



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
August 23, 2026: 9:30 am

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

The congregation may stand.

CONFESSION

P: Blessed be God: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Abba, Abba, Hear Us" ACS 1072



1 "Ab - ba, Ab - ba, hear us," we cry; God's Spir - it
2 With the whole cre - a - tion we cry, groan as in
3 As we pray, the Spir - it breathes sighs, sighs far too



cries in us, names us a - dopt - ed and be - lov - ed
child - birth. Soon all sin, all death's de - cay will be no
deep for words; God, who search - es hearts and knows the Spir - it's

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heirs, the heirs of God. All cre - a - tion
more; we shall be free. All cre - a - tion
mind, hears all our prayer. All cre - a - tion

waits, ea - ger and long - ing, for the glo - rious
waits, ea - ger and long - ing; for the prom - ised
waits, ea - ger and long - ing. As we live in

free - dom of God's chil - dren soon will be re - vealed.
glo - ry that we soon shall see we wait and pray.
hope, we know that in all things God works for good.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: ARIRANG, Korean traditional
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PASTORAL GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Father, you sent your Son Jesus to save us from the powers of this fallen world. In times of struggle and doubt, fortify our faith and assure us of our adoption into your family. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE Galatians 4:1-7 *Common English Bible*

L: A reading from Galatians:

I'm saying that as long as the heirs are minors, they are no different from slaves, though they really are the owners of everything. However, they are placed under trustees and guardians until the date set by the parents. In the same way, when we were minors, we were also enslaved by this world's system. But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME ACS Setting 12



Cantor: You are | the Messiah, * the Son of the | living God.
To Alleluia

GOSPEL John 15:12-17 *Common English Bible*

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

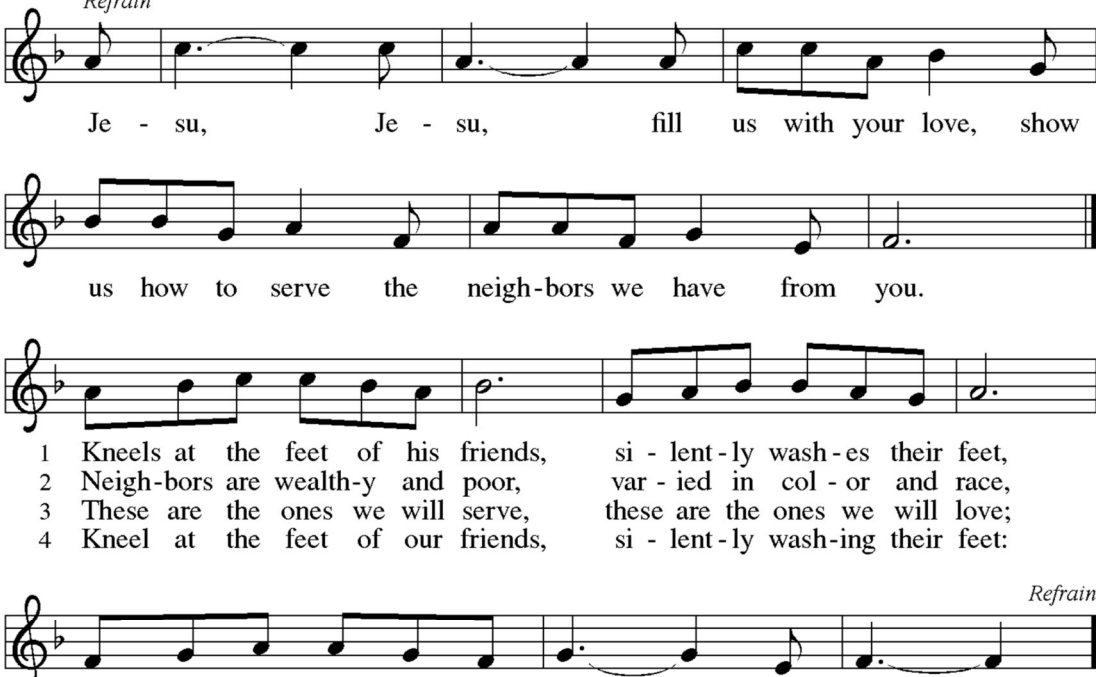
The congregation may be seated.

SERMON "A New Family" Pastor David Fleener

The congregation may stand.

SONG OF THE DAY "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" *ELW 708*

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, we confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.



MUSICAL OFFERING

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Loving God,

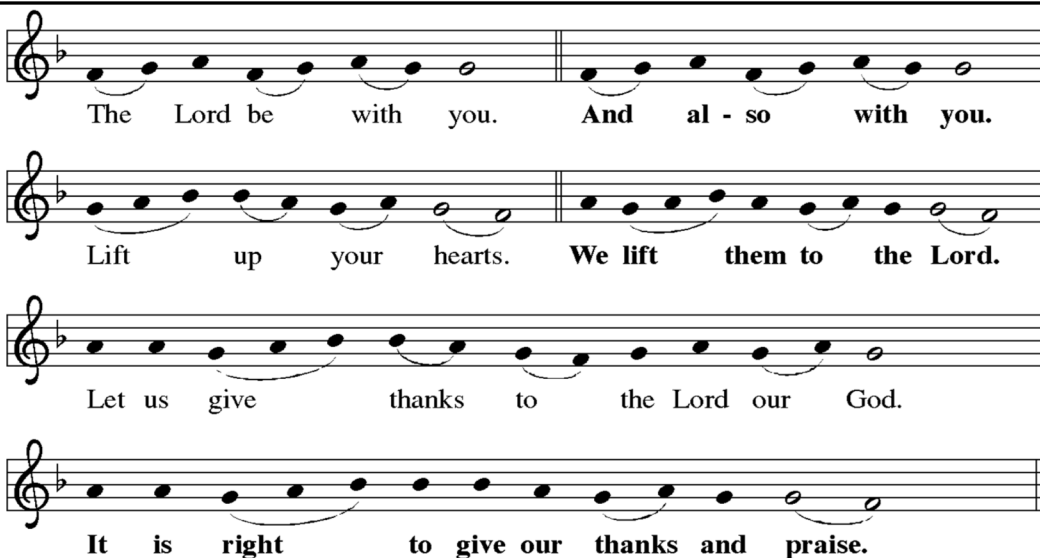
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

MEAL



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS Setting 12

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

The congregation may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD ACS Setting 12



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

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mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG "Beautiful Savior" FIW 828

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

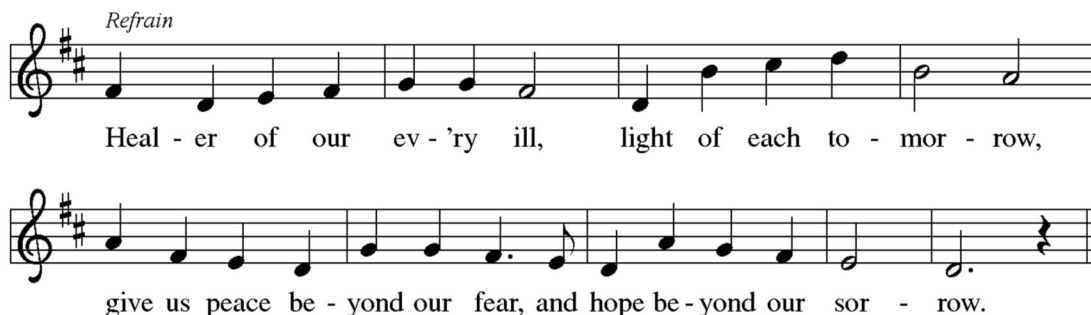
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

COMMUNION SONG "Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un-fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

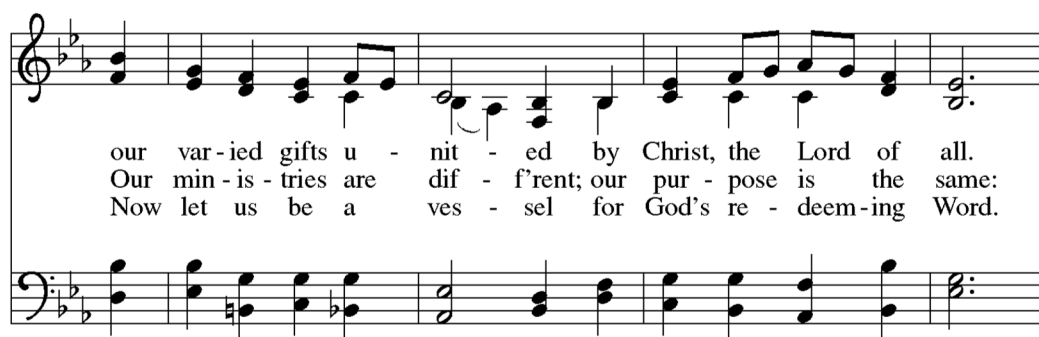
P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "We All Are One in Mission" ELW 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of August 23, 2026

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also ask Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small plastic containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. Place used cups in the baskets. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

HOSPITALITY servers for Aug 30: Greg & Karen Toivonen, Randy & Eldie Dertinger, Brad & Deb Hoven.

SHALOM DIRECTORY UPDATE: Twenty-five copies of the updated Shalom Directory (Version 2) are available on the information desk in the Narthex. These copies already include the corrections for C. Dordan and C. Facciotto.

If you have Version 1 Directory, take one label from each envelope on the information desk and “peel and stick” it over the corresponding paragraph in your directory.

PASTOR DAVID will be out of the office August 24-31. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Dennis Preston at (320) 491-2422.

WELCA Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention is Sept 18 & 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 205 S Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716. Early registration is due by August 22, 2026. No Cash, Checks only payable to NW MN SWO. All registration MUST be postmarked on or before due dates. Full payment is required with registration form. No refunds after Sept 1st, however registration is transferable. Mail registration form and check to NW MN SWO CONVENTION, Attn: Luella Thom, PO Box 103, Carlos, MN 56319.

CELEBRATION: Shalom member Bob Hildebrandt is turning 100 years young on September 7. Let's all send him a card! We will also be serving cake in his honor on September 6th at hospitality time on Sunday. Please join us for the fun of reaching this milestone. Bring your card then if you wish.

DO YOU WANT to delve deeper into your faith? Do you have questions about what Lutherans believe and why? Ever wonder why there isn't something for adults on Wednesday nights? Come join us for a laid-back study group called "Catechism for Grown-Ups" on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the conference room. We promise—no memorization!

END OF SUMMER GATHERING Celebrating the end of summer together. Join us on Wednesday August 26 from 5:30-7:30 pm for a relaxed evening of music, games, snacks and community.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy camp songs led by our praise band, yard games for all ages, snacks and MAYBE even a bonfire. Whether you come to sing, play, visit, or simply "be" with those around you, there's something for everyone.

Hosted by the Worship Committee and Youth & Education Committee, this evening is an opportunity for our church family to connect, build relationships and enjoy time together before the busy fall season begins.

Bring your friends and family. Everyone is welcome—we hope you'll join us.

God's Work Our Hands News

September 13 has been designated **ELCA Day of Service**. Congregations across the country will engage in projects that reflect service to others. Please join us at Shalom as we assemble **Newborn Kits** that will be donated to Global Health Ministries and then distributed around the world. The needed items (diapers, pins, a onesie, stocking cap, wash cloth, soap and receiving blanket) will be wrapped in a towel and boxed for shipping to GHM. This project will be completed in the community room immediately after worship on **Sunday September 13**. See you then!!

Thanks to all who filled LWR school book bags!! As of August 15, 71 bags have been filled and returned. School bags and quilts will be shipped to LWR in October.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*John & Carrie Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen
*Delores Martin *Evie Raguse, *Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, *Jeanette Priebe, *Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), *Gerry & Skeeter Kingsburg, Ben DeLong (brother of Chrissy O), *LaTelle Bailey, *Nola Smith *Amy Schlosser & family, JP Phelps (Nephew of John & Nola S), Brian Lein, (son-in-law of Dave & Barb B), *Dave Beyer, *Dan Rooney, *Diane Koranda, *John Smith, Nikki (Roy & Deb Kramer's daughter). *Shalom member

Jul/26 Activity

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surpl/ (Deficit)</u>	
\$ 40,922	\$ 46,119	\$ (5,197)	Building Fund
\$ 159,434	\$ 177,588	\$ (18,154)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved showing offerings equal to congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$104,528.

Shared Ministry

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08-30-26

Acolyte

Audio/Visual

Assisting Minister

Communion Assist

Communion Assist

Greeters

Greeters

Lector

Musicians

Proclaim/FB Live

Ushers

Ushers

Counters

Counters

Brian C/Dan R

Nola Smith

Dean Kliewer

Catherine Kliewer

Pam McCormick

Judy Radjenovich

John Smith

CJ/Kim/Julie

Sue Engstrom

Grant Pexsa

Renae Hills

Arvin Pletcher

Brian C/Dan R

Cami Pexsa

Carol Hedlund

Corrine Iverson

Sarah Fleener

Marlys Wanttie

Tam Bukowski

SOS Band

CJ/Kim/Julie

Grant Pexsa

Fritz Bukowski

Vic Dale

Charmaine Munt

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	08-23	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship in-person or online Hospitality Runestone Music Community Board
Tuesday	08-25	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Text Study at Common Ground Gospel of Uke
Thursday	08-27	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am 1:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study Retired Pastors
Sunday	08-30	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality