



LECTIONARY 19

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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:	Paul Kaler and Ginny Engel
Lector:	John Showers
Acolytes:	John Showers and Mea Long
Cantor/s:	JR Erdley
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Kay Trick
Communion Set Up:	Steve and Linda Resseguie
Communion Baker:	Steve and Linda Resseguie

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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

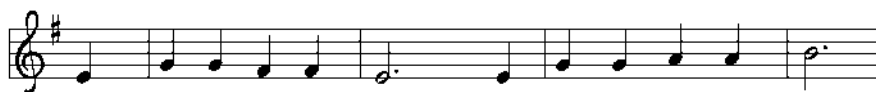
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JESUS, STILL LEAD ON

*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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



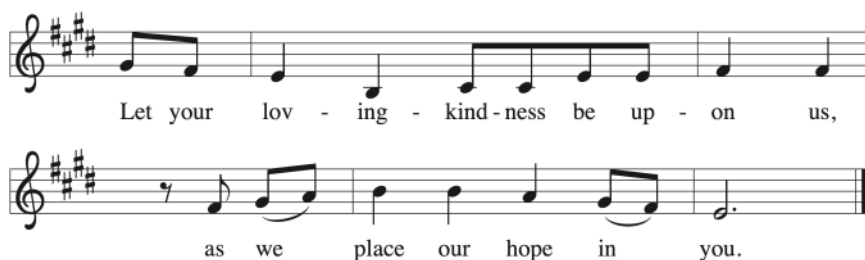
FIRST READING

GENESIS 15:1-6

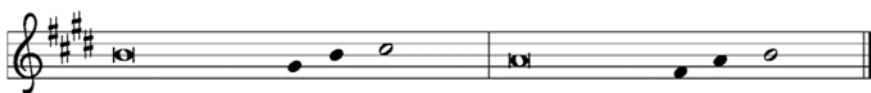
¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ The LORD brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then the LORD said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And Abram believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

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



Psalm Tone



- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God's heritage!
- ¹³ **The LORD looks ¹ down from heaven,
and sees all ¹ humankind.**
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly en- ¹ throned and watches
all who dwell ¹ on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **God fashions ¹ all their hearts
and observes ¹ all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size ¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ¹ their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your ¹ steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their ¹ lives from death,
and to keep them alive in ¹ time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD,
our helper ¹ and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- ¹ es in you,
for in your holy name we ¹ put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us,
even as we place our ¹ hope in you. **R (Repeat Refrain)**

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰ For Abraham looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered faithful the one who had promised.

¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40

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

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give the dominion to you. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

³⁸ If the master comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, the owner would not have let the house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son-of-Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

HOMILY

BEVERLY HOFFMAN

*HYMN OF THE DAY

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LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

***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

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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>.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

ARRON MCMICHAEL

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

MUSIC WRITTEN BY CHARLES CONVERSE

TEXT WRITTEN BY JOSEPH SCRIVEN

*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

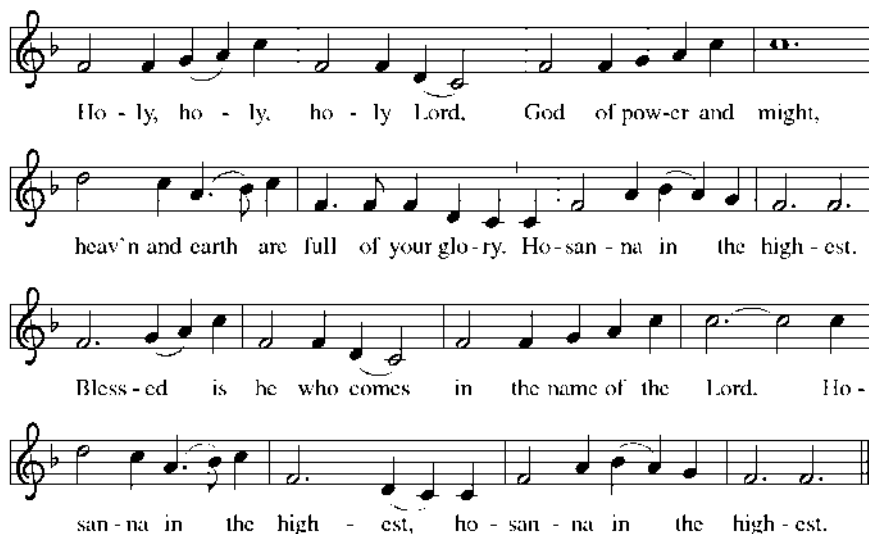
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

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LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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* 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

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

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*DISMISSAL

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

We hear "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" 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
Ronald and Frances Blatchley
In memory of Frances' mother, Audrey Thompson.

Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service.

Today's Fellowship Hour is hosted by Steve & Mary Eaton and

Amanda Thomson

August 17

Council

August 24

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August 31

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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:

Christinerowe@newberlinlutherans.com

or put a note in my box.

Thank you for helping me serve the church better.



An orientation meeting on September 3rd at 7pm begins our 2025-2026 Preschool year at Messiah Lutheran. The following day will be the first official school day for our young students. We have 15 students scheduled to begin classes. This is a significant milestone for students and parents alike. Please pray for each student, their family, and our faithful teacher, Karen Smith.

ALMOST TIME TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

School supplies are showing up everywhere you shop. Now is the time to find some deals! Notebooks are the first to sell out, so when in doubt, buy notebooks! We are hoping to collect all of the needed items by September so that the kits can be packed at our "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Don't like shopping? That's okay! You can donate money to W.E.L.C.A. and they will purchase the needed items for you. Our goal is 100 kits.

WHAT IS STILL NEEDED:

- 25 pencil sharpeners
- 41 rulers
- 172 #2 pencils, unsharpened
- 260 black or blue ballpoint pens
(no gel pens, please)

And notebooks, notebooks, notebooks!!





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, August 17, 2025

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	Emily Moyer
Lector:	Deb Wetzel
Acolytes:	Audrey Resseguie
Cantor/s:	Alicia Saxon
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
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Communion Set Up:	Steve and Linda Resseguie
Communion Baker:	Steve and Linda Resseguie
Altar Flowers:	

Last Week 8/3/25

Attendance: 41

Giving: \$1866.00

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,
Mary Agnes Hackenberg

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 friends and family of Gary Keister

This Week

Today, Sunday, August 10

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship

Tues. August 12

6:30 pm Council

Sunday, August 17

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 89:1-18

Mon.	Aug. 11	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	Hebrews 11:1-7
Tues.	Aug. 12	2 Chronicles 34:22-33	Hebrews 11:17-28
Wed.	Aug. 13	Jeremiah 33:14-26	Luke 12:41-48

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 82

Thurs.	Aug. 14	Joshua 7:1, 10-26	Hebrews 10:26-31
Fri.	Aug. 15	1 Samuel 5:1-12	Hebrews 10:32-39
Sat.	Aug. 16	1 Samuel 6:1-16	Matthew 24:15-27
Sunday, Aug. 17		Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	