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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus
and walk with our community.

Sunday August 15, 2021 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Today is a new day to gather together as a family of faith around Word and Sacrament. We gather as God's people around the Bible readings, preaching and teaching of God's Word. We gather around the Sacrament known as a specific way God shows God's love and grace. Martin Luther liked Baptism and Holy Communion as our two sacraments in the Lutheran Church. This is because Jesus told us to "do" these two very things.

At the end of Matthew's Gospel, chapter 28, Jesus says "Go and baptize." In each of the 4 Gospels Jesus breaks bread at the Last Supper and invites us "Do this to remember me!" When we remember Jesus we remember grace, hope, faith and love. When we remember Jesus we are moving closer to having a heart like Jesus. This has been our theme in the Summer Sermon Series on the book by Max Lucado *Just Like Jesus*. Today it is about having an Enduring Heart! Max asks us to reflect on all the things we have started out to do but have not completed. Whether it's an exercise class or a book, we are all so often not completing the task, dream, goal, or job.

Max lifts up for us that Jesus kept the singular goal in mind to take Him to the Cross and to die for us only to rise again. This is Good News friends. Jesus says: "I am Living Bread that came down from Heaven, whoever eats of this bread will live forever."

And we, as God's people gathered for worship today, say "Amen!"



INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

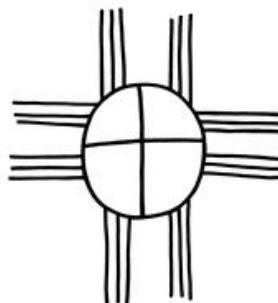
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

- 1 Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- 2 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- 4 "You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
- 5 "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14

Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

- 9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
- 10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
- 12 Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] 51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #491

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly (*especially*). Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters,

sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with (*Mary, mother of Jesus, name/s, and*) all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Faithful members and friends of St. Andrews, we thank you for your continued financial support during our time of physical separation.

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Mail offering to:
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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.

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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Announcements

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

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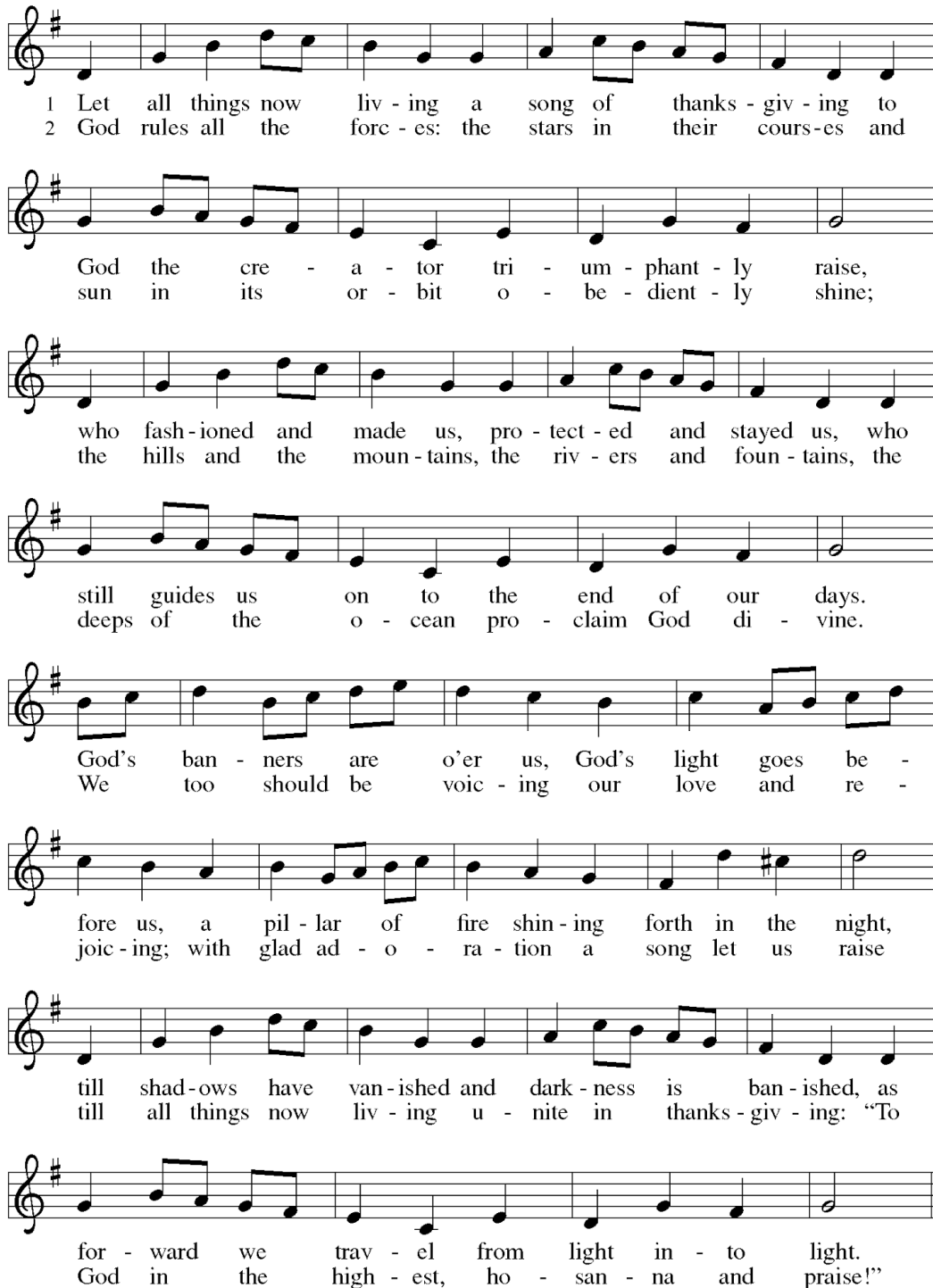
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #881

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Families on the Prayer List

Mr. & Mrs. Justin Martin (Kelsey) and Madalyn

Mr. & Mrs. Todd McKibban (Lisa)

Dr. Richard Meiss

Ms. Toni Meyer

Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Jason Hamilton,

Christine Robertson, great niece of MJ Lynch,

Carl Schaber, brother of Jan Smith,

David Thomas, brother of Jill Smith,

Mary Tryon,

Dale Willman

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch Ruth Tingle David Tryon, son of Mary

Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Lynn Bigelow

Helen Czenkusch

Penny Kalk

Martha Larson

Norma Petraits

David Royer

David Schmalz

The Harrison

Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph

Jerry Shake



Prayers for Dale & Chris Willman and family:

Dale has received a cancer diagnosis
and is undergoing chemo treatment this week.

Amanda Hunter from St. Andrew's has set up a "Meal Train" to reach out to Chris
and Dale and provide food/or gift cards at <https://mealtrain.com/ye49wy>.

You can also reach out to them at:

Chris and Dale Willman

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dale@willman.com, Chris@willman.com

Chris cell: 317-989-9759

St. Andrew's Calendar

- **Sunday, August 15** Worship 9am Indoor
Coffee hour 10am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
Newsletter Articles Due
- **Tuesday, August 17** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
- **Wednesday, August 18** Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm
Virtual Bible Study 7pm
- **Thursday, August 19** Zoom Council 6:30pm
- **Saturday, August 21** All Things Christmas Sale 9am-3pm
- **Sunday, August 22** Worship 9am Outdoor (Weather permitting)
Coffee hour 10am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, August 23** Mat Making Monday 12-4pm
- **Tuesday, August 24** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
Transformational Ministry 6pm
Joint Council 6:30pm
- **Sunday, August 29** 5th Sunday Joint Worship w/ Faith 10am Arbuckle Acres Park
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, August 10** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm

St. Andrew's Announcements



We are welcoming Altar Flowers Back to worship. You may sign the Altar Flower Chart or call the office and MJ will add your name to the Sunday you wish to provide flowers. You will be responsible for getting the flowers and don't forget to let MJ know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

All Things Christmas



St. Andrew's will host a sale of Christmas items on Saturday August 21 from 9am-3pm in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to bring the items from the last sale down to Fellowship Hall from the upstairs youth room, set up & display the items in Fellowship Hall, and help the day of the sale. Donations of Christmas items are being accepted. Proceeds from the sale will go toward new furniture for the Narthex. This is being organized by Jan Smith (317 271-6771) & Beverly Bailey (317 291-3459).

August 29, 5th Sunday Worship

St. Andrew's & Faith will have a Shared Ministry Worship Service on Sunday, August 29

at 10am followed by a box lunch. The service will be at Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N Green Street, Brownsburg at Shelter 2. Bring a chair & a friend. There will not be a service at either church that morning.

Summer Sermon Series

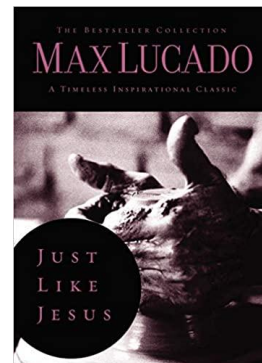
Pastor Givan began guiding a sermon series on June 6 based on the book *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado on having a heart like Jesus. The series will conclude on August 15. Each chapter lists ways to “remodel” our hearts.

“God loves you just the way you are, but God refuses to leave you that way.

God wants us to be just like Jesus.”

- **June 6:** Heart like Jesus/Forgiving Heart **June 13:** Compassionate Heart
- **June 20:** Listening Heart **June 27:** God-Intoxicated and Worship Heart
- **July 4:** No book/sermon series b/c of Holiday **July 11:** Focused Heart
- **July 18:** Honest and Pure Heart **July 25:** Hope Filled Heart
- **August 1:** Rejoicing Heart **August 8:** Continues Next Week
- **August 15:** Enduring Heart
- **August 22:** Keeping Eyes on Jesus/Wrap up

The book is \$9 on [Amazon](#), \$3 on [Kindle](#). *Order your copy of the book now!!



Wednesday Evening Virtual Bible Study

Pastor Givan hosts a virtual Bible Study from 7-8pm Wednesday evening, based on the book *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado following along with the Summer Sermon Series. The study meets via Zoom June 9-August 18. Watch for the link via email.

Faith Formation

The group is studying the book of James. Please read and bring questions and concerns. All are welcome and invited.

Updated Address

Helen Czenkusch has changed apartments at Westside Garden Plaza and has a new phone number. Please make note: new Apt. # 113 , Zip code 46234-2168
New phone # 317 273-6688.

New email address

Jeannie Hermerding hermerdg@comcast.net

Mat Making Mondays

Mat Makers meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 12-4pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome on any Monday and for any time during the 4 hour period to help with the various tasks of making mats that are distributed to homeless individuals. For information about this project contact Jan Smith.

Worship Schedule & Mask Requirement Update

We have established a rotation schedule for worship to provide options for everyone.

1st & 3rd Sundays: Indoor
Masks required

2nd & 4th Sundays: Outdoor (weather permitting - check your email)
Masks are recommended but not required

Remember:

- Worship time is 9am.
- Recorded worship available on website, Facebook, & email Sunday afternoons.
- Office Hours 10-4, T-W-TH.
- Midweek Moment Wednesdays 12pm.
- Communion Kits can be picked up at the church office.

Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!

For next week August 22:

13th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

2nd Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:59-69

