SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time
- C And all the time God loves you.

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

 Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

 When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

 Set us again on the path of life.

 Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

 Amen.
- P Hear the good news!

 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

 In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Lord of Light

ELW 688

and

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- 1 Lord of light, your name out shin ing
- 2 By the toil of faith ful work ers
- Grant that knowl-edge, still in creas-ing, at your feet may
- 4 By the prayers of faith ful watch-ers, nev er si lent



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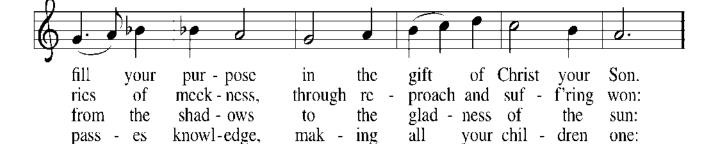
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Fa - ther, as in high-est heav-en, so on earth your will be done.

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.

KYRIE

- A This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C We will rejoice and be glad in it!
- A The Lord is my strength and my song.
- C The Lord has become my salvation.
- A Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C I will go through them and praise the Lord.
- A I shall not die but live,
- C And declare the works of the Lord.
- A This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C I will rejoice and be glad in it!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." 27 Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

(Read responsively)

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 2:6-15 -19

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

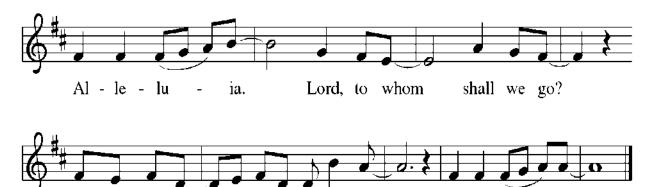
praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1-13

The Gospel according to Saint Luke the eleventh chapter.

You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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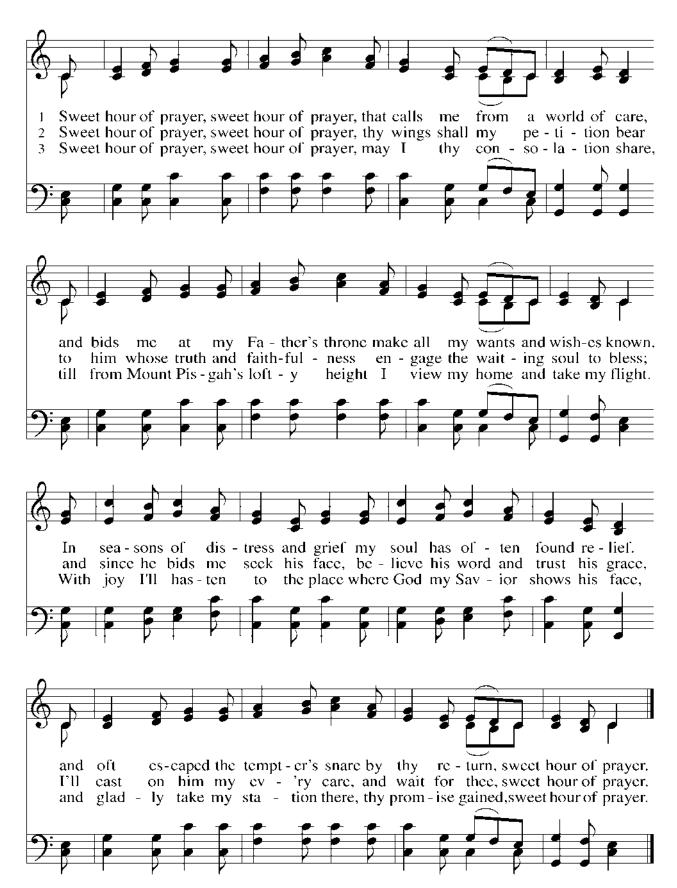
Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please stand at the last verse.



APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 into hell. 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources (*local water sources may be named*) and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 - who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 - 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

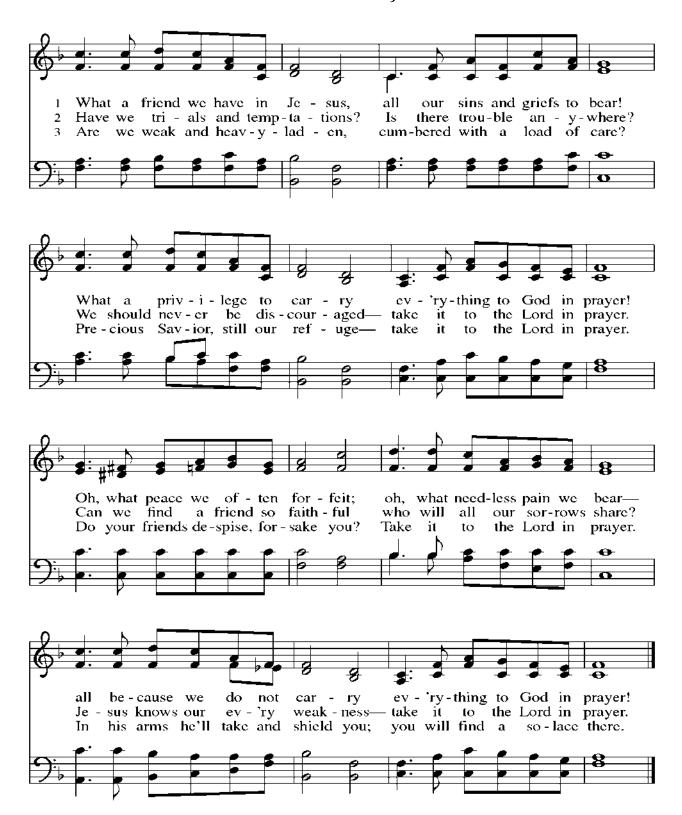
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COMMUNION

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to leaders at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes. Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742



COMMUNION HYMN



COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See ELW 493



COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Life-giving God,
 through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
 and fed us with your mercy.
 Now send us forth to live for others,
 both friend and stranger,
 that all may come to know your love.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

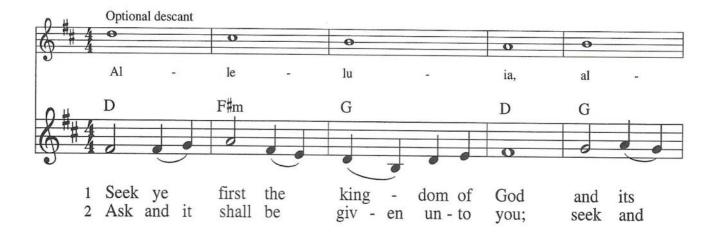
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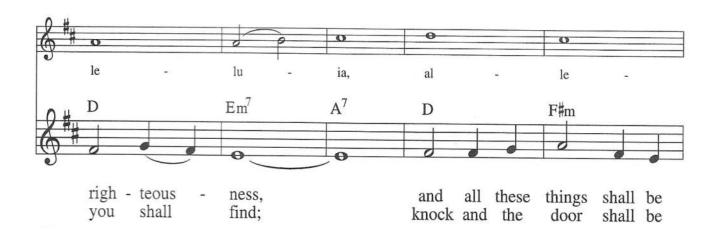
- P The God of peace,
 Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you, comfort you,
 and show you the path of life
 this day and always.
- C Amen.

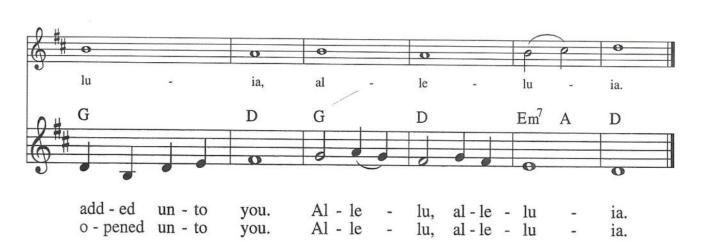
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SENDING HYMN

Seek Ye First







DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, 4take me out of the net that is hidden for me. for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. ⁶You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. ⁷I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, 8and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. ⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³For I hear the whispering of many terror all around! -

as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. ¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. ¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt. ¹⁹O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! ²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues. ²¹Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege. ²²I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help. ²³Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. ²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

PRAYERS FOR JULY 24, 2022

TODAY we pray for:

For the family and friends of Dot Wachter

Lynne Luettgen

Lena, John

Wyatt Levering

Barbaranne Levering

Richard McBride

Isabella Alsop

Debbie Anderson

Laurie Spears

John Bogucki, Jr.

Terri Dickson Riggleman

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Lois; Joanne Deaton; Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; John Deaton; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Chuck Loomis

For those who are caregivers.

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

To request or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) office@glcde.org.



50 Years of Favorite Memories from Current and Past Members of the Grace Family

National Youth Gathering

In Summer 2015 I had the privilege of chaperoning Grace's National Youth Gathering group in Detroit. We prepared for the trip for months, gathering to share a meal and work through planning and devotions. It was an amazing group, and I was amazed by their faith, their ability to convey what was on their minds, and their level of involvement and participation. We drove to Detroit in two vans (Jimmy & Short Stuff) stocked with candy, took over downtown Detroit, helped citizens in need, and grew in our faith.

Annual Meeting - July 24, 2022, 11:30 am

Our Annual Meeting will cover the typical agenda items including current finances, budget, and council and committee membership. In addition, we will need to approve a new expenditure limit for the roof project due to higher-than-expected costs. Although our church finances are presently stable, the current and projected economy for the nation and our region could have a significant impact down the line. Consequently, I urge all voting members to attend this important meeting.

Mark F. Teasley Council President

Join Zoom Meeting

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ICE CREAM THEOLOGY

Ice Cream Theology continues today, July 24 at 6 PM.

July 24- Cookies N Cream

July 31- Motor Oil

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

10:00am

Assisting Minister: Lynne Luettgen **Greeter/Usher:** Pat Kizuka

Usher: Walt Lumley **Reader**: Kathy Lumley

Nursery: Laura Mackiewicz, Kevin Mackiewicz

Sound: Joe Luettgen

Counters: Lynne/Joe Luettgen, Amy Zunino

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