

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 27, 2025



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

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.**

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.**

Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

#533

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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.**

please be seated

Service Of Holy Baptism

Korbett William Dieckman

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors:

We present Korbett William Dieckman for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Korbett baptized into Christ? *I do.*

As you bring Korbett to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Korbett grow in the Christian faith and life? *I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Korbett in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Korbett and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the powers of this world that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Korbett William Dieckman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Korbett with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Korbett, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

Borning Cry



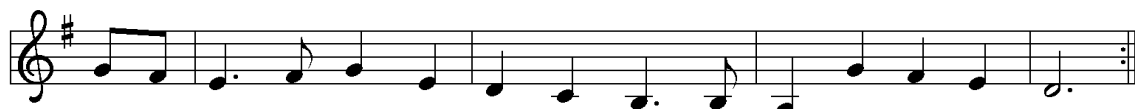
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

First Reading

Genesis 18:20 - 32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I 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." ²² So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose 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? ²⁵ Far 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?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose 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." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He 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." ³² Then 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.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 138

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

² **I 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.**

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

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

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

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

⁷ 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.

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

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6 - 15

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See 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. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when 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. ¹³ And 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, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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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. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵ And 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; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And 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.’ ⁸ I 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. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If 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.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

#745

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#182

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... 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.**

The 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.

Words of Institution

The 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.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#742

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

see next page

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

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1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and offered signs of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
(also on next page)

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



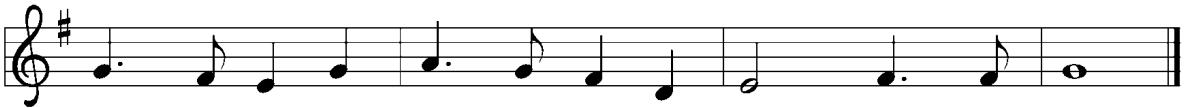
- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: Jesus taught his disciples the "Lord's Prayer" we still pray, centuries later. As we worship, know that you are in company with countless generations, praising God who was and is and is to come. Welcome.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHoltten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Harold Brown (father of Donnie Brown), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, David Woolery (friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke), Susan Canfield, Les Bruns, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Mike Hinkel, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHoltten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHoltten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Baptismal Grace: Korbett William Dieckman will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism **today**. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Korbett is the son of Nicholas and Adrienn Dieckman and was born on May 10th. His sponsors are Malissa Adams and Chris Dieckman.

Undies Sunday: Today, we are seeking financial donations that will go towards the purchase of new undergarments for children who come to the Back-to-School Clothing Sale on August 2nd. This new practice of purchasing bulk underwear allows for a more equitable distribution to those attending. Thank you for your support!



**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Offering: Thank you, St. Paul's, for your ongoing generosity in sharing your time, talents, and treasures. The staff and leaders of the church work hard to be good stewards of your gifts and offerings. At the end of June we are halfway through the budget year. Our budgeted expenses are on track, however our budgeted offering income is behind nearly \$23,000. The major expenses and projects that we've undertaken over the past few months have been entirely covered by insurance money we received due to our claim, so this budget shortfall is truly our everyday operating expenses. At this time of year we historically run a little behind, but this is a little more than usual. We wanted to make you aware of this and hope that you might consider helping us get closer to our budget. Thanks again for your ongoing support!

Float Work: Calling on all pleaters, fluffers, stuffers, and frame builders! For the present time, we will meet on **Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays** at 5:00 p.m. in the in the Gathering Space. Dennis is constructing the "little blue truck" at his home. However, guys (builders) will need to help with work on the frame. Many hands will make the project run smoothly. Thanks!!



Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class. However, no class on July 28.



Volunteering: This year we will be sorting and arranging clothing all week, Monday through Friday, **July 28th - August 1st**, in preparation for the Clothing Sale on August 2nd. Volunteers are welcome to stop by any day, starting at 9:00am, to offer some time sorting. We will also need volunteers the day of the sale to assist shoppers and straighten up the clothing tables.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 28th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!



Meeting: The Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 30th** at 7:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 31st** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Back to School Blessing: As schools gear up for another school year, we give thanks to God for the gift of learning and for those who take on this endeavor as their vocation. During worship on Sunday, **August 17th** we'll offer our prayers and blessings upon students, teachers and administrators as this new school year.

Acolytes: "Acolyte" is an ancient word that means "helper." In our worship services acolytes help out by lighting candles and helping in other ways. Acolytes at St. Paul's usually begin in the 4th grade, so if you would like to help out in this way join Pastor Stephen after worship on Sunday, **August 24th**, for a brief training session. Please let him know if you are planning on coming so we can make sure you are on the upcoming schedule.



~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~



Birthday Blessings: Birthday Blessings is a not-for-profit organization that supports foster children in Benton and Pettis Counties. They provide birthday and Christmas gifts for foster youth among other support. From **July 1-31**, they are collecting new gifts for this Christmas for foster children to get ahead of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. A collection box has been set up in the link area. The gifts will benefit foster children in Missouri, and specifically Benton and Pettis Counties. Please consider purchasing a gift for a foster child and leaving it in the box. There is a QR code on the box with a link to Birthday Blessings for more information on this group and suggested gift ideas.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Celebrate the ending of summer with us! The Youth Group of Holy Cross will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, **August 3rd** from 6:00-8:00pm on the church lawn. A light supper of hot dogs, juicy burger, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, watermelon, desserts & ice cream will be served. During the supper, a free-will donation will be collected for youth group activities and servant events. Beginning around 7:00pm there will be a pie & dessert auction with limited offerings so come prepared to bid. A portion of the proceeds from the auction will be given to the Lutheran School Association's Playground Fund. More detailed information about the event can be found on Holy Cross's Facebook page. Please make plans to attend this fun filled evening of food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone!



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 27:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Baptism of Korbett Dieckman
Monday, July 28:	9:00am	Sewing
	9:00am	Set up for Clothing Sale
	5:00pm	Float Work
Tuesday, July 29:	9:00am	Set up for Clothing Sale
Wednesday, July 30:	9:00am	Set up for Clothing Sale
	5:00pm	Float Work
	7:00pm	Evangelism
Thursday, July 31:	8:00am	BCHD
	9:00am	Set up for Clothing Sale
	5:00pm	Float Work
Friday, August 1:	9:00am	Set up for Clothing Sale
Saturday, August 2:	9:00am	Back-to-School Clothing Sale
	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, August 3:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

August 2.....Back-to-School Clothing Sale

Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Ministers	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....	Lois Viebrock
Pianist	Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....	Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers.....	Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
.....	Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 27, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Sandy Schlesselman
Communion Assistants	Jake & Sara Jackson
Reader.....	Tiffinay Nash
Children’s Sermon	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....	Grady Elliott & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers	Melisa Balke



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 3, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants	At the Altar
Reader.....	Susan Goosen
Children’s Sermon	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....	Grant Kullman & Lena Smith
Flowers	Ellen Harms

