

THE **Table**
Crumbs
OF CHRIST MATTHEW 15:21-28

First Lutheran Church

August 16, 2026

Pentecost 12

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

AZMON

Gilbert M. Martin

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GATHERING

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

AM: In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin to God.

The assembly kneels.

PM: Compassionate God,

C: 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.

PM: 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG

OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

ELW # 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. *Refrain*



2 Lord Je - sus Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: God of all peoples,
your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion
and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

AM: A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-sixth chapter.

¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

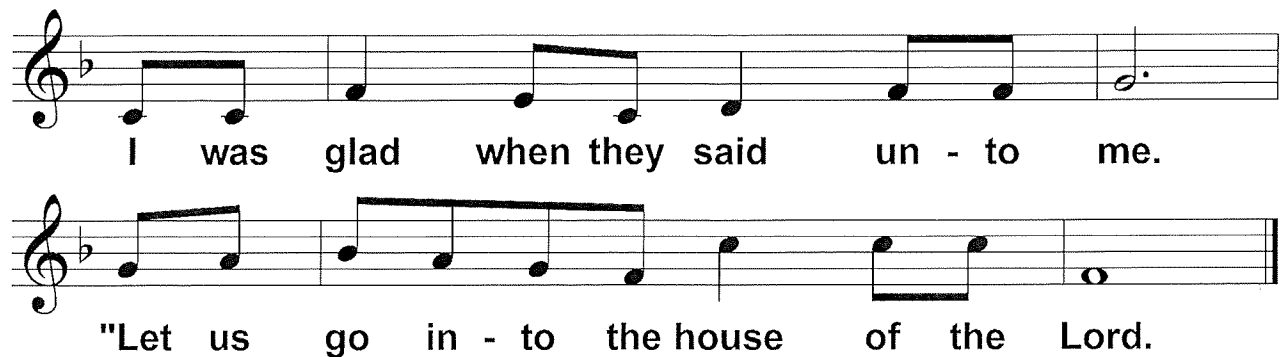
⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Cantor will sing the verses:

- ¹ I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."
- ² Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**
- ⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. **Refrain**
- ⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.
- ⁸ For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.
- ⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." **Refrain**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:1-2,29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

AM: A reading from Romans, the eleventh chapter.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



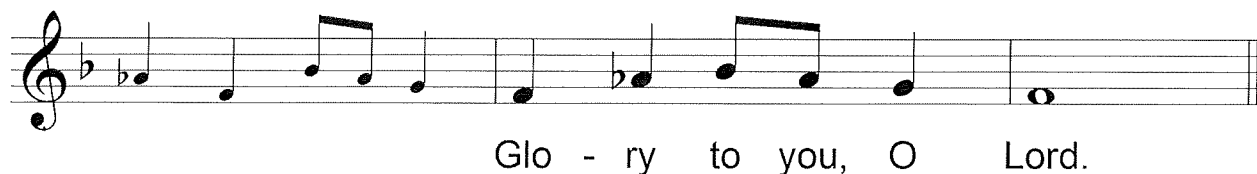
The Cantor will sing the verse: Jesus preached the good news ¹ of the kingdom*
and cured every sickness a- ¹mong the people.
(Matthew 4:23)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

PM: The gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

SERMON

PASTOR MARK SCHURING

The assembly stands for the HYMN OF THE DAY.

HYMN OF THE DAY

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

ELW # 650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

INVITATION TO SERVICE OF A NORTHWEST OHIO SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER

(DSK) identifies the Presiding Minister

(LW) identifies the Congregational Council Representative

(RG) identifies the response of the Synod Authorized Minister being installed

DSK: Having been authorized by the Church to commission Richard Greene, our co-worker in the Gospel, as a Synod Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament for First Lutheran Church, Tiffin, Ohio,
I now ask for certification of this appointment.

The Council Representative comes forward with the Synod Authorized Minister being invited to serve and addresses the presiding minister.

LW: After prayerful consideration, we, the members of First Lutheran Church, certify that Richard Greene has been appointed to serve as a Synod Authorized Minister. I present him on behalf of the congregation.

DSK: Our Lord, who came among us as a servant,
calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor.
You stand among us as one called to render a particular service,
a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.
Richard Greene, in the presence of this congregation,
will you assume the ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

RG: I will, and I ask God to help me.

DSK: Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the teachings and practice of the Lutheran Church?

RG: I will, and I ask God to help me.

DSK: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

RG: I will, and I ask God to help me.

DSK: Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of God with a godly life?

RG: I will, and I ask God to help me.

DSK: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

DSK: Richard Greene, you have been certified for this ministry
and have made your confession and promises before this assembly.
I therefore commission you as a Synod Authorized Minister
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The new Synod Authorized Minister kneels.

DSK: Let us pray.
Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world
and in your Church, so you have called this your servant to a special
ministry of outreach. Grant him joy and a spirit of bold trust,
that his work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service;
through you Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

DSK: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, guide, bless, and keep you,
Richard Greene, that you may be faithful in the ministry
to which you have been called.

C: Amen.

The Synod Authorized Minister faces the congregation.

DSK: I am pleased to introduce to you, Synod Authorized Minister Richard Greene.
Let us welcome him with applause.

The worship continues with the Nicene Creed.

NICENE CREED

PM: In trust and hope we profess our faith in the words of the 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: Trusting in God's good news, we pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence is kept.

AM: Holy God, you call your church to walk in The Way of Love.
Direct our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders.
Empower the Northwestern Ohio Synod to be a beacon of hope in our
communities.
We pray especially today for SAM Richard Greene,
whom you have authorized to lead and care for this faith community.
Grant him wisdom, patience, and a servant's heart.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

PM: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

PEACE

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One Bread, One Body

Ron Schmoltze

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: 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.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

PM: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a whole note and a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PM: 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.

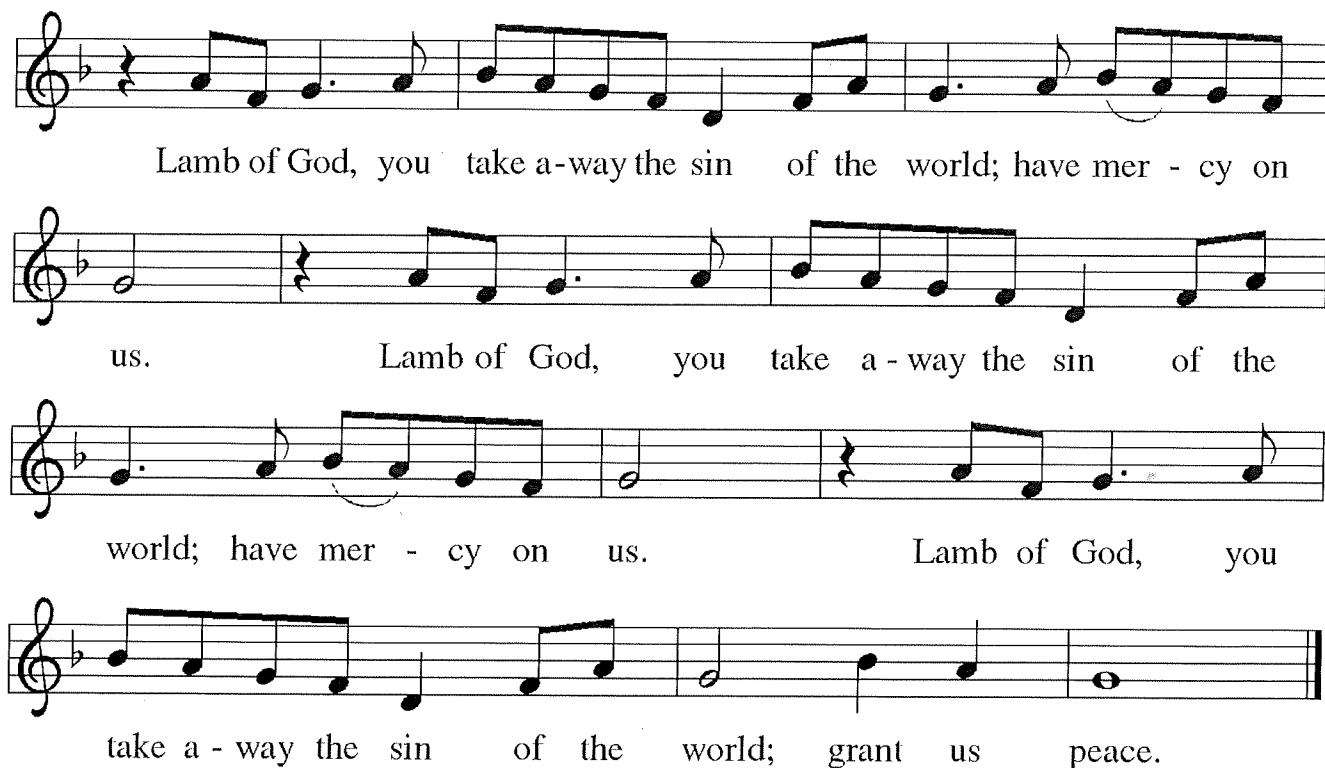
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

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.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communion is distributed in two manners

† *You may commune in your pews.*

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

† *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM: Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION SONG

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

ELW # 496

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

The assembly stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We pray together:

C: Oh, God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

**We are grateful for your goodness and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.**

**Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.**

We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

**Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation.**

Amen.

BLESSING

PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun;
 2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue;
 3 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring;
 does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
 pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our king;
 his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
 and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

AM: Heaven has come near.

PM: Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

DUKE STREET

Gilbert M. Martin

Toccata on "Jesus Shall Reign"

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	Aug 16
10:00 AM	Pentecost 12
11:00 AM	Rick Greene Reception
<u>Monday</u>	Aug 17
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30 PM	Bookworm's Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	Aug 18
<u>Wednesday</u>	Aug 19
5:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Aug 20
<u>Friday</u>	Aug 21
<u>Saturday</u>	Aug 22



We have started collecting school supplies for this year's Lutheran World Relief donation. A list of supplies needed is on the table in the hallway. We will be collecting all through August.

Altar Flowers were given in honor of

Rick Greene's SAM Installation

by The FLC Family



Please join us as we celebrate
Rick Greene's SAM installation
today August 16th

There will be a reception after the service.



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Aug 23
10:00 AM	Pentecost 11
<u>Monday</u>	Aug 24
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	Aug 25
<u>Wednesday</u>	Aug 26
10-12 noon, 5-6:30PM	Preschool Open House
<u>Thursday</u>	Aug 27
1:00 PM	FISH
<u>Friday</u>	Aug 28
<u>Saturday</u>	Aug 29

On Sunday August 30th our Ecumenical service will be held at 10 am at the Lions Shelter at Hedges Boyer Park. First Presbyterian will be hosting.

Please bring a lawn chair, a potluck dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

(Service will be held at the church
(96 Monroe Street) if raining)

Mark your calendar

On Sunday September 13th there will be an Ice Cream Social. To celebrate and welcome the beginning of fall and the restart of our Sunday School and other church

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**