SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, July 28, 2019 Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church West Columbia, SC 9:00am Worship

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.
A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE

Deep River

Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

PRELUDE Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Hayes

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. *Amen*.

Please turn to face the cross at the door of the Fellowship Hall. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

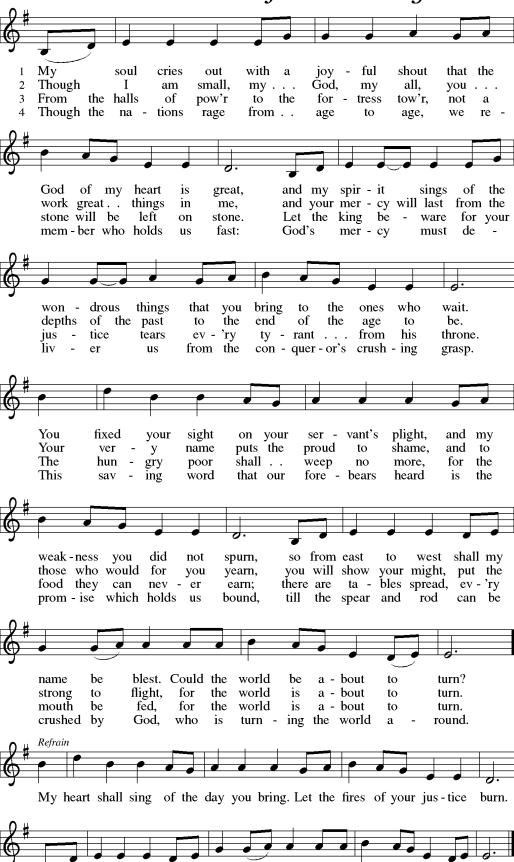
Amen.

As the cross passes your seat, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the altar.

HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

W&P 26



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

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. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

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." ²⁷Abraham 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." ³⁰Then 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: 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.

Though 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.

READING: Colossians 2:6-15-19

A reading from Colossians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

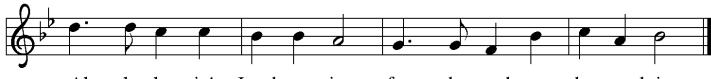
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11th chapter.

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." ²He 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. ¹ºFor 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.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

We pray together.

We stand.





APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess 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 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

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you *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.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located on the first chair by the center aisle.

OFFERING

The Gospel of Grace

Hayes

OFFERTORY

As the Deer

W&P 9



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir-it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.

Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

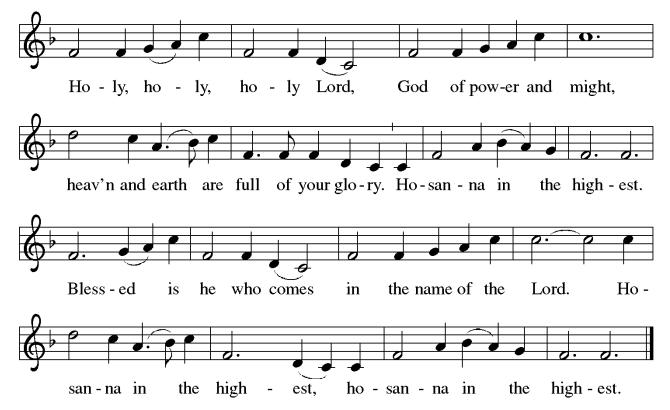
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out your Spirit, uniting in one body, people of every nation and tongue. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

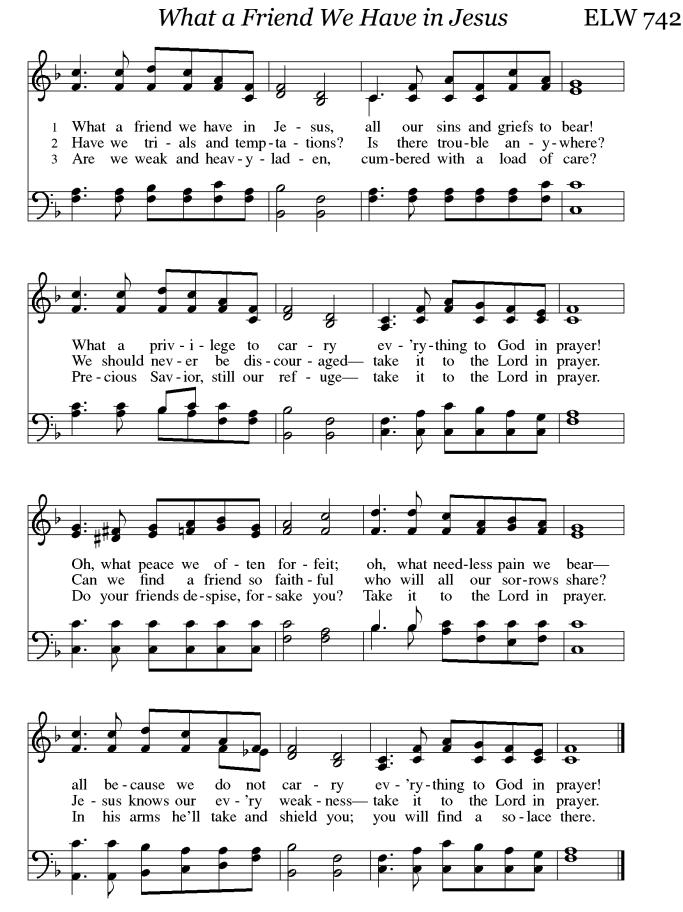
God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. The ushers will direct worshippers. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their chair.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



We stand.

BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen*.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

As the cross passes your seat, please turn and follow as we are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel through our lives.

HYMN God Be with You Til We Meet Again ELW 536



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Feel the Spirit Moving

Hayes

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Judy Bickley Gable's 75th birthday by Kim Jolly.



There are open dates for flowers for the upcoming Sundays: August 25th and September 15th.

If you would like to place the flowers on the altar on any of these Sundays, please contact the church office.



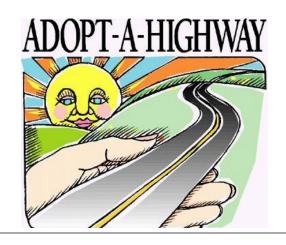






Sunday, July 14th through Friday, July 19th

Keep the Midlands Beautiful Saturday, August 17th 9:00 am Church parking lot



Please join us if you can!

Note: Next pickup date November 16th

Ice Cream "Sundae" Sunday August 4th, 2019 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Sign up Today!

~Donations are welcomed~

Contact Debbie Fulmer 796-4595





School Supply Drive August 1st - 20th



Mt. Hermon is blessed to have many educators in our congregation!

You can help support their neediest students by participating in our School Supply Drive!

The following items are requested:

- Pencils (standard & mechanical)
- Erasers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil pouches
- Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- 1" & 2" Binders
- Tab Dividers
- Backpacks (standard size, please no extra small packs!)
- Notebook paper
- Ear buds
- Highlighters
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Index Cards
- Post it Notes
- Tissue boxes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand sanitizer

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Koon 803-807-0283

Tithes, and Offering for 07/21/2019 Attendance: Worship – 83; Sunday School – 30

Current & Benevolent Over/(Under)

Needed \$4,074.75 Received \$2,140.75 (\$1,934.00)

Building Improvement

Needed \$346.15 Received \$303.00 (\$43.15)

Building on Holy Ground

Needed \$1,646.15 Received \$1,062.00 (\$584.15)

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Thomas Riley by Jean Shealy & James Hallman, Troxel Sligh & Family, Joseph C. & Laurie B. Miller

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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home* Margie Hook, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, Carolina Gardens Lois Watson, Lexington Place

Hazel Bockus, *Home* Lena Wessinger, *Presby*. *Home*

Lynwood Crout, *Home* Connie Bucknam, *Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tom & June Roof Ernie Swygert *Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Mary Frances Hamilton, friend of congregation

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Scott Coleman, brother of Dennis Thurman

Jim & Vickie Burcham, family of Dennis Thurman

W.A. "Buddy" Keller, friend of Marion & Cyndi

Nellie Gantt, mother of Mary Price

Jimmy Mills, father of Tommy Mills

Sue Reeves, friend of Dennis and Cyndi Thurman

Linda Rea, friend of Marion & Cyndi

Jason Thurman, son of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman

Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott

Todd Hewitt, friend of Missy Addy

Charlotte Martindle, family of Kelli Mills

Kaiden Robinson, friend of Kelli Mills

Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price

Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Jenifer Gooding, co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price

Debbie Anderson, daughter of Georgianna Gray

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam

Mason Williams, friend of Breanna Metze

^{*}Wedding Blessings to Richard & Kaylin Bouknight

Serving Today* Serving August 4th

Greeter: Spencer Price Jim Whitaker **Crucifer:** Jackson Price Joel Price Sr.

Acolyte: Tanner Addy Brayden Rutherford

Lector: Robin Ellisor Danny Scott

Communion Asst.

Breanna Metze Joel Price Sr. Sheila Starkey Jackson Price

OPEN OPEN

Children's Sermon:

Daryl Leigh Anthony Diane Boulware

Nursery: Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Grace Roof, Larry Amick,

Kay Bryant Kay Bryant

Trumpeter: Belle Kneece

Food Pantry: July 24 August 7

Angie Hydrick Jo Leach

Serving in August*

Council Representative: Alyson Price

Altar Guild: Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

Tabulators: Diane Boulware, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Faye Sox

Alternate: Ann Addy

Ushers: Danny Scott, Al Stevens, Dennis Thurman, Tommy Mills

^{*} If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you have a responsibility in worship, please arrive no later than 8:45am

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 4th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

4:00 pm Ice Cream Social – Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 5th

6:00pm Worship Team

Tuesday, August 6th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 7th

5:30 pm Executive Committee

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 8th

6:30 pm MJS Meeting (Quinton Commons) Fellowship Hall



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 28th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship 10:15 am Sunday School

Monday, July 29th

7:00 pm Qtrly. Saxe Gotha Conf. LMIM – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 30th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, July 31st

7:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting – Conference Room