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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SHEPHERD OF THE BAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Growing Together in Faith

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WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We pray your time with us is edifying and enjoyable. May God bless our worship together this day!

FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

- Restrooms are located down the hallway opposite the entrance to classroom 1, on the right.
- Ushers are here to help. Please don't hesitate to ask them if you have any questions.
- We ask guests to sign the worship register on the pedestal by the front door so that we might have record of who joined us and invite you to upcoming events. Thank you!
- If you have a young one who gets restless during worship, a Family Room is available for parents in the church office. A live feed of the service is available in the room.
- Pastor Wong is available and willing to meet with you anytime. Please give him a call at church, 410-231-2075 or on his cell phone, 507-995-5978. He can also be reached via email, lusbypastor@gmail.com. He would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

PRAYER FOR 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.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Through the Apostle Paul Jesus gives us specific instructions about this special Supper. He says, ***“Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself”*** (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). So that this Supper remains a blessing and not a harmful thing to those who partake of it – we feel a loving, God-given responsibility to instruct and train all who wish to receive this Supper prior to their participation. If you haven’t had the chance to receive instruction offered in this congregation or one of our sister congregations, we ask that you speak with the Pastor Wong before taking the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Wong is eager to meet with you. We thank you kindly. And we greatly look forward to celebrating the Lord’s Supper with you.

PRAYER FOR 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.

THE SERVICE: SETTING ONE

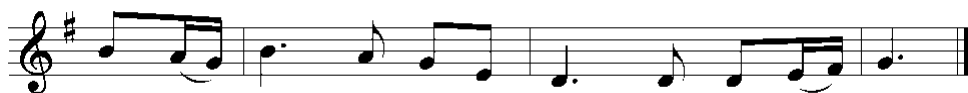
Opening Hymn: 768 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace CW 768



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide your chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With your own love may I be filled and by your



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bors' good let
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the
 strong op - press the weak; and should I be a
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, what -



help me view my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.
 me pur - sue; bind them to me and all to you.
 wrong I do will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.
 vic - tim, too, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.
 e'er I do, may be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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Stand

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
 C: Amen.

Be seated

Hymn: 938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref, 2, 4, Final Refrain

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.

²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a

husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 25

M: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

C: **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame.**

M: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

C: **Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.**

M: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,

C: **for they are from of old.**

M: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

C: **according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.**

M: Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

C: **Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**

M: Look on my affliction and my distress

C: **and take away all my sins.**

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 4:11

M: The gospel according to Luke, chapter 10.

C: **Alleluia. Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.
Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 506 For the Fruits of His Creation CW 506



- 1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
- 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Stand

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.**

Be seated

- M: Heavenly Father, we ask you to bring peace to those who have experienced tragedy in Texas. Comfort all who are mourning and direct their eyes to the cross and empty tomb of your Son. Bind up those who are injured, healing both physical and psychological wounds. Watch over first responders as they search for the many still missing. Grant wisdom to leaders as they search for answers to many questions. Empower Christians to share the good news of a loving Savior with those who are reeling. Strengthen us all with your gracious promise that, even in times of disaster, you are working out all things for the eternal good of those who love you. In the name of Jesus our Savior, we ask this.
- C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
- C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**
- M: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
- C: **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**
- M: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
- C: **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**
- M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
- C: **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**
- M: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
- C: **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**
- M: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.
- C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

M: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: **Amen.**

THANK OFFERING

The members of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. If you prefer to give electronically, open your camera app and use the QR code.



THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 until 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

CW 167

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

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.**

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."

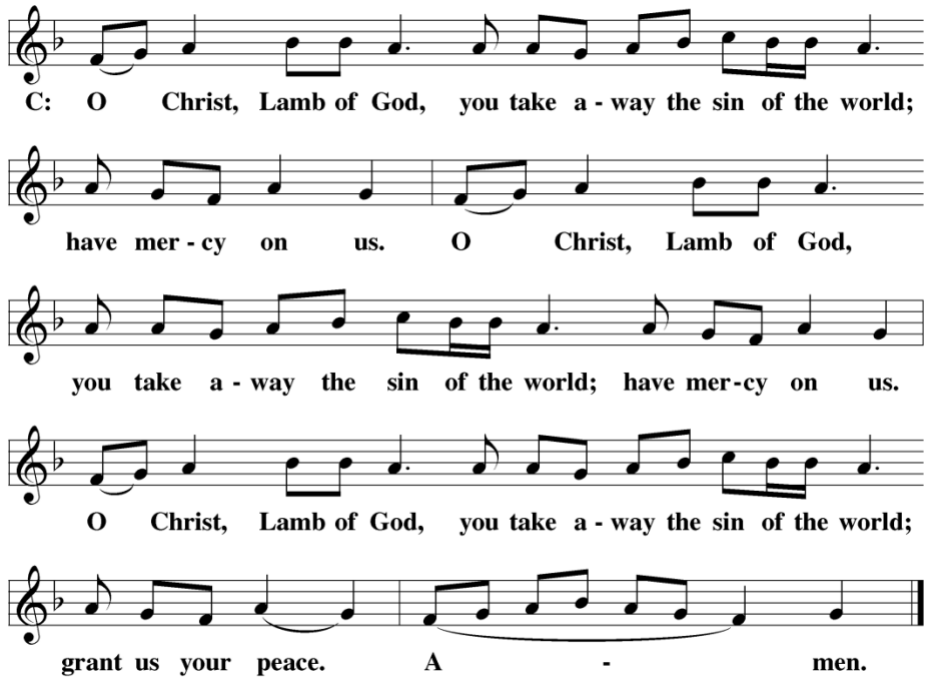
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

CW 169

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

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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, on God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

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: Amen.

Closing Hymn: 893 For All the Faithful Women

CW 893 sts. 7, 3–4



2 For Ruth, who left her home - land and ven-tured forth in faith,
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



who pledged to serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death,
in whom thro' all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, who binds the Church in one!



we praise you, God of Is - rael, and pray for hearts set free
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer-vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



to bind our-selves to oth - ers in love and loy - al - ty.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

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SUNDAY HOSTS

Councilman:

Greeter:

Usher:

Acolyte:

Altar:

A/V:

Flowers:

Counters:

Snack:

Mowing:

Today

Sean Case

Scicchitanos

Dane Bassett

Elaine Hurley

Sam Holcomb

Loni Figueroa

Chuck, Alex

Sean Case

Next Week

Grant Williams

Feddersens

Travis Grah

Elaine Hurley

Terry Johnson

Bonner

Sam, Lynn

Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY @ 9:30AM

WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

TODAY @ 10:30AM

CHOIR PRACTICE

TODAY @ 11:45

NATIONAL GIVE SOMETHING AWAY DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 15 @ 6:00PM

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

THURSDAY, JULY 17 @ 6:00PM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 19 @ 8:30AM

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, JULY 20 @ 9:30AM

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 20 @ 10:30AM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 4-7 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM

FEDDERSENS' LAST SUNDAY 7/20

Dale and Rachel Feddersen are preparing for their big move to Wisconsin next week. Let's celebrate their friendships, their years of service to SotB, and God's grace over their exciting new adventure with a good old-fashioned potluck! Bring a dish to share next Sunday!

NATIONAL GIVE SOMETHING AWAY DAY

Mattie is collecting donations for Project Echo and their thrift store. Bring anything you can think of-- from clothing and household items, to toys and lawn care by July 15th at 6:00pm. Speak to Mattie for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is right around the corner! Make sure your kids are registered and spread the word! Registration is open for children four years old through sixth grade. Speak with Joan if you'd like to get involved!

CONGREGATIONAL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 7/27

Prepare to stick around after worship July 27th for our semi-annual congregation voters' meeting!