



June & July 2025~Summer Edition From the Desk of The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok

Living the Mission: Restoring All People to Unity in Christ

On page 855 of the Book of Common Prayer, a single sentence captures the heartbeat of our faith and the purpose of the Church:

"The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

This is not merely an aspirational slogan. It is the mission of the Church universal, meaning it is also our mission, here at Grace Church. This short sentence contains a powerful charge, one that calls us into deep reflection and courageous action. Let's break it down. To restore implies that something has been broken. Relationships, between people, between communities, between humanity and God, have been strained or even shattered. The Church's role is not to avoid this brokenness, but to step into it with the healing, reconciling love of Christ. Restoration doesn't mean returning to the way things used to be; it means moving forward into the wholeness God desires for us. To restore all people means just that: all people. Not just the people we already know. Not just those who look like us, vote like us, think like us, or worship like us. It includes those we struggle to understand, those who challenge us, those who have been hurt by the Church, and those who aren't even sure if they believe. The mission is as expansive as the love of God, and that love knows no boundaries. And what are we restoring people to? To unity with God and each other in Christ. That's not about uniformity or agreement on every issue. It's about communion, about recognizing that, in Christ, we are one Body. It is Christ who binds us together, across difference, disagreement, and division. This mission must shape the way we worship, the way we serve, and the way we speak to and about one another. It challenges us to go beyond comfort and habit, and to reach out in compassion, honesty, and humility. It invites us to forgive, to listen, and to hope. And it reminds us that we are never doing this work alone. The Holy Spirit is always moving, always stirring hearts, always making a way for unity to take root and flourish. At Grace Church, we live out this mission every time we welcome the stranger, serve the hungry, sit beside the grieving, baptize a child, or pass the peace. We live out this mission when we choose love over fear, mercy over judgment, and relationship over rivalry. The mission of the Church is not something we have; it's something we do. It's something we are. And it is as urgent and necessary now as ever. So let us pray for the courage to live into this mission fully. Let us ask God to show us where restoration is needed in our lives, in our church, and in our world. And let us commit, together, to being a community where all people, all people, can be drawn into the unity of Christ's redeeming love.

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COFFEE HOSTS



June 01
Sally Stuart
Sandy Swingle

July 06
Open

June 08
Open

July 13
Elaine Wurst

June 15
Open

July 20
Leigh Salyer
Gloria Gubser

June 22
Open

July 27
Open

June 29
Open

JESUCRISTO ÚNICO SALVADOR

La misión universal de la Iglesia nace de la fe en Jesucristo, tal como se expresa en la profesión de fe trinitaria: "Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos... Por nosotros, los hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo y, por obra del Espíritu Santo, se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre" 5 En el hecho de la Redención está la salvación de todos, "porque cada uno ha sido comprendido en el misterio de la Redención y con cada uno Cristo se ha unido, para siempre, por medio de este misterio" 6 Sólo en la fe se comprende y se fundamenta la misión.

"Nadie va al Padre sino por mí" (Jn 14, 6)

Remontándonos a los orígenes de la Iglesia, vemos afirmado claramente que Cristo es el único Salvador de la humanidad, el único en condiciones de revelar a Dios y de guiar hacia Dios. A las autoridades religiosas judías que interrogan a los Apóstoles sobre la curación del tullido realizada por Pedro, éste responde: "Por el nombre de Jesucristo, el Nazareno, a quien vosotros crucificasteis y a quien Dios resucitó de entre los muertos; por su nombre y no por ningún otro se presenta éste aquí sano delante de vosotros... Porque no hay bajo el cielo otro nombre dado a los hombres por el que nosotros debemos salvarnos" (Act 4, 10. 12). Esta afirmación, dirigida al Sanedrín, asume un valor universal, ya que para todos judíos y gentiles la salvación no puede venir más que de Jesucristo. La universalidad de esta salvación en Cristo es afirmada en todo el Nuevo Testamento San Pablo reconoce en Cristo resucitado al Señor: "Pues escribe él aun cuando se les dé el nombre de dioses, bien en el cielo, bien en la tierra, de forma que hay multitud de dioses y señores, para nosotros no hay más que un solo Dios, el Padre, del cual proceden todas las cosas y para el cual somos; y un solo Señor, Jesucristo, por quien son todas las cosas y por el cual somos nosotros" (1 Cor 8, 5-6). Se confiesa a un único Dios y a un único Señor en contraste con la multitud de "dioses" y "señores" que el pueblo admitía. Pablo reacciona contra el politeísmo del ambiente religioso de su tiempo y pone de relieve la característica de la fe cristiana: fe en un solo Dios y en un solo Señor, enviado por Dios. En el Evangelio de san Juan esta universalidad salvífica de Cristo abarca los aspectos de su misión de gracia, de verdad y de revelación: "La Palabra es la luz verdadera que ilumina a todo hombre" (cf. Jn 1, 9). Y añade: "A Dios nadie lo ha visto jamás; el Hijo único, que está en el seno del Padre, él lo ha revelado" (Jn 1, 18; cf. Mt 11, 27). La revelación de Dios se hace definitiva y completa por medio de su Hijo unigénito: "Muchas veces y de muchos modos habló Dios en el pasado a nuestros Padres por medio de los Profetas; en estos últimos tiempos nos ha hablado por medio del Hijo a quien instituyó heredero de todo, por quien también hizo los mundos" (Heb 1, 1-2; cf. Jn 14, 6).

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

~The Book of Common Prayer, page 855

As we continue to reinforce and build upon our understanding of the mission of the church, we must also ask how does the Church pursue this mission? Thankfully, the answer, is relatively pretty simple. The Church restores all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, by upholding that which we vowed in our baptismal covenant. That we would pursue a life that is rooted in prayer and worship, by proclaiming the good news of Jesus to all those in whom we encounter by word and deed. Communicating the good news of Jesus Christ will be different for each and every one of us, and thanks be to God for that reality, for in each of us is the grace and love of God affirming that we are worthy and capable of doing great things. Great things in the face of injustices by speaking up and out against the principalities which perpetrate them, and recognizing our own need to repent at times of the very same. Peoples are unified in peace over and above that which separates them, especially when we begin to recognize the face of Christ in all people, knowing that unity amongst peoples does not mean conformity to one thing or another, at the loss of another, but seeking that which holds us in common being the love of God. Ultimately reaching reconciliation with God and one another through promoting justice and seeking peace, which is the pursuit of love, and beloved if we are the living body of Christ, then love really is the reality which we must all condition a life worth living around.

Summer Music Request-A-Thon

Request your favorite hymn!

I'd like to offer everyone the opportunity to request their favorite hymns during the summer choir sabbatical. Throughout the summer I try to program "the greatest hits" that align as best as possible with the readings each week.

You can request your favorite by emailing organist@gracecarthage.com with the title and The Hymnal 1982 number. I will try to get through as many as possible in the summer months as they suit the readings, so please don't choose *O Little Town of Bethlehem* or *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*.

Request Away!

Birthdays

- 01 Shirley Gollhofer & Chris Palma
- 02 Christine Escobar
- 03 Colbie & Dax Stiles
- 05 Jimmy & Lillian Slates
- 07 Rev. Dr. Andrew Fritsch
- 08 Susan Young
- 09 Mark Sponaugle
& Beth Simmons
- 10 Chris Rogers, Chris Orr, George
Conrace & Clara Jo Mertens
- 11 Richard Ralston
- 13 Peter Frost & Oliver Sprengle
- 14 Sandy Fritsch
- 15 Susan Conrace, Eliza Arthur &
Violet Weber
- 16 Jose Palma & Luis Cordova
- 17 Gary Borland & Amy Grimes
- 18 Melinda Wilson
- 19 Michele Sexton & Rory Blair
- 22 Justin Slates
- 23 Dennis Conrow
- 24 Christian Cook
- 29 Michael Anderson

Anniversaries

- 01 Zach & Alyssa Hess
- 06 Claude & Karen Newport;
Caleb & Stacey Stiles
- 07 Eli & Morgan Stiles
- 09 Jeff & Kate Lasley
- 10 Michael & Jeanne Goolsby;
Michael & Diann Hays
- 14 Jon & Serena Haffner
- 18 Ron & Crystal Stiles

Altar Flowers

01-June

Given by Jule Anderson & Diann Scorse in thanksgiving for loving family, wonderful friends, and happiness in life as well as in thanksgiving for Joe, Blake, and their families;

Given by Debby Orr in remembrance of Wanda & David Spencer, Jo & Lon Orr

08-June

Given by Gary & Carolyn Cole in memory of Oliss and Jean Cole, Era F. and Lucille Culley, Louera Walker, Gale and Atha Cole, and Burl Herndon;

Given by Michele Sexton in memory of Dean Sexton

15-June

Given by John & Margaret Wampler in loving memory of Paul & Vi Wampler, and Tom Moss

22-June

Given by Henry & Heather Stout, Kloe, Hadlee, and Carter in honor of the anniversary of Dr. Robert & Ann Carter;

Given by Elaine Wurst, Elle & Jay Lanham family in memory of Bill Johnson, Walter Wurst, Walt Sell, Gayla Benson, and Verna West

Given by Dale Hopp in memory of Jinny Hopp

29-June

Given by John Mayes in loving memory of Diane Mayes

Birthdays

- 01 Robbie Mountjoy
- 02 Andres Lazo
- 03 Jana Sawyer & Bill Stremke
- 04 Barbara Mountjoy,
Fr. Roger Stinnett &
Audrey Willingham
- 07 Richard Barlet, Jenny Mansfield
& Miao Miao Nelson
- 09 Madeline Marsden
- 10 Gary Cole, Debby Orr
& Heather Stout
- 11 Brian Jones, Brad Bates
& Stephanie Brodaway
- 12 Elliott Hess
- 14 Rayella Lindsay
- 15 Bill Putnam, Kathy Parker
- 16 Ben Blair
- 19 Roger Bougher
- 20 Morgan Stiles & Briana Alvarado
- 21 Andrew White
& Deniss Hernandez
- 24 Bob Young & Doug Simmons
- 25 Clayton & Reagan Thompson,
Charlie Baucom, Cora Stiles
- 26 Alessandro Leon
- 30 Janice Cook
- 31 Jim Creighton

Anniversaries

- 09 Jimmy & Amy Grimes
- 11 Junius & Paulina Raymond
- 16 Paul & Lisa Daughtery
- 20 Scott & Susan Campbell
- 24 Randy & Karen McKee;
Henry & Heather Stout
- 26 Jack & Jeanie Slates
- 28 Brian & Sandy Jones
- 31 Scott & Jana Sawyer

Altar Flowers

06-July

Given by Van Ellis in memory of Millie Vanhooose, Maude Vanhooose, Helen Vanhooose, and James Ellis

13-July

Given by Mark Sponaugle in memory of Floyd and Beulah Ecton, Charles and Geneva Sponaugle, and Dennis McCullough

20-July

Given by Pat Cowan in memory of Ted Cowan;

Given by Gary Gillum in memory of Bobby Gillum

27-July

Given by Chuck & Becky Edds in loving memory of Charles & Dorothy Mae Edds, Erma & Clifford Wise, George & Viola Edds, Royce & Pearl Dooley, Dutch & Mary Thornburgh, and Mae Dintamin



Exploring the Way—Adult Formation

Sundays, June 01-July 06, 9:30 am; sign up in advance.

Summer Mega Camp Youth Event

June 01-07, YMCA Camp Wood with Diocese of Kansas; Elmdale, KS

Men of Grace Meetings– 9:00 am

Saturdays June 07 & 21; July 05 & 19

Parish Pentecost Potluck

Sunday, June 08 after 10:30 am service. As you are able, bring a side dish to share and your friends and neighbors to church with you!

St. Martha's Guild

Wednesday, June 11 at 11:00 am– Cherry's on the Square. All ladies of parish invited.

Bingo at St. Luke's

Saturday June 14 & July 12, 2:00 pm
A group of Grace members gather at St. Luke's Nursing Center every 2nd Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm to play bingo with St. Luke's residents. Anyone interested is welcome to join the fun!

Father's Day Reception

Sunday, June 15 after 10:30 am service.
Join us and bring a picture of your father or a father figure in your life for display at a festive reception. Kindly include names on back of the photo.

Caregivers Together– 2:00 pm

Tuesday June 17 & July 15

Vestry Meetings– 5:30 pm

Tuesday June 17 & July 15

Vacation Bible School—5:30-8:00pm

June 18, 19, 20—see featured section on page 08.

Church Office Closed:

Thursday, June 19: Juneteenth Holiday
Friday, July 04: Independence Holiday

Summer Ultreya (Grace Hosting)

Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am—Noon; in Parish House

Coffee with Vestry

Sunday, June 22—Come chat and catch up with vestry members over coffee between morning services.

Giving Sunday– UTO Ingathering

Sunday, June 29—Undesignated offerings at services on this day will go to support the United Thank Offering – an Episcopal Granting Committee.

St. Luke's Board Meetings-5:30 pm

Thurs., June 26 & July 24

Giving Sunday– Clergy Discretionary

Sunday, July 06—Undesignated offerings at services on this day will go to our clergy discretionary funds so they may help members of our community in need as well as charitable organizations in our community.

Encore Luncheon: Vision Carthage

Fri., July 18 at Noon. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door, please sign up in advance. Program will be presented by Vision Carthage.

MissionPalooza Youth Event

St. Paul's Kansas City– July 15-20

Submissions Due for August Newsletter:

Friday, July 18 by 9:00 am

August Newsletter Folding Party

Tuesday, July 22 at 2:00 pm

Lunches of Love

Food Packing:

11a-12p & 3p-4p every Wednesday, June 25 through August 13

Food Distribution:

3p-6p Mondays & Thursdays, beginning June 26 lasting through August 16

Parish Prayer List

St. Luke's:

Tom Huntley
Frank Lane
Paula Windham

Oak Pointe:

Lida McCulloch

Moberly:

Eric Adams

College View:

Roger & Sherrie
Stinnett

OKC:

Kay Graham

Good Shepherd:

Edith Walters

Foxberry Terrace:

Connie Moss

Parishioners:

Mary Beimdiek
Susie Bewick
Tom Flanigan
Marilyn Kelley
Jenny Mansfield
Bill Putnam
Amanda Smith
Mike Thompson
Steve Wampler
Bill Wilson

Current Requests:

Jeanne Atwell
Garvin Dunaway
Eric Hartman
Jim Hunter
Emily Jenkins
Cheryl Matthews
Gene Mitchell
Jane Mitchell
Tony Nail, Sr.
Aaron Norvell
Celia Osier
Claude Ralston
Anne Randall
Flora Smallwood
Michael Speck
Doug Studyvin
Tom Swarens
Jeremey

Dearly Departed:

Maynard Mitchell: 20-April

Military & First Responders:

Knox Dunaway
Will Flanigan
Gary Kalinosky
Tanner Marney
Logan McGinnis
Chris Orr
Anastasia Painter
Dmytro Repytski
Steven Sample
Justin Slates
Nic Smith
Ian Stinnett
Chase Taylor

Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

(Now aligns with Bishop Amy's Visitation schedule)

01-June: St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Belton

08-June: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Independence

15-June: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Monett

22-June: St. George Episcopal Church, Camdenton

29-June: Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs

06-July: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Harrisonville

13-July: Trinity Episcopal Church, Independence

20-July: St. Peter & All Saints Episcopal Church, Kansas City

27-July: No Visitation

All Sundays we pray for:

St. Nicholas Noel; St. Andrew's Maracabee Haiti; Jory Mertens our Seminarian; Bishop Amy Meaux

Vestry Members

Class of 2026: Jeanie Slates (*Sr. Warden*), Andy Lynch, Elaine Wurst (*Clerk*), Mike Robertson

Class of 2027: Ben Blair (*Jr. Warden*), Chuck Edds, Gloria Gubser, Alyssa Hess

Class of 2028: Clifton Kester, Jennifer Rhymer, Amanda Smith, Michelle Theerman

136th Diocesan

Convention Delegates

Julie Anderson

Gloria Gubser

Debby Orr

Spencer Orr

Jennifer Rhymer

Elisa White

Zelma Watts

Alternates: Leo Baird, Mark Jones, Andy Lynch, Leigh Salyer & Sally Stuart

Gift Shop Hours

Thurs. 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
Sunday Mornings, & via appointment

Newsletter Mailing List

If you would like to opt-out of receiving a paper newsletter, please let us know by calling the church office or emailing admin@gracecarthage.com. Any known changes to the Ministers of Worship section are updated in the electronic version of the Newsletter which is shared Monday Mornings with the *This Week at Grace* email.

Thank You!

...To Cathy Thompson for always taking such wonderful⁷ care of the church recycling materials!

LIVE IT OUT

DISCOVER HOW TO
LOVE LIKE JESUS

DATE: June 18, 19, 20

TIME: 5:30 pm Dinner
6:00 -8:00 VBS

LOCATION: Grace Episcopal

WHO: Ages 5 years -5th Grade
Volunteer sign-ups for
6th grade - Adult

Register

www.myvbs.org/GraceCarthage



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Stewardship- It's not just about the church budget

Grace's 2025-2026 "Tell Out My Soul" * Stewardship campaign is not solely about balancing the budget. In reality, parishes should do stewardship formation and their budget process apart from each other. Yes, the amount of pledge income will affect the budget, but in the end, we do not gather pledge income so that we might have balanced budgets. We do stewardship campaigns to help people learn about the generosity and hospitality of Jesus Christ. Yes, our church budget is important but we also want to focus on making mindful choices with our time, talents and treasures in our daily lives. Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God.

Building Relationships out of Abundance Instead of Scarcity

The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing and volunteering for Grace's mission and ministries. At the end of the day, what is most important is reaching out to build relationships with each other from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.

Intentionality

Over the summer months, I challenge you to think about Stewardship as primarily about "intentionality." Intentionality means moving beyond pledging out of a passive obligation to being an active disciple of Christ. When we are deliberate about choosing to support Grace Church's mission and ministries, we are giving from a place of joy as a response to God's love.

To be a successful steward means we care for, provide for and contribute to something because we find value in it. It means that it is important enough to us that we aren't giving from a place of what we simply have left over. Let's begin to be intentional about making choices regarding what we want our pledge (our time, talent and treasure) to go toward.

Let's "Tell Out Our Souls" by being intentional about our sharing our gifts rooted in faith, gratitude and love of Christ.

Credit for part of this message is given to: Fr. Regis Smolko

Priest -St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, Sewickley, PA

Blessings,

Beth Kang

Stewardship Committee Chair

* Tell Out My Soul Stewardship Campaign Theme was partially inspired by this beautiful hymn – verses by Thomas Dudley-Smith
<https://www.hymnologyarchive.com/tell-out-my-soul>

GRACE CHURCH YOUTH
2025

SUMMER
Activities

JUNE

25

2025

6pm-8pm Youth
Game Night in
the Parish Hall
(Dinner
provided)

JULY

23

2025

6pm-8pm Youth
Game Night in
the Parish Hall
(Dinner
provided)

AUGUST

6

2025

7pm Marian
Days for
dinner. (bring
cash for food)

See you there

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
youth@gracecarthage.com

The Vestry met on May 20.

The clergy shared updates on the consecration of Bishop Amy Meaux. Fr. Jose Palma is working on the preparations for the Hispanic Multi-Diocesan Retreat, to be held in July. The Senior Warden (Jeanie Slates) reminded everyone that the next Coffee with the Vestry is scheduled for June 22. Everyone is encouraged to attend! Plans are coming together for a Stewardship Drive, tentatively scheduled for late September through October. Building maintenance continues with recent plumbing repairs, and upcoming plans for painting the apse. Plans are in place to replace the broken basketball goal in the parking lot and repair a damaged pew in the Nave.

Financially, April was not a good month. We are down \$21,000. A transfer of \$25,000 from operating funds was necessary to cover upcoming expenses. On a positive note, we were able to send our \$4,000 annual contribution to the school in Haiti we support. Improvements were made to our security system that is expected to save about \$8,000 annually.

The Lunches of Love program is preparing to begin our second year of donating food to Carthage school children. Banners have been ordered to promote the program, which will hand out two bags of food to each child every week. Volunteers to help run this program are welcome! See the sign-up sheets on the table in the Parish House.

Vacation Bible School plans are also underway, and volunteers are needed! VBS will be held for children in K-5th grades on June 18, 19, and 20. The Vestry also approved an expenditure of up to \$2,000 to provide scholarships for Grace Church youth to attend the Episcopal Summer Mega Camp.

The Vestry endorsed Jory Mertens as a candidate for ordination to the Diaconate. His ordination is expected to take place in January 2026.

Ministers of Worship

Sun., June 01

8:00 am

Reader & Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

Prayers: Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

OT: Barbara Mountjoy

NT & Chalice: Elaine Wurst

Prayers & Chalice: Andy Lynch

Cross: Owen Hess

Torches: Peyton Lynch & Elizabeth Frink

Server: Connor Wilkowski

Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

AV: Jennifer Rhymer

Ushers: Zach Hess & Spencer Orr

Flower Delivery: Gloria Gubser & Peggy Ralston

Wed., June 04

6:00 pm

Reader & Chalice: A. J. Rhymer

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., June 06

10:00 am

Reader: Zelma Watts

Server: Mark Jones

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., June 07

9:00 am

Sacristan: Becky Edds

5:00 pm

Reader & Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Becky Edds

Sun., June 08: Pentecost

8:00 am

Reader: Jay Thompson

Sacristan: Debby Orr

10:30 am

OT: Kathy Laytham

NT & Chalice: Nic Smith

Prayers & Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Cross: Sammy Hess

Torches: Allie Rhymer & Carson Stremke

Server: Brooklyn Rhymer

Acolyte Mentor: Jennifer Rhymer

Sacristan: Becky Edds

AV: Elisa White & Alana Harris

Ushers: Steve Erwin & Max Hill

Flower Delivery: Zelma Watts & Julie Anderson

Wed., June 11

6:00 pm

Reader: Ashley Rouse

Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., June 13

10:00 am

Reader: Carole Pryor

Server: Mark Jones

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., June 14

9:00 am

Sacristan: Connie Leek

5:00 pm

Reader: Carole Pryor

Sacristan: Connie Leek

Ministers of Worship

Sun., June 15

8:00 am

Reader & Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

Prayers: Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

OT & Chalice: Ruth Hartman

NT: Regina Newport

Prayers & Chalice: Larry Hartman

Cross: Sammy Hess

Torches: Lincoln & Barrett Cook

Server: Alana Harris

Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White

Sacristan: Connie Leek

AV: Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

Ushers: Chris & Spencer Orr

Flower Delivery: Cathy Thompson

Wed., June 18

6:00 pm

Reader & Chalice: Jon Haffner

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., June 20

10:00 am

Reader: Zelma Watts

Server: Mark Jones

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., June 21

9:00 am

Sacristan: All Clean

5:00 pm

Reader & Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

Sun., June 22

8:00 am

Reader & Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

Prayers: Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

OT: Leigh Salyer

NT: Michelle Theerman

Prayers & Chalice: Nic Smith

Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Cross: Carson Stremke

Torches: Walker Lasley & Elizabeth Frink

Server: Brooklyn Rhymer

Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

AV: Mike Robertson

Ushers: Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

Flower Delivery: Jeanne Goolsby

Wed., June 25

6:00 pm

Reader: Regina Newport

Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., June 27

10:00 am

Reader: Carole Pryor

Server: Mark Jones

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., June 28

9:00 am

Sacristan: Elisa White

5:00 pm

Reader: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Elisa White

Ministers of Worship

Sun., June 29

8:00 am

Reader: Jay Thompson

Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

OT: Marcia McGuire

NT: Ruth Hartman

Prayers & Chalice: Andy Lynch

Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Cross: Larry Hartman

Torches: Ruth Hartman & Elaine Wurst

Server: Alana Harris

Sacristan: Elisa White

AV: Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

Ushers: Jennifer & Brooklyn Rhymer

Flower Delivery: Jeanne Goolsby

Wed., July 02

6:00 pm

Reader & Chalice: A.J. Rhymer

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., July 04

10:00 am

Reader: Mark Jones

Server: Zelma Watts

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., July 05

9:00 am

Sacristan: Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

Reader: Leigh Salyer

Sacristan: Pam White

Sun., July 06

8:00 am

Reader & Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

Prayers: Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

OT: Barbara Mountjoy

NT: Chuck Edds

Prayers & Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Chalice: Jory Mertens

Cross: Allie Rhymer

Torches: Elizabeth Frink & Owen Hess

Server: Connor Wilkowski

Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White

Sacristan: Beth Simmons

AV: Jennifer Rhymer

Ushers: Larry & Ruth Hartman

Flower Delivery: Gloria Gubser & Peggy Ralston

Wed., July 09

6:00 pm

Reader: Ashley Rouse

Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., July 11

10:00 am

Reader: Mark Jones

Server: Carole Pryor

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., July 12

9:00 am

Sacristan: Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

Reader: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Beth Simmons

Ministers of Worship

Sun., July 13

8:00 am

Reader: Jay Thompson

Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

10:30 am

OT: Kathy Laytham

NT & Chalice: Nic Smith

Prayers & Chalice: Andy Lynch

Cross: Sammy Hess

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Server: Brooklyn Rhymer

Acolyte Mentor: Jennifer Rhymer

Sacristan: Pam White

AV: Elisa White & Alana Harris

Ushers: Steve Erwin & Max Hill

Flower Delivery: Zelma Watts & Julie Anderson

Wed., July 16

6:00 pm

Reader & Chalice: Jon Haffner

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., July 18

10:00 am

Reader: Mark Jones

Server: Zelma Watts

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., July 19

9:00 am

Sacristan: Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

Reader: Leigh Salyer

Sacristan: Pam White

Sun., July 20

8:00 am

Reader & Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

Prayers: Mark Sponaugle

10:30 am

OT: Ruth Hartman

NT: Marcia McGuire

Prayers & Chalice: Larry Hartman

Chalice: Ruth Hartman

Cross: Sammy Hess

Torches: Lincoln & Barrett Cook

Server: Alana Harris

Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White

Sacristan: Beth Simmons

AV: Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

Ushers: Chris & Spencer Orr

Flower Delivery: Cathy Thompson

Wed., July 23

6:00 pm

Reader: Regina Newport

Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri., July 25

10:00 am

Reader: Mark Jones

Server: Zelma Watts

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat., July 26

9:00 am

Sacristan: Cathy Thompson

5:00 pm

Reader: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Beth Simmons

Ministers of Worship	Summer Serving Schedule
<p>Sun., July 27 <u>8:00 am</u> <i>Reader:</i> Jay Thompson <i>Sacristan:</i> Shirley Gollhofer <u>10:30 am</u> <i>OT:</i> Leigh Salyer <i>NT:</i> Michelle Theerman <i>Prayers & Chalice:</i> Larry Hartman <i>Chalice:</i> Ruth Hartman <i>Cross:</i> Carson Stremke <i>Torches:</i> Walker Lasley & Elizabeth Frink <i>Server:</i> Alana Harris <i>Acolyte Mentor:</i> Elaine Wurst <i>Sacristan:</i> <i>AV:</i> Mike Robertson & Brooklyn Rhymer <i>Ushers:</i> Allie Rhymer & Jim Wakefield <i>Flower Delivery:</i> Open</p> <p>Wed., July 30 <u>6:00 pm</u> <i>Reader & Chalice:</i> Jon Haffner <i>Sacristan:</i> Zelma Watts</p>	<p>Summer Serving Schedule:</p> <p>Readers, Chalice, Acolytes, Servers: if you need to make changes (cannot serve that Sunday, last minute sick, or read the newsletter and see a problem) please contact Mark Sponaule by phone (leave message), text, or email. Mark's Phone: 417-793-4149 & Email: spoonDOG59@gmail.com</p> <p>If you know ahead of time you will not be able to serve on a particular Sunday, then please send those dates to Mark by the fifth day of the current month for the next month (for example; conflict dates for August need to be turned in by July 5th). Email is preferred for conflict dates.</p> <p>Thanks!</p> <p>Calling all to Serve:</p> <p>If you are interested in becoming an individual who would like to serve in some way at the Altar such as a reader, chalice bearer, acolyte, sacristan, Audio Visual, or as Ushers, please contact your clergy or the church office. We will connect you with the point person for that ministry.</p> <p>We always need more individuals who would like to serve!</p>

Lunches of Love—Feeding Program Volunteers (as of May 27)

Food Packers

Wednesdays 11:00 am-Noon;

June 25-August 13

- Diann Scorse
- Sandy Swingle
- Jenny Martindale
- Margaret Wampler
- Sue Neely
- Sabrina Lynch
- Pam Robertson
- Julie Anderson
- Ginnie Wallace
- Cheryl Calhoon
- Carole Pryor

Wednesday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm;

June 25-August 13

- Cindy Rogers
- Carolyn Cole
- Cris Laytham
- Zelma Watts

Food Distributors

Mondays 3:00 pm-6:00 pm;

June 30-August 11

- Joann Carnagey
- Michelle Theerman
- Cris Laytham
- Kathy Laytham
- Sabrina Lynch
- Judy Kester
- Amanda Smith
- Steve Erwin

Thursdays 3:00 pm-6:00 pm;

June 26-August 14

- Anne Randall
- Sue Godsey
- Jenny Martindale
- Margaret Wampler

To ALL Lunches of Love Volunteers:

Thank you for your willingness to sign up in advance as a volunteer! The Lunches of Love Program coordinators appreciate your help, and value your time! Understanding that it is summer, and you may not be available every week especially while away on vacation, this list gives program coordinators a good estimate of who they can count on most weeks.

Daily Readings in June & July 2025

June

July

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

- 01/*Acts* 16:16-34/*Rev.* 22:12-14,16-17,20-21/*John* 17:20-26
02/*Ezek.* 4:1-17 / *Heb.* 6:1-12 / *Luke* 9:51-62
03/*Ezek.* 7:10-15,23b-27 / *Heb.* 6:13-20 / *Luke* 10:1-17
04/*Ezek.* 11:14-25 / *Heb.* 7:1-17 / *Luke* 10:17-24
05/*Ezek.* 18:1-4,19-32 / *Heb.* 7:18-28 / *Luke* 10:25-37
06/*Ezek.* 34:17-31 / *Heb.* 8:1-13 / *Luke* 10:38-42
07/*Ezek.* 43:1-12 / *Heb.* 9:1-14 / *Luke* 11:14-23

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

- 08/*Acts* 2:1-21/*Romans* 8:14-17/*John* 14:8-17,(25-27)
09/*Deut.* 30:1-10 / 2 *Cor.* 10:1-18 / *Luke* 18:31-43
10/*Deut.* 30:11-20 / 2 *Cor.* 11:1-21a / *Luke* 19:1-10
11/*Isaiah* 42:5-12/*Acts* 11:19-30; 13:1-3/*Matthew* 10:7-16
12/*Ecclus.* 44:19-45:5 / 2 *Cor.* 12:1-10 / *Luke* 19:28-40
13/*Ecclus.* 45:6-16 / 2 *Cor.* 12:11-21 / *Luke* 19:41-48
14/*Ecclus.* 46:1-10 / 2 *Cor.* 13:1-14 / *Luke* 20:1-8

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

- 15/*Proverbs* 8:1-4,22-31/*Romans* 5:1-5/*John* 16:12-15
16/1 *Samuel* 1:1-20 / *Acts* 1:1-14 / *Luke* 20:9-19
17/1 *Samuel* 1:21-2:11 / *Acts* 1:15-26 / *Luke* 20:19-26
18/1 *Samuel* 2:12-26 / *Acts* 2:1-21 / *Luke* 20:27-40
19/1 *Samuel* 2:27-36 / *Acts* 2:22-36 / *Luke* 20:41-21:4
20/1 *Samuel* 3:1-21 / *Acts* 2:37-47 / *Luke* 21:5-19
21/1 *Samuel* 4:1b-11 / *Acts* 4:32-5:11 / *Luke* 21:20-28

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

- 22/1 *Kings* 19:1-4 / *Galatians* 3:23-29 / *Luke* 8:26-39
23/1 *Samuel* 5:1-12 / *Acts* 5:12-26 / *Luke* 21:29-36
24/*Isaiah* 40:1-11 / *Acts* 13:14b-26 / *Luke* 1:57-80
25/1 *Samuel* 7:2-17 / *Acts* 6:1-15 / *Luke* 22:14-23
26/1 *Samuel* 8:1-22 / *Acts* 6:15-7:16 / *Luke* 22:24-30
27/1 *Samuel* 9:1-14 / *Acts* 7:17-29 / *Luke* 22:31-38
28/1 *Samuel* 9:15-10:1 / *Acts* 7:30-43 / *Luke* 22:39-51

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

- 29/2 *Kings* 2:1-2,6-14 / *Galatians* 5:1,13-25 / *Luke* 9:51-62
30/*Ezekiel* 34:11-16 / 2 *Timothy* 4:1-8 / *John* 21:15-19

- 01/1 *Samuel* 11:1-15 / *Acts* 8:1-13 / *Luke* 22:63-71
02/1 *Samuel* 12:1-6,16-25 / *Acts* 8:14-25 / *Luke* 23:1-12
03/1 *Samuel* 13:5-18 / *Acts* 8:26-40 / *Luke* 23:13-25
04/*Deut.* 10:17-21/*Hebrews* 11:8-16 / *Matthew* 5:43-48
05/1 *Samuel* 14:16-30 / *Acts* 9:10-19a / *Luke* 23:32-43

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- 06/2 *Kings* 5:1-14 / *Gal.* 6:(1-6),7-16 / *Luke* 10:1-11,16-20
07/1 *Samuel* 15:1-3,7-23 / *Acts* 9:19b-31 / *Luke* 23:44-56a
08/1 *Samuel* 15:24-35 / *Acts* 9:32-43 / *Luke* 23:56b-24:11
09/1 *Samuel* 16:1-13 / *Acts* 10:1-16 / *Luke* 24:12-35
10/1 *Samuel* 16:14-17:11 / *Acts* 10:17-33 / *Luke* 24:36-53
11/1 *Samuel* 17:17-30 / *Acts* 10:34-48 / *Mark* 1:1-13
12/1 *Samuel* 17:31-49 / *Acts* 11:1-18 / *Mark* 1:14-28

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 13/*Amos* 7:7-12/*Colossians* 1:1-14/*Luke* 10:25-37
14/1 *Samuel* 18:5-16,27b-30/*Acts* 11:19-30/*Mark* 1:29-45
15/1 *Samuel* 19:1-18 / *Acts* 12:1-17 / *Mark* 2:1-12
16/1 *Samuel* 20:1-23 / *Acts* 12:18-25 / *Mark* 2:13-22
17/1 *Samuel* 20:24-42 / *Acts* 13:1-12 / *Mark* 2:23-3:6
18/1 *Samuel* 21:1-15 / *Acts* 13:13-25 / *Mark* 3:7-19a
19/1 *Samuel* 22:1-23 / *Acts* 13:26-43 / *Mark* 3:19b-35

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 20/*Amos* 8:1-12 / *Colossians* 1:15-28 / *Luke* 10:38-42
21/1 *Samuel* 24:1-22 / *Acts* 13:44-52 / *Mark* 4:1-20
22/*Judith* 9:1,11-14/2 *Corinthians* 5:14-18/*John* 20:11-18
23/1 *Samuel* 25:23-44 / *Acts* 14:19-28 / *Mark* 4:35-41
24/1 *Samuel* 28:3-20 / *Acts* 15:1-11 / *Mark* 5:1-20
25/*Jeremiah* 45:1-5/*Acts* 11:27-12:3/*Matthew* 20:20-28
26/2 *Samuel* 1:1-16 / *Acts* 15:22-35 / *Mark* 6:1-13

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 27/*Hosea* 1:2-10/ *Colossians* 2:6-15,(16-19)/ *Luke* 11:1-13
28/2 *Samuel* 2:1-11 / *Acts* 15:36-16:5 / *Mark* 6:14-29
29/2 *Samuel* 3:6-21 / *Acts* 16:6-15 / *Mark* 6:30-46
30/2 *Samuel* 3:22-39 / *Acts* 16:16-24 / *Mark* 6:47-56
31/2 *Samuel* 4:1-12 / *Acts* 16:25-40 / *Mark* 7:1-23

