



LECTIONARY 16

JULY 20, 2025



Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

** indicates to stand as you are able*

AED Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	Emily Moyer
Lector:	Tom Milbrand
Acolytes:	Mea Long and Tom Milbrand
Cantor/s:	Miriam Milbrand
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Philip Heggenstaller
Communion Set Up:	Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Communion Baker:	Kathleen Ferster
Altar Flowers:	Desiree Brown

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WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

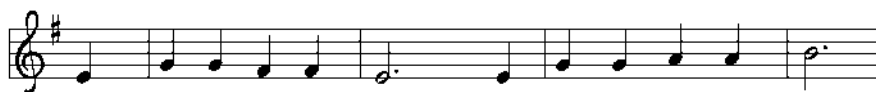
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BE THOU MY VISION

*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.



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:1-10A

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



Psalm Tone



- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?
- ² **Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their
friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.
- ⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who ¹ fear the LORD.**
**They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back
their word.**
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown. **R**
(Repeat Refrain)

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Christ to reconcile to God's own self all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before God—²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is Christ whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

*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 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children make their way up to the front when called

HOMILY

BEVERLY HOFFMAN

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

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DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

PRESIDING BEGINS

**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
and 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 to 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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

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



MEAL



OFFERING

*An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator.
You may give electronically at <http://newberlinlutherans.com/give>.*

*OFFERTORY

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CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

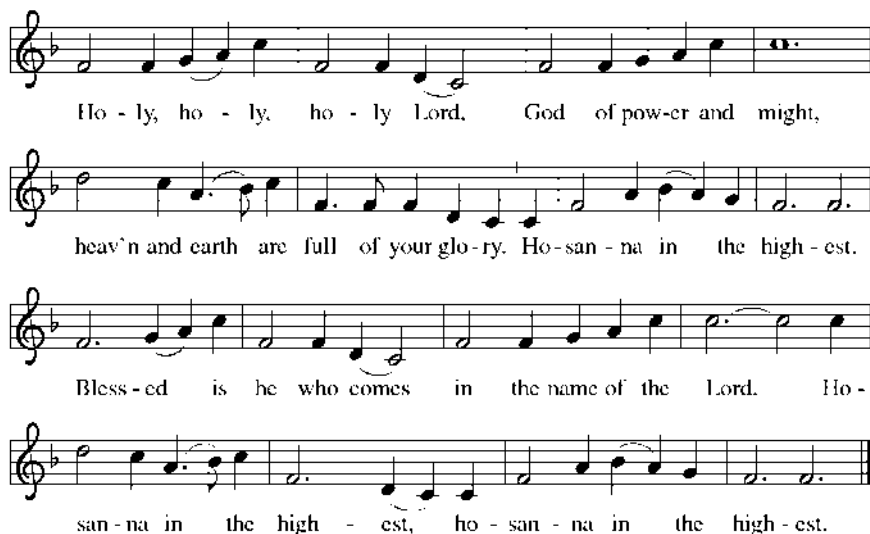
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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,
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.

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:



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

* COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle.
At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice.
The Common Cup is also available.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

DAY BY DAY # 790

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART # 800

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.



SENDING



*BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

O JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

We hear "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" as we go forth to

LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD

All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

The flowers on the altar were placed
to the glory of God by
Desiree Brown
In honor of Desiree, Matthew and Mea Long

Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service.

Today's Fellowship Hour is hosted by Deb Boyer

July 27

August 3

August 10

August 17

August 24

Quilters

Ginny Engel and Paul Kaler

Steve & Mary Eaton and Amanda Thomson

Council

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Update on our Adopted Camp Counselor, Ali Wyland

As summer winds down, Camp Luther is on it's final stretch. Now is the time when counselors and staff need our prayers the most as fatigue sets in and counselors and staff need to begin thinking about the new school year or looking for another job. So, let's not forget to pray for Ali Wyland and while you're at it, don't forget to pray for our very own CarolAnn Miller, who has been working two or three jobs this summer.

Ali has been very blessed with lots of snacks and support. On this final stretch, if you would like to send her a gift, she asks that you send Sheetz gift cards.



Camp Luther News

Our Marianne's Sub and Pizza fundraiser raised \$623.00 for the renovations needed at Mt. Camp Luther. In addition, another \$90.00 was donated, making our total contribution \$713.00. The money is going toward updating the bathhouse which is sorely lacking in privacy, accessibility and ventilation. In addition, donations will also go toward repurposing, renovating and refreshing Maple Hall into a multipurpose center with three small group retreat units and a small support kitchen. Improving the building's efficiency and layout will allow Camp Mt. Luther to host more overnight adult groups and provide space for new ministry opportunities.

New Berlin Firemen's Carnival Update

Thank you to all those who worked a shift selling ice cream at the Ice Cream Shoppe last weekend. Your hot and sticky work resulted in raising \$4073.23 for Messiah Lutheran's general fund.

It's Always a Good Time to Update the Prayer List

Please review the prayer list and let Christine know whether prayers have been answered and those prayed for can be removed or whether we should move those needing more prayer onto the long-term list. Please email me your continued prayers and/or praises at:

Christine@newberlinlutherans.com

or put a note in my box.

Thank you for helping me serve the church better.



When was the last time you bought meat, dairy and produce for 19 cents a pound?!????!!!

Well, believe it or not, that's what our Food Pantry pays for food through the Central Pa. Food Bank! Now you might think that's a deal and we don't need your donation to provide for those in need in our area. Oh, contraire! We have been providing to 100+ individuals every month. That means that although items are only 19 cents a pound, we still need to buy enough to meet the ever-growing amount of need. I hate to belabor this point, but, we obviously can't get this good deal if we don't have the money. So, let me show you some numbers: A gift of \$5.00 will get us almost 26 pounds of food. \$10.00 will buy us 52 pounds of food and \$20.00 will buy us 105 pounds of food!!! You can't find a better deal anywhere! Plus, we can get free stuff too!

Please give your monetary donations to the New Berlin Food Pantry through Messiah. If you are giving cash, please place it in an envelop designated for the Food Pantry. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to Messiah and note in the memo line that it is for the New Berlin Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

Also, another great way to be a good steward of your money and support the New Berlin Food Pantry is by purchasing gift cards for Weis, Giant and L and L markets. I know, a lot of us go to Walmart, but meat and produce are ALWAYS better at Weis and Giant. Even a purchase of a \$25.00 card helps the Food Pantry.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, July 27, 2025

Presiding:	Pastor Wayne Muthler
Greeter/s:	Mim Keister
Lector:	Nancy Morgan
Acolytes:	Nancy Morgan and CarolAnn Miller
Cantor/s:	CarolAnn Miller
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Kay Trick
Communion Set Up:	Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Communion Baker:	Kathleen Ferster
Altar Flowers:	

Last Week 7/13/25

Attendance: 22

Giving: \$1435.00

Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

Need immediate prayers? Contact Tom Milbrand (272-305-0058), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

In our prayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie,
Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey,
Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber,
Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller,
John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers,
Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas,
Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush,
Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover,
Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman,
George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor,
Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski,
Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Tracy Sassaman,
Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire,
Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh,
Ted Kolvich, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman,
Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder, Robert Sauers, Rick Slear,
Joe Hoffman

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Ken Walter, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel,
Diane Walter, Randy Rim Fultz, Mary Lou Shoop,
Ali Wyland

Providence and Protection for first responders and
military service men and women
Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound
**Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck,
Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka**

Comfort for those who Grieve

For the family and friends of Dick Devitt, Bill Roush,
Ralph "Zip" Geiswite Jr., Harold Spangler,

This Week

Today, Sunday, July 20

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship

Today, July 20

4:05 pm Crosscutters Game

Sunday, July 27

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 119:97-1-4

Mon.	July 21	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 1:27-2:7
Tues.	July 22	Proverbs 9:1-18	1 John 2:1-6
Wed.	July 23	Deuteronomy 12:1-12	John 6:41-51

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 138

Thurs.	July 24	Esther 2:19-3:6	Acts 1:15-20
Fri.	July 25	Esther 3:7-15	Acts 2:22-36
Sat.	July 26	Esther 4:1-17	Luke 8:22-25

Sunday, July 27

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13