

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## **6th Sunday after Pentecost**

July 20, 2025

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*

*(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LBW = Green book

**PRELUDE**

WOV = Blue book

**+ GATHERING**

**+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of  $\text{†}$  Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

**+ GATHERING HYMN**

**“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”**

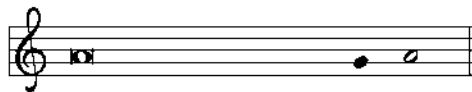
**LBW#403**

**+ GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**+ KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



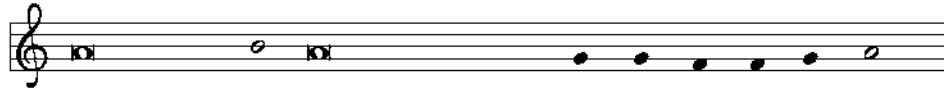
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

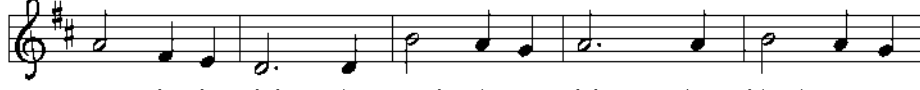
## + CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



! Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

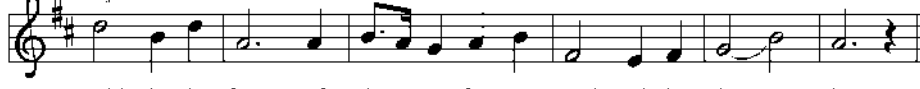


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**+ SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together ...

**Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:1-10a**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

<sup>15</sup> Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## + GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**+ GOSPEL LUKE 10:38-42**

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"**



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

**STEPHEN LEADER COMMISSIONING**

**+ APOSTLES CREED**

**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 INTERCESSION**

Let us pray to the Most High God.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

All these we ask in the name of your son, our savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit now and forever.

**Amen.**

**+ SHARING THE PEACE**

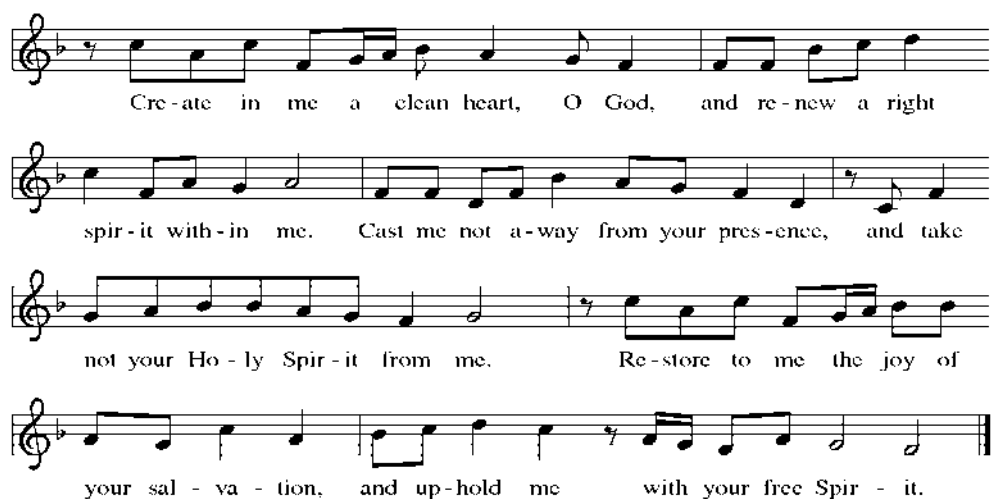
The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**+ OFFERTORY SONG**

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**



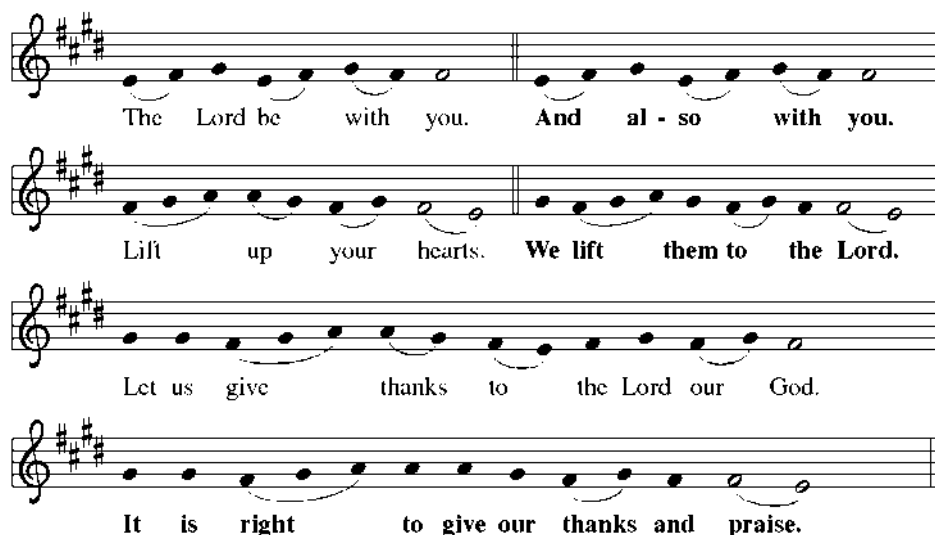
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together ...

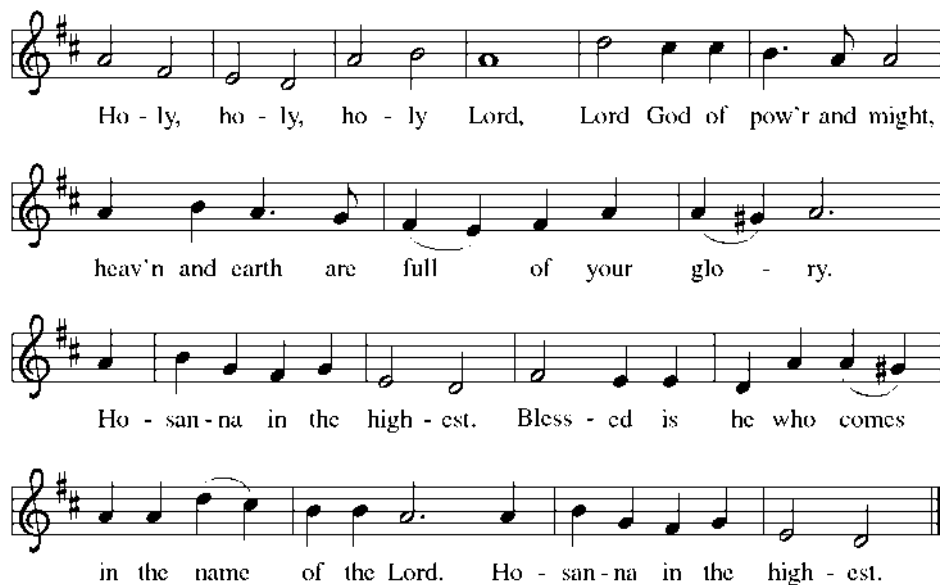
**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## + GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

## + LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

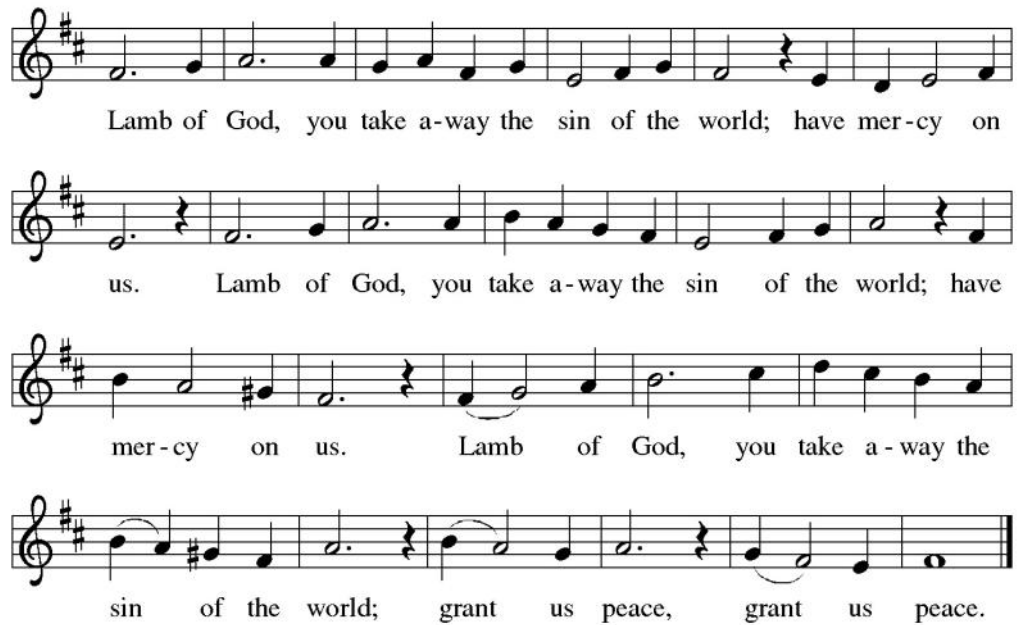


**+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD**



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

**DISTRIBUTION** – All baptized children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

**+ TABLE BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**+ BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought;  
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 we wor - ship thee: we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 We wor - ship thee: we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

**+ DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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Setting 4 ELW

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# Useful Information

<u>Serving 7/20/2025</u>		<u>Serving 7/27/2025</u>	
<b>Organist</b>	Teresa Yost	<b>Organist</b>	Becky Lippard
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Myra Sechler	<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Lynn Lippard
<b>Lector</b>	Jamey Basinger	<b>Lector</b>	Chris Sloop
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Dan Roseman & Duane Nolan	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Dan Roseman & Duane Nolan
<b>Acolyte</b>	Clara Linker	<b>Acolyte</b>	Charley Storey
<b>Security Team</b>	Mike Stout & Randall Miller	<b>Security Team</b>	Bobby Roberson & Ted Lotti
<b>Sound System</b>	Sawyer Basinger	<b>Sound System</b>	Cody Ritchie
<b>Teller Team</b>	Wendy Diggs, Mary Sloop, Aaron Linker	<b>Teller Team</b>	Wendy Diggs, Mary Sloop, Aaron Linker
<b>Ushers</b>	Jamey & Heather Basinger, Chad & Deana Rivers	<b>Ushers</b>	Jamey & Heather Basinger, Chad & Deana Rivers

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joan Hartsell's birthday on July 24th by her family.

**AMAZING GRACE SENIORS** will be going on the trip to Sims BBQ Restaurant in Granite Falls on Saturday, July 26th. The cost is \$16, **cash only**, for a buffet meal. The group will leave the church at 3:00pm.

**STEPHEN LEADER COMMISSIONING** will take place following the Hymn of the Day. Pastor Josh and Nicole Ritchie have been trained to lead this important care giving ministry of our congregation. An insert in the bulletin will give more information about Stephen Ministry.

**FISH FRY SPONSORSHIP AND TEE SHIRT** forms are located in the Narthex.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** will be on Sunday, August 3rd during the Worship Service. Children, youth, and any other students or teachers are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing for the new school year.

## Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Donnie Stout, Allen Sloop, Mary Miller, Roy Morris, Drew Sechler, Anita Miller

Community Concerns:

Jessie Martin (*Cassie Martin*), Lindsay Raney (*Sarah Nolan*), Larry Crowell (*Emily Weddington*), Jeff Edwards (*Myra Sechler*)

Comfort:

Family and friends of Maxine Amos

Ongoing Needs:

John & Barbara Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Tues</b>	Quilting	10:00am
<b>Wed</b>	Chancel Choir	7:00pm
<b>Sat</b>	Amazing Grace Seniors trip	

<b>This Week's Giving 07/13/2025</b>		<b>Needed Weekly</b>	
Attendance 172			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Per Spending Plan</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Current	\$8,651.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 59)	\$50.00		
Property Fund	\$75.00		
Director of Youth and Family Ministries	\$25.00		
Total Current	<u>\$8,801.00</u>	\$ 7,815.00	\$986.00
Social Ministries (Back to School)	\$20.00		
Organ Fund	\$175.00		
Paving	\$525.00		
Benevolence	\$810.00		
Lutheridge/Kids to Camp	\$400.00		
Fish Fry	\$2.00		
World Hunger	\$50.00		
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$10,783.00</b></u>		