



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Love God Above All

Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent’s Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: Not all love is good. It is self-destructive to love bad things. It is just as harmful to love good things in a bad order. For example, it would seem to be a good thing for a man to love his dog. But if he loves his dog more than he loves his wife, his “love” for both is disordered. Love needs to be properly ordered.

Christians love the people whom God has placed into their lives. But when those people desire something that God does not desire, Christians love and serve God above all. Properly ordered love leads us to be faithful to God and his Word. We love God above all because he first loved us.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

June 28, 2026

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 582)

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun
2 All praise to you, who safe have kept
3 Lord, all my prayers as - cend to you:
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest this day
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



Your dai - ly stage of du - ty run;
And have re - freshed me while I slept.
Dis - perse my sins as morn - ing dew,
All I de - sign or do or say
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Shake off your sleep and joy - ful rise
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
That all my pow'rs with all their might
Praise him a - bove, you heav'n - ly host -



To bring your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
I may of end - less light par - take.
And with your light my spir - it fill.
In your sole glo - ry may u - nite,
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, abr., alt.
Tune: MORNINGS HYMN (LM) François H. Barthelemon, 1741-1808.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



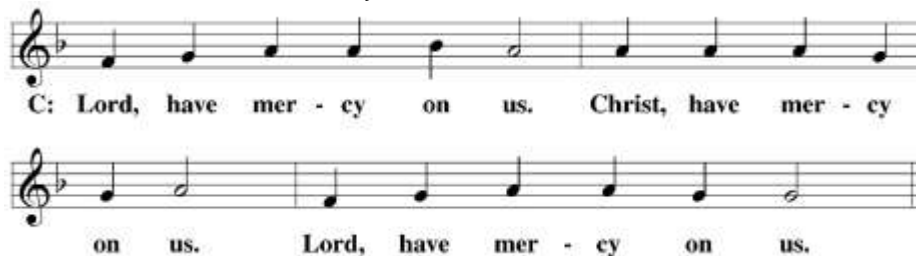
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

(sing) I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed, and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with me –
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord will not forsake his flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band –
To God all praise and glory! (CW 236:2-3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-16

¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward.”

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to come forward for a brief
children's message.*



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing, De - ny your - selves; the
 life dis - play - ing, I bid you walk as
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
 I am the way, and well I show How
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand—tablets that were written on both sides, written on one side and on the other. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is the noise of war in the camp.”

¹⁸ Moses said, “It is not the sound of people who shout for victory; neither is it the sound of people who cry because of defeat. But I do hear the sound of people who are celebrating.” ¹⁹ As soon as Moses came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses’ anger burned. So he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

²¹ Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you have brought such a great sin on them?” ²² Aaron said, “Do not let the anger of my lord burn. You know these people. They are set on evil, ²³ so they said to me, ‘Make a god for us, who will go ahead of us, because this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ²⁴ So I said to them, ‘Whoever has any gold, pull it off.’ So they gave it to me. I threw it into the fire and out came this calf.”

²⁵ When Moses saw that the people were out of control (for Aaron had let them get so out of control that they were disgraced among their enemies), ²⁶ Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Whoever is on the LORD’s side, come to me!” All the descendants of Levi gathered themselves together to Moses. ²⁷ He said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘Every man is to strap his sword on his thigh and go back and forth throughout the camp, from one gate of the camp to the other, and every man is to kill his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.’” ²⁸ The Levites did what Moses said, and that day about three thousand men from among the people fell. ²⁹ Moses said, “Begin your service of the LORD today. Yes, because every man among you took a stand against his son and against his brother, the LORD is bestowing a blessing on you today.”

Gilded Rebellion

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (spoken by pastor)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

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1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your lov - ing -
 2 It is your work a - lone That I am now con -
 3 Lord, you have raised me up To joy and ex - ul -
 4 Grant that your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways
 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli -



kind - ness, That you have pa - tient - ly Borne
 vert - ed; O'er Sa - tan's work in me You
 ta - tion And clear - ly shown the way That
 giv - en Lest I should fall a - gain And
 ca - tion; O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac -



with me in my blind - ness! When dead in man - y
 have your pow'r as - sert - ed. Your mer - cy and your
 leads me to sal - va - tion. My sins are washed a -
 lose the way to heav - en. Grant that he give me
 cept my ad - o - ra - tion; O Ho - ly Spir - it,



sins And tres - pass - es I lay, I kin - dled,
 grace That rise a - fresh each morn Have turned my
 way; For this I thank you, Lord. Now with my
 strength In my in - fir - mi - ty; May he re -
 be My ev - er faith - ful guide That I may



ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 new my heart To serve you will - ing - ly.
 serve you here And there with you a - bide.

Text: attr. David Denicke, 1603–80, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

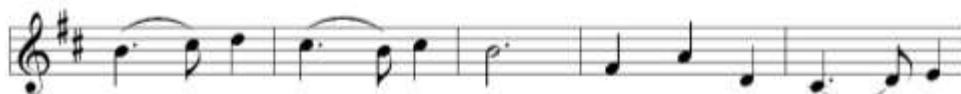
Tune: O GOTT, DER FROMMER GOTT (H) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-verbessertes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -
 bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 God's own Son In love for me has won.
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
 Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

THANKSGIVING

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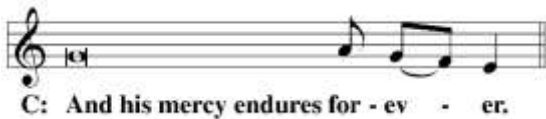
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 355)

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his

joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
 com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
 cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er

ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same,
 o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
 vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain

Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the

length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -

demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

In Our Prayers: Karen Tobison, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Mary Mundt, John Schueman, and Bonnie Gotzion who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 8:00 am: Christian Decision Making, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: Anakrinonte | Guidelines for Bible Examiners, *lower level*

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Bible Information Class, *lower level*

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Proverbs, *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

Sunday June 28: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist/Pianist: Jen Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Paul Crary
- Ushers: Mike Wilson, Ken Krey, Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer and Kathy Zech
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold

Sunday July 5: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist/Pianist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: Phil Boll
- Ushers: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sandy Heath
- A/V & Recording: TBD
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Bob and Linda Degnan (6/30) as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Ethan Bauer (6/29), Cindy Crary (6/29), Evan Ehlenbach (7/2), Hudson Myhre (7/4), and Westin Myhre (7/4) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

July 8: Red Cross Blood Drive | 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Lower Level

July 12: Outdoor Worship (10:30 am) – Church Picnic (12:00 pm)

July 18: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at MNM’s Coffee House, Waunakee | 8:00 am

July 26: Open Forum & Quarterly Voters Quorum | 10:15 am - Sanctuary

July 4: Parade | Float Decorators Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our annual float for the 4th of July Parade. If you have a creative mind and would like to assist with the float decorating, please sign-up.

We are also seeking volunteers to walk with the float and hand out candy.

“Faster than Pastor” | July 4, 2026

The Village of DeForest has their annual 5K Freedom Run on the morning of the 4th of July. Pastor Jenswold has signed up to run the 5K. Are you “faster than Pastor”? Sign up for the run and find out! You can go to the Freedom Run website to sign up

(<https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/DeForest/FreedomRunDeForest>).

Red Cross Blood Drive – July 8, 2026, | 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Volunteers Needed

Lord of Love is hosting our 8th annual Blood Drive on July 8th from 12 – 5 pm.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with registration or serving food, there is a sign-up sheet on the back counter as you enter church from the main entrance. For questions or for assistance in completing the online registration, please contact Jen Olson at (608) 354-9541 or jenolson2@gmail.com

To Donate, please visit: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Outdoor Worship | July 12, 2026 – 10:30 am.

Our Summer Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic Sunday July 12, 2026. WELS Wind Ensemble will enhance our Worship service with their beautiful music. This is a casual service, please feel free to bring a chair or blanket if you wish and don’t forget the sunscreen.

Church Picnic | July 12, 2026 – 12:00 pm

Please join us for our annual Church Picnic! This is a fun day of Worship, fellowship, food, and fun activities. To make this a successful event each year, we need volunteers to assist in many areas. There are 2 Sign-up sheets in the Narthex. (one for day prior and day of helpers and one for food) Please contact the church office with any questions.

Open Forum & Quarterly Voters Quorum | July 26, 2026 – 10:15 am

In preparation for this meeting, there are 2 policies to be proposed to be voted on. Please find copies of the policies on the tall table in the narthex for review and consideration.