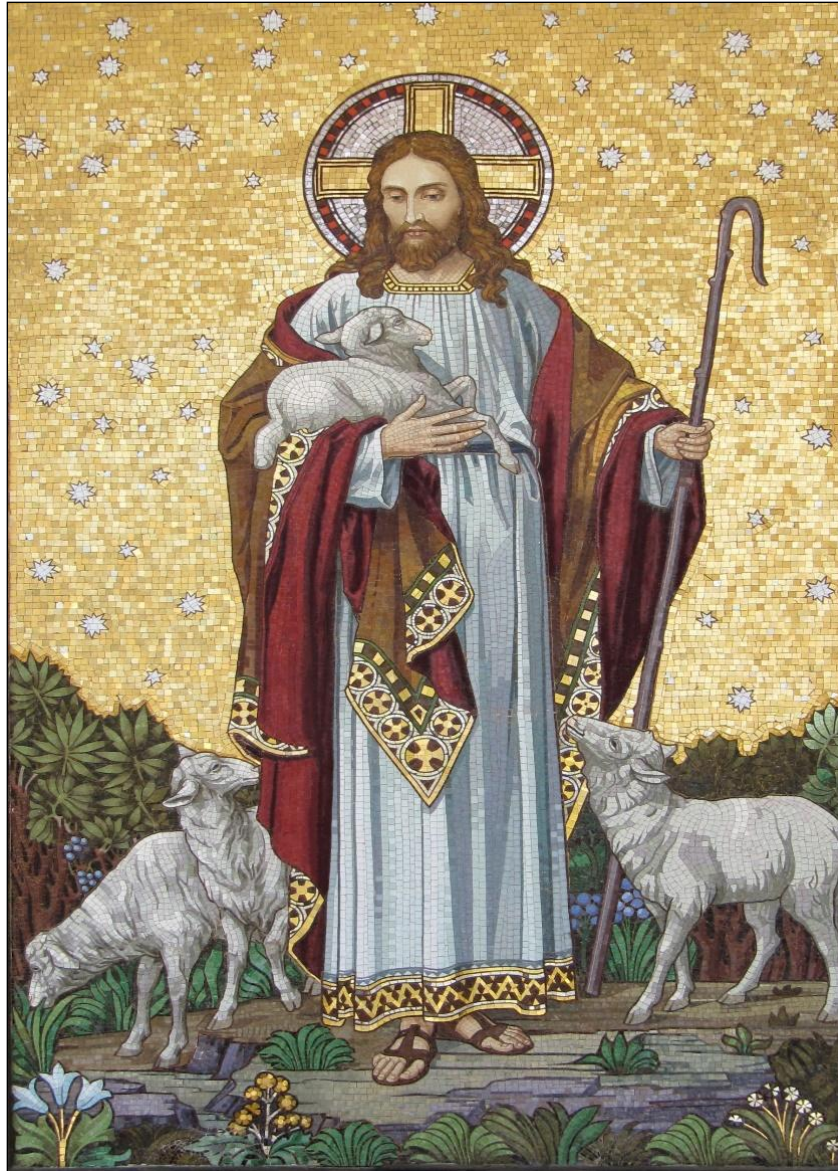




The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

July 19, 2026 10:15AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Ava James

Lector: Joseph Espinoza

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Linda & Tom Simpson

The Word of God

Prelude

“Largo in D”

G. F. Handel
arr. by Gerald Peterson

Processional Hymn #453

"As Jacob with travel"

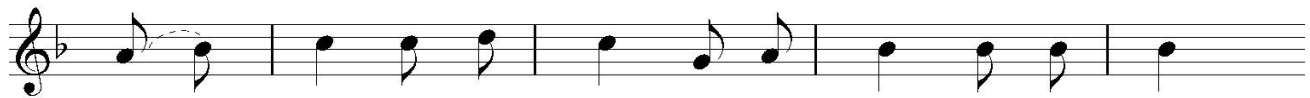
Jacob's Ladder



1 As Ja - cob with tra - vel was wea - ry one day,
 2 The lad - der is long, it is strong and well - made,
 3 Come, let us a - scend! All may climb it who will,
 4 And when we ar - rive at the ha - ven of rest,



at night on a stone for a pil - low he lay;
 has stood hun - dreds of years and is not yet de - cayed;
 for the an - gels of Ja - cob are guard - ing it still;
 we shall hear the glad words, "Come to me all the blest,



he saw in a vi - sion a lad - der so high,
 man - y mil - lions have climbed it and reached Zi - on's hill,
 and re - mem - ber, each step that by faith we pass o'er,
 here are re - gions of light, here are man - sions of bliss."



that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky:
 man - y mil - lions by faith now are climb - ing it still:
 man - y pro - phets and mar - tyrs have trod it be - fore:
 Who would not want to climb such a lad - der as this:

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia to Je - sus, who died on the tree



and has raised up a lad - der of mer - cy for me.



and has raised up a lad - der of mer - cy for me.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

“Glory to God”

Gloria a Dios

The musical score for "Gloria a Dios" is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios, Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,". The second system continues with: "glo - ria_a to Dios en los cie - los. glo - ry to God in the high - est." The third system has: "Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí, Peace be to you, peace be to me,". The fourth system concludes with: "paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra. peace be to all, peace to all the earth." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people remain standing

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (28:10-19a)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
 where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
 darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
 try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:12-25)

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

"Father I adore you"

Terrye Coelho

VERSE

♩=72 F Gm C F Gm C F Gm C F

Part I *Part II* *Part III*



1. Fa ther, I a - dore You, lay my life be - fore You, how I love You.
2. Je sus, I a - dore You, lay my life be - fore You, how I love You.
3. Spir it, I a - dore You, lay my life be - fore You, how I love You.

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:24-30, 36-43)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all

causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Godly Play – The Story of Jacob

Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel

The Prayers of the People — adapted from Common Worship, Church of England

In faith and hope we pray:

For the Church of God. For all bishops and other ministers; and for all people of God. God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who govern, that peace and justice may prevail. For those who suffer due to violence, poverty, war, or natural disaster; may all in need of refuge find relief and safety. God of compassion,
Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, and the well-being of Creation. God of life,
Hear our prayer.

For this congregation and our communities, that we may be attentive to one another, and responsive to the needs of the world. God of reconciliation,
Hear our prayer.

For all that is graceful in our lives, and of those we love.
(*The congregation may add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud here.*)
God of joy,
Hear our prayer.

For those entrusted to our prayers, may they live in joy, peace, and health:

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

Victims of war and violence	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Ann Stevens– healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Gene Allander - healing	Marlene Smith - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	John Currey - healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Larry Landrith – healing	Jared Stephens – healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Donovan Burns, Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Mirtala Smith	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Rudi Miksa
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Brenda Pugh	Ben Buskirk

God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that they may know God's love and life eternal. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. by W. Elmo Mercer

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

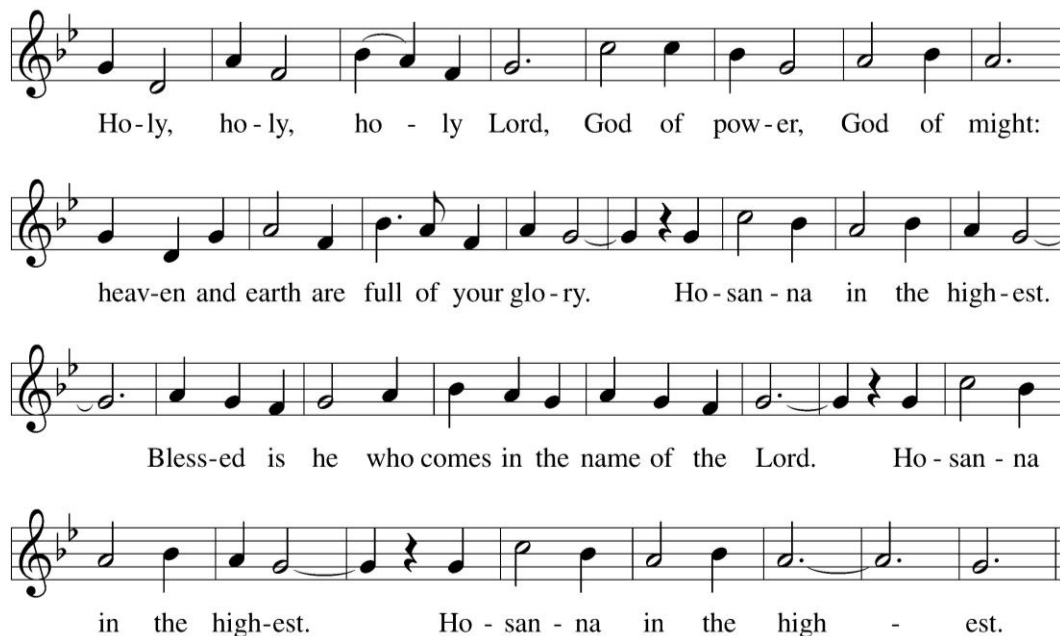
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na
 in the high-est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

As we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem (vs. 1 only) “Break Now the Bread of Life”

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The Celebrant says
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music “My Lord, What a Morning!” arr. by Cindy Berry

Post Communion Hymn (see insert) “Lord I Need You” Jeese Reeves, Kristian Stanfill,
 Matt Mahar, Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer – Adapted from the Church of England

Celebrant and People

Gracious God, lover of all, we are one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, and one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another, and grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration, we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding, may perform the same. Nurture us into the full maturity of the Body of Christ. All this we ask, through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Birthdays: Hunter Kessell, Toni DeVore, Sue Ellen Waybright, Larry James

Closing Hymn

“O God of Jacob”

St. Savior



1 O God of Ja - cob, by whose hand Thy peo - ple still are fed;
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent Be - fore Thy throne of grace;
3 Thro' each per - plex - ing path of life Our wand'ring foot-steps guide;



Who thro' this wea - ry pil - grim - age Hast all our fa - thers led,
God of our fa - thers, be the God Of their suc - ceed - ing race.
Give us each day our dai - ly bread And rai - ment fit pro - vide. A - men.



4 Oh, spread Thy covering wings around
Till all our wanderings cease
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

People

Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude

“Sing Praise to God”

arr. Edward Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in thanksgiving for the love and support of her family and friends for 80 years and for fifty years with my Good Shepherd family by Carol Lathrop.

Open Altar Flower dates: August 16th and Sept. 27. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Bell Tower Work Begins – Phoenix Associates has started the Bell Tower repairs – the last part of our Capital Campaign. Pray for safety and no hidden surprises.

SAVE THE DATE: Adult Education session 2 and 3 are scheduled for Wed. July 22, and Wed. Aug 12 it will start at 6 and end no later than 8pm. The format will be similar to the Lenten series—a potluck followed by activities and discussion. The topic is *the Two Popes*. For more details, please see the June 24th edition of the “Shepherd’s Staff”.

Last Sunday Supper – Next Sunday, July 26th is the Last Sunday Supper. Some of our workers are on vacation, so your help will be very much appreciated. We begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. All servers need to be here at 5:15 to begin serving at 5:30PM. Thanks.

Prayers of the People – We are still looking for people to compose the prayers for the 2nd Sunday of the month for September, October and November. We can give you guidance about what to include. We would love to hear the prayers in your words.

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