8.9.2026 10:00 am

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing God's love so that all are served and supported.

Today's Worship Theme

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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Greeter: TBD
Ushers: Bob & Joan Streightiff
Altar Guild: Carolyn Witt
Coffee Host: Charlene Sox

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).

PRELUDE

We rise.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God, as we kneel.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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

We rise.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

GATHERING HYMN *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* *ELW 756*

GREETING *Assisting Minister: TBD*

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Be seated. ✠ **WORD** ✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.

A READING FROM 1 KINGS 19:9-18 *Lector: JoAnn Wright*

The Lord speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb.

9 At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the
night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you
doing here, Elijah?"
10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts,
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are
seeking my life, to take it away."
11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the
Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was
splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the
Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord
was not in the earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord
was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah
heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are
you doing here, Elijah?"
14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts,
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are
seeking my life, to take it away."
15 Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of
Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.
16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall
anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.
17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever
escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven
thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every
mouth that has not kissed him."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:8-13 *Read responsively.*

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

A READING FROM ROMANS 10:5-15
Hearing and confessing the word of faith

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say?

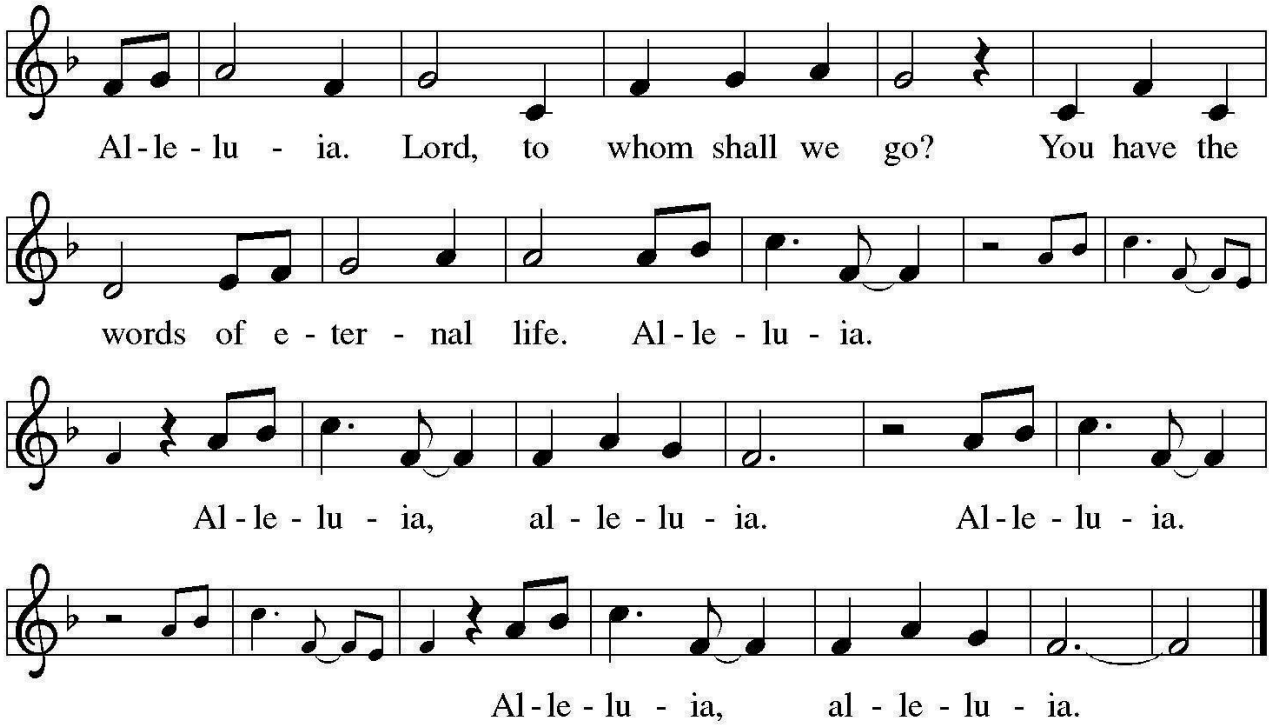
"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Christ feeding five thousand

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,]
he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But
when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion
for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came
to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send
the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for
themselves.” 16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give
them something to eat.” 17 They replied, “We have nothing here but five
loaves and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he
ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and
the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the
crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over
of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were
about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON *Pastor Steve Troisi*

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"* *ELW 755*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **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.**

We kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be seated. ✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG *"How Can I Keep from Singing"* *Tom Fettke*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul, how can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since truth I've found. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.
How can we keep from singing? Alleluia!

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We rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

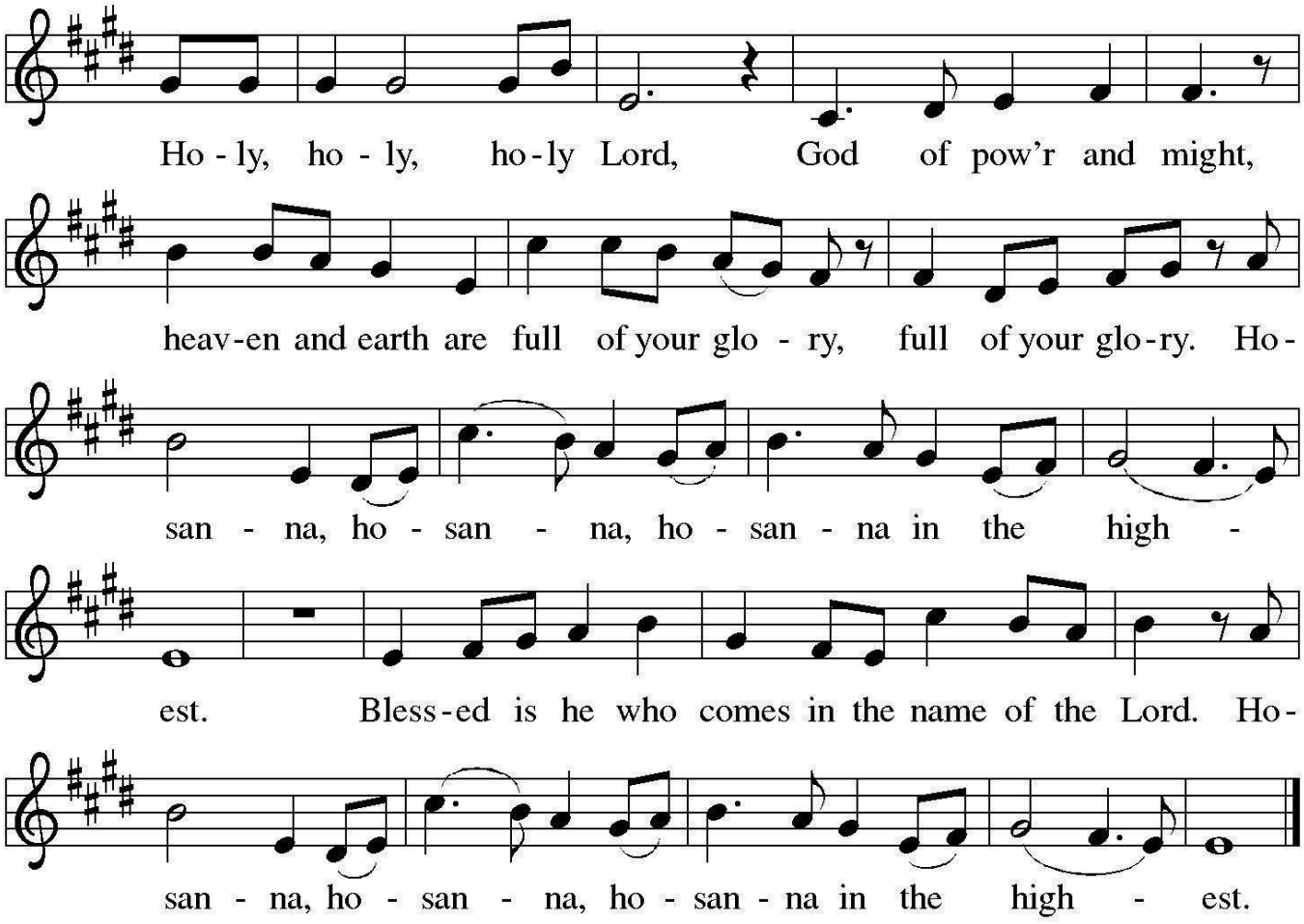
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy … and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

LORD’S PRAYER

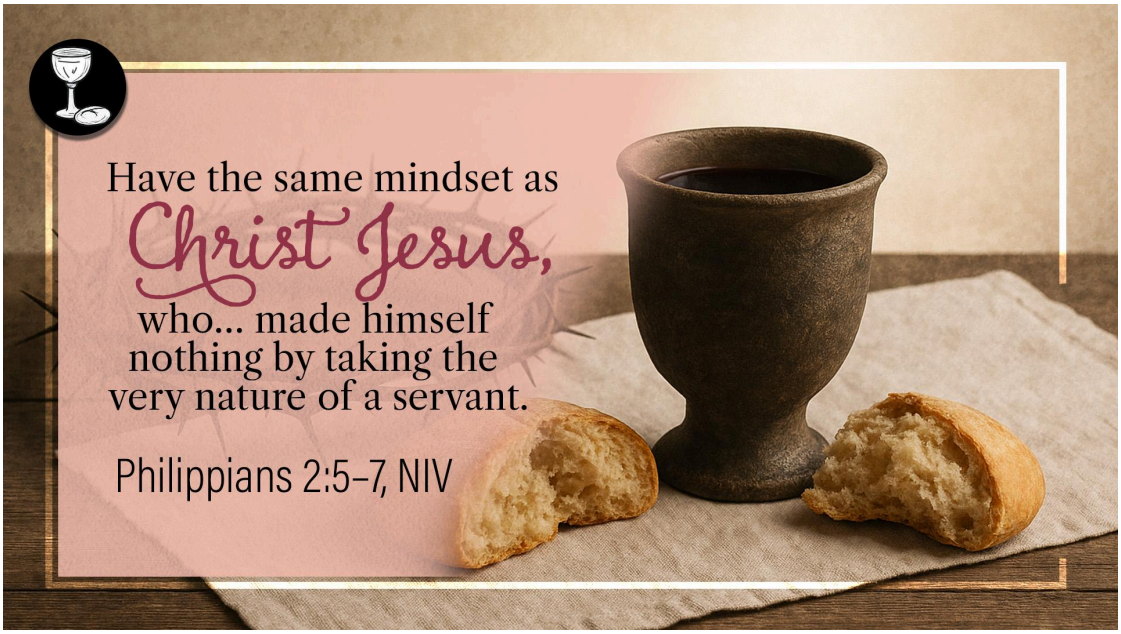
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And 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

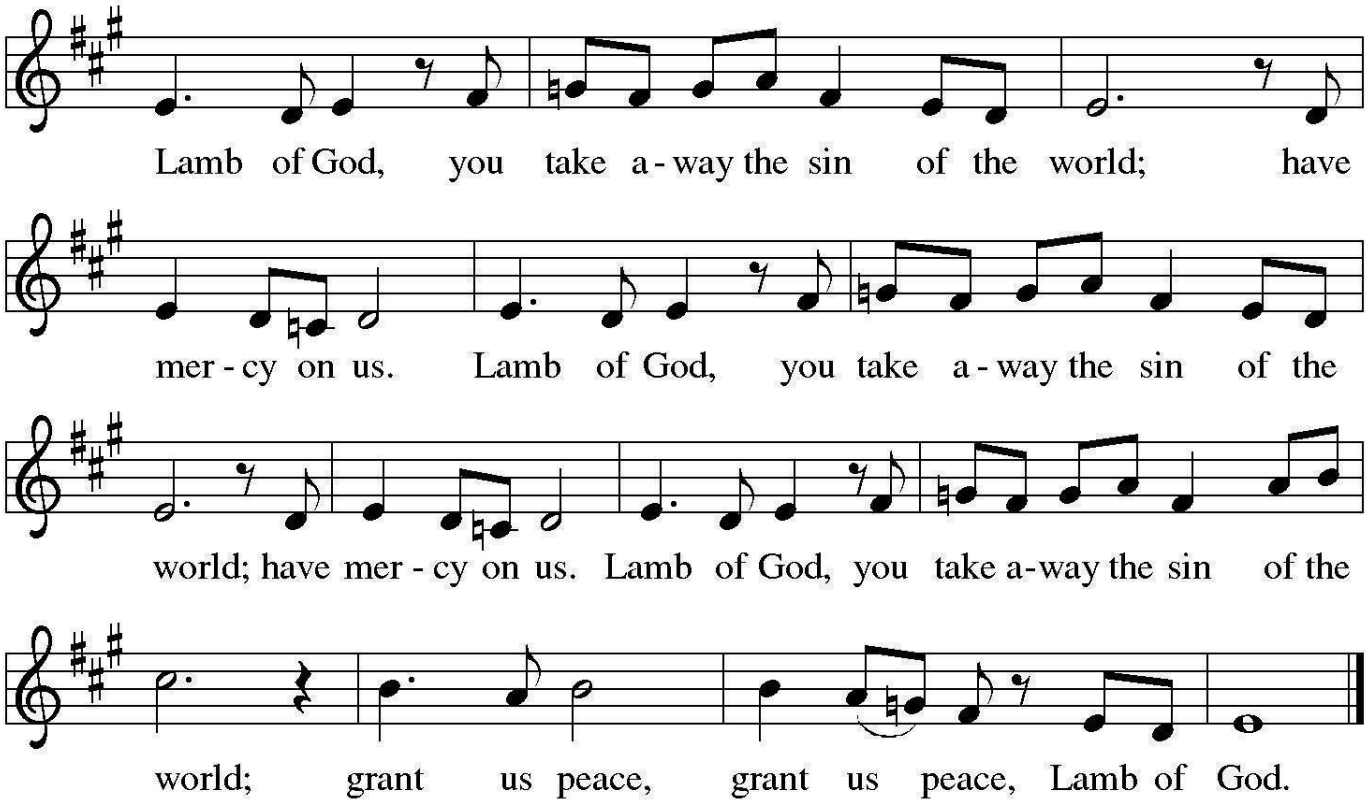
Communion Assistant: TBD

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. This is the Lord’s Table; all who seek Christ’s true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion at the head of the aisle. You'll receive bread first (gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you. On the first and third Sundays, healing prayers are offered in the Chapel.



COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION HYMNS

"Calm to the Waves" *ELW 794*

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" *ELW 767*

INSTALLATION OF DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Matt Chapman

Please stand as you are able.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"When Peace Like A River" *ELW 785*

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

CHANCEL FLOWERS	**SANCTUARY LAMP**
Are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Ruth & Duane Daggett and Natalie & Chandler Harkey by Beth Reavis.	Is burning to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversaries of Natalie & Chandler Harkey and Ruth & Duane Daggett by Duane & Ruth Daggett.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 | Psalm 67 | Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 | Matt. 15:[10-20] 21-28

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

June Giving	June Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
$30,233.00	$33,333.33	$314,499.30	$333,333.30

Our annual congregational meeting will begin right after worship. Please stay for this meeting and then for the meal in the Fellowship Hall right after. There are a few copies of the meeting materials in the narthex or just scan the QR code just below to see them online.

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