

He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Luke 1:63-64

John the Baptist

June 24, 2018 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

John the Baptist is a unique figure in Christian memory, a hinge between the Old Testament prophets and the first Christians. In the gospel stories he recognizes Jesus as one greater than himself, one for whose coming he prepares the way. But still from his prison he asks if Jesus is truly the Expected One. He is a figure of perpetual Advent and in that way stands for all of us who may be Christian believers but still wait and wonder, discern and doubt.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Three

ACCLAMATION

William Stevens

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Three Variations on "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Georg Böhm

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

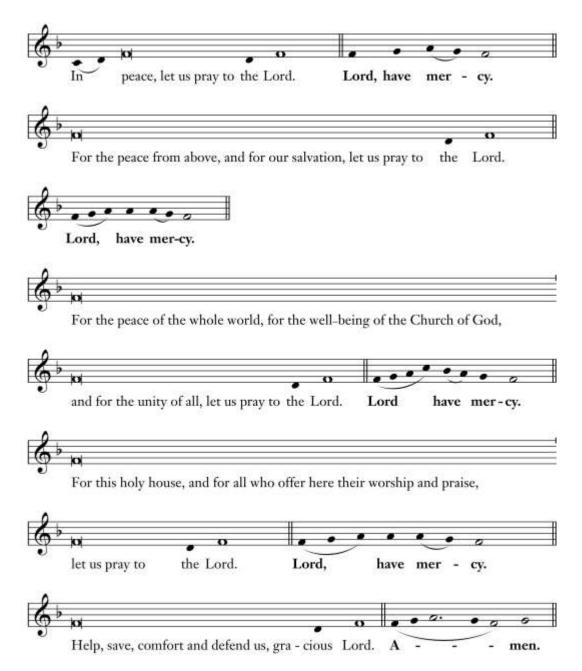
GATHERING HYMN 256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

FREU DICH SEHR

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer. After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen. We sit.

WELCOME

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 141



¹O LORD, I call to you; come [|] to me quickly; hear my voice when I^{+} cry to you. ²Let my prayer rise before [|] you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the [|] evening sacrifice. ³Set a watch before my ¹ mouth, O LORD, and guard the door | of my lips. ⁴Let not my heart incline to any [|] evil thing. Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor eat of [|] their sweet foods. ⁵Let the righteous strike me; their rebukes, as oil upon the head, are not to ¹ be refused. Yet my prayers are continually against the deeds [|] of the wicked. ⁶Let their rulers be thrown down up-¹ on the stones, that they may hear my words, for [|] they are sweet. ⁷Just as one who tills the earth ¹ breaks the rock, so let their bones be scattered at the mouth [|] of the grave. ⁸But my eyes are turned to ¹ you, Lord GOD; in you I take refuge; strip me not [|] of my life. ⁹Guard me from the trap that they have [|] laid for me and from the snares of [|] evildoers. ¹⁰Let the wicked fall into [†] their own nets, while I a- | lone pass through.

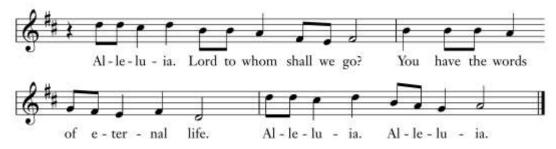
SECOND READING Acts 13:13-26

Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it." So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.' My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent."

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.



Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ["Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.]

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Pastor Wollner Pastor Wollner

FESTAL SONG

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. We sit.

+ MEAL+

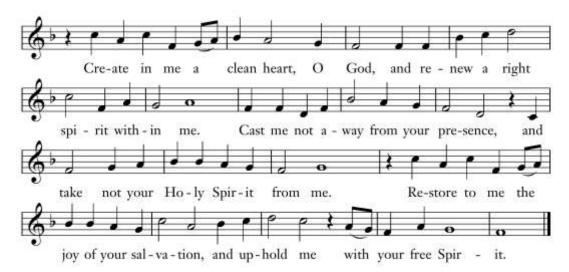
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Blessed Be the God of Israel (See ELW 250 for text)

FOREST GREEN

We stand.

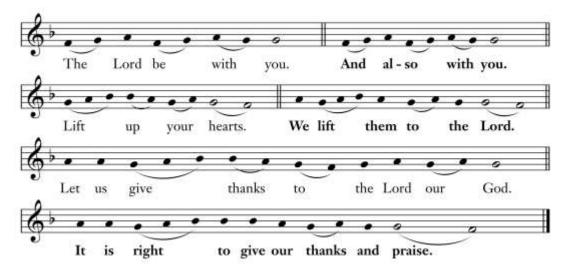
OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us pray.

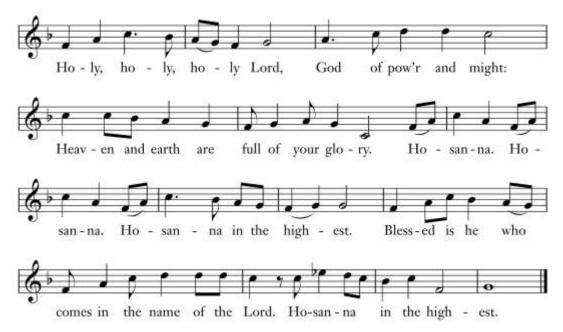
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: 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.

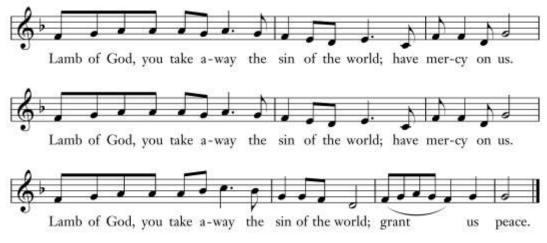
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 675 O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

GODSPEED TO THE MILHOLLANDS (8:30)

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH (11:00)

At your baptism, you were claimed by God, and promises were made on your behalf. At your confirmation, you claimed your faith as your own and made promises to yourself. Here are the promises you made:

- ◆ To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
- ◆ To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through words and deed,
- ♦ To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

As we send you to Houston for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, *This Changes Everything*, we know that we are sending you to live out your baptism and live out these promises.

In the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God, beloved members of the Church, the body of Christ. As we live in community with God and one another, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God, witnesses to Jesus' way of compassion and justice. We pray that you return to us renewed in your Christian vocation as imitators of Christ.

We send these young people and adults forth on their journey to the Bayou City to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. They will return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, following the example of Jesus, and with new skills to be able to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Will you accept the gift of their witness with love and gratitude? We will.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through Baptism you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. In this community of faith we have heard your loving Word for us and for all of creation. We have been fed and forgiven at your holy table and called to be witnesses to your Gospel of justice and peace.

We ask you: grant peace and safety to those attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering and bless them, form them by your hand, guide them by your Word, renew them by your Spirit, protect them as they travel, make their ways safe, and their homecomings joyful.

God has looked with favor on this community and God has blessed us through the lives of these young people. As they have been a blessing to us, so now we send them forth as missionaries to the larger church, and to be a blessing to the people of Houston, through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

Go now with Jesus, to Rise up Together! Amen.

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN 418 Rejoice in God's Saints

LAUDATE DOMINUM

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Caprice sur les Grands jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Today Bulletin Cover Artist William Sanders Acolytes 8:30 Travis Pipes 11:00 Ethan Olsen Crucifers 8:30 Daniel Nolting 11:00 Harrison Hickman Offering Bearer Faith Cashion Liturgists 8:30 Bruce Tippette 11:00 Daniele Olsen Lay Readers 8:30 Charlie Schoderbek 11:00 Jack Strandhoy Communion Assistants 8:30 Mary Jane Hefner and Barbara Merced 11:00 Kevin Kooken and Joel Myers Nursery 8:30 Kevin Kooken 11:00 Katherine Wollner Ushers 8:30 Dave Kinley, Neil Linnell and Charlie Schoderbek 11:00 Clarence Dixon, Don Eppert, Bruce Griffin and Frank Williams Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters 8:30 Effie Sue Utt 11:00 Kathy Carr Sunday Morning Fellowship Joyce Sills **Oblation Bearers** 8:30 The Voigt Family 11:00 Bruce and Colette Griffin Assisting Ministers 8:30 Julia Grossnickle 11:00 Doug Nelson Preaching & Presiding Pastor Wollner

Providing Service Next Sunday

Bulletin Cover Artist Lynnleigh Voigt Acolytes 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Crucifers 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Offering Bearer TBD Lay Readers 8:30 Carol Thornton 11:00 J. K. Curry Communion Assistants 8:30 John Bandle and Daniele Olsen 11:00 Jeanne Brickhouse and Marge Brown Nursery 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Ushers 8:30 Pat Holland and Damion Richardson 11:00 Walter Barger, Don Eppert, Carrol Epting and Kevin Lynch Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters 8:30 Jill Fowler 11:00 Nell Rose Sunday Morning Fellowship DiBlasio **Oblation Bearers** 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Assisting Ministers 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Preaching & Presiding Pastor Carter

Announcements

WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my husband, Virgil; my brothers Tom and Errol; and my parents, Walter and Laura Sult; by Joyce Holton.

The bulletins today are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of Jay Wise on his 88th birthday today by his daughter and her family, Sandra, Johnny, Taylor and Megan Suggs.

We offer a toddler nursery during the service. If you would like to use the nursery, please ask an usher for directions. The nursery is for children ages newborn to 4.

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the "Friendship Register." Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

Our Homebound Member is Marion Morgan, Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Room 201, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Attention ladies! The Women's Ministry Team has organized a paint night at Posh Designs by April on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 P.M. We know summer is busy with vacations, but we hope this date will work for many of you! Please rsvp as soon as possible for this event. You can rsvp to the event that was created on the Women's Ministries Facebook group, or directly to Natalie Brown (336) 293-3905 or natalie_h_brown@yahoo.com. Average cost is \$45 but depends on the design you choose to paint. We are so excited about this event and hope this date works for you! Posh Designs by April is located in Clemmons. 3560 Clemmons Rd, Suite C, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Summer Fun! Come and enjoy time with fellow Augsburg families Friday, June 29 at 4:00 P.M. at Hathaway Park and Sprayground, 301 Anita Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27104. You are encouraged to bring dinner or snacks for your family. Come when you can and stay as long as you want!

Day Camp Snack Sign-Up! Located outside the Gathering Room is a display that has signup sheets to help provide snacks for VBS/Day Camp. Please sign your name next to the line of the item(s) you would like to donate. Please have your items to the church by July 29. Thank you!

The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Summer Quarter meeting on Monday July 30, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, July 20. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to "put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met." Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, July 22. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting.

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) will tour the Ben Long Frescoes located in the mountains of West Jefferson and Glendale Springs. A motorcoach will leave the church on September 5 at 9:00 A.M. and return to the church at 7:00 P.M. Stops will be made at the Famous Cheese Factory and a family style lunch will be enjoyed at Shatley Springs. The cost for this trip is \$25.00. The deadline to reserve your space for this outing is August 15, 2018. Reservation forms can be found in coming editions of the Beacon and in the lobby of the church office. For additional information, please contact Judy Mullane at 201-410-6363 or Nell Rose at 336-768-0525.

Augsburg Disciples are invited to follow along with our youth in Houston! Follow the Augsburg Facebook page for frequent pictures and updates. You can also enjoy the nightly Mass Gatherings (each night at 8:30 P.M. Eastern) and Sunday Worship (10:30 A.M. Eastern) by streaming video at elca.org/gathering.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you–or someone you know–could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. We are studying Acts. Bring your Bible.

Are you a Thrivent Financial Member? Did you know that each year every member has TWO ACTION TEAMS that can be used to DO GOOD in the community? As part of an Action Team, you are given a \$250 Community Impact Card to use as seed money to assist with a service activity of educational event. This money is for the purpose of making an impact and doing good! If you are a Thrivent Member who has not yet used your Action Team(s), Vicar Emily needs your help! Thanks to the generosity of the Hine Fund, this summer when Augsburg is hosting Day Camp, there will also be a team of Counselors from Lutheridge leading camp at Christ's Beloved Community in Southside Winston-Salem. This camp will serve as an outreach program to many neighborhood students. As part of the program at Christ's Beloved Community, any student who participates will receive a lunch and afternoon snack. This is where YOU come in! If you would like to donate your Action Team to the children in Southside, Vicar Emily along with the counselors of Lutheridge would love to put your Action Team to good work by purchasing lunch/snack as well as other necessary supplies for camp. Please contact Vicar Emily if you would like to provide an Action Team for Christ's Beloved Community or make a contribution to this great outreach opportunity.

Readings for next week: Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Worship attendance for services last week: 94 at 8:30; 162 at 11:00; 15 visitors.

Calendar for June 24–July 1

24 John the Baptist	27 Wednesday
8:30a Service of Holy Communion	6:30p Summer Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)	(Adult Choir Room)
9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship	
(Family Life Center)	28 Thursday
10:00a Sunday School	7:30p Christian Education Team Meeting
11:00a Service of Holy Communion	(Discovery Classroom)
(Sanctuary)	7:30p Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting
	(Barkley Fellowship Classroom)
25 Monday	
6:00p Continue in My Word	29 Friday
(Youth Area)	4:00p Splash Party
	(Hathaway Park)
26 Tuesday	
Youth (with Pastor Paul) in Houston (thru 7/1)	1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
6:30p Stephen Ministries	8:30a Service of Holy Communion
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	(Sanctuary)



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