



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

July 11, 2021, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.

### Prelude

Joanne Richards

**Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion, Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

### Hymn “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Red Worship Book 697

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

**1** I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

**2** Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

**3** When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o’er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

## Greeting

Red Worship Book pg. 147

L: 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.**

## Kyrie

Red Worship Book pg. 147-148

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Canticle of Praise

Red Worship Book pg. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Prayer of the Day

L: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Special Music

Women's Group

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel*

### First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

L: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

**C: for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

L: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

**C: that your glory may dwell <sup>1</sup> in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

**C: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

L: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

**C: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,

**C: and our land will yield its increase.**

L: Righteousness shall go before the LORD

**C: and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

*In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Red Worship Book pg. 151**

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

**Red Worship Book pg. 151**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist’s martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

**Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples’ preaching,] for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” <sup>15</sup>But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, “It is not

lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## **The Gospel of Our Lord**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

**Red Worship Book pg. 151**

### **Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Brenda Wicklund**

**Sermon: Mark 6:14-29: Prophet or Not?**

**Pastor Brenda Wicklund**

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Sometimes, stories and life are just normal, and sometimes they are beyond comparison. This week our reading of the Gospel have some eerie and difficult words. A bit like life.

When I was studying for to become a Pastor, we were required to take a Clinical Pastoral Education class (CPE) and I worked for three months at St. Mary's hospital. We would visit, pray and work on the 24 hour on call in the emergency room. One evening in the Emergency room, a man came in with his wife or girlfriend in his arms, and she looked like she was beaten badly and severely hurt. They took the woman to treat her, and the man left standing in the middle of the room. It was my job as a Chaplain to be present as we all sat and waited. I might bring coffee and be present with family or friends that arrived. Not knowing for certain, but guessing he may have hurt her, I pondered what to do. Should I walk up to him? Talk to him? Minister to him? Until the police arrived?

Some things happen in life and we have choices. Some are easy, and some are just straight up difficult. Our reading from the Gospel of Mark brings a detailed and very sad tale. A turning point really in the mission of Jesus Christ. The story is sandwiched in the middle of Jesus ignored in his hometown, not welcomed and the disciples being sent out, and their return from their mission, with rest for their souls.

Meanwhile, we hear of the death of John the Baptist in detail. In the beginning of the story, Herod has heard about Jesus Christ we are told, John the Baptizer dead, and he says, "John the Baptizer has been raised for the dead (Mark 6:14)." Imagine the fear and wonder that when he heard of Jesus, he thought of the Prophet, John the Baptist, whom he actually admired. He had him arrested in prison, because his brother's ex-wife was now his wife and John was brazen enough to tell him that was wrong. Herodias hated him, and Herod knew he was a holy man and a prophet. He liked to listen to him. He knew. It was Herod's birthday and his daughter danced for him and pleased him. "Ask for whatever you wish. Even up to half of my kingdom." Could have been set for life, yet she asked her mom, who said "The head of John the Baptist." Therefore, that is what she asked her dad to do for her dance. Herod was deeply grieved; honor and shame would follow him if he did not keep his word.

They asked for something he did not want to give, he has a choice to do what is right or what is wrong. Backed in a corner. That is what happens when we are following and honoring the wrong people right? It happens. What a gruesome and horrible story. An interesting thought, the disciples came when they heard

about it and took his body and laid it in the tomb (Mark 6:29). A turning point. For Jesus, John's death is the end of his friend and mentor, cousin and the one who prepared the way of the Lord for him.

A sign that we will have obstacles, Jesus ministry begins with John's arrest and now in his death, the mission must go on in the good and bad times. Jesus Christ will teach, preach, heal, and forgive and suffer on the cross. Yet, he will be resurrected overcoming death. We are promised an abundant life now and in of everlasting life.

This story of the happenings of John the Baptist and Jesus is in many ways so descriptive and so awful, yet we know this happened. Herod had a choice, as well as the daughter and Herodias, to be a monster or a saver.

Even when it is tough, even when it is unimaginable, we have a choice to do right or wrong, good or bad and decide what we will do in the meantime. Someone has said, "The truth is a lot harder to kill than the prophet." The first thing that Herod thinks of when he hears of Jesus is John the Baptist. We can decide what we are called to do, which is continue in truth and knowledge.

I have made good and bad, great and not so great decisions for sure. When I was in the Emergency room, I do not know if I consciously made the choice, or if I did what I was called to do. The right thing. I stood and talked to the man. I listened. I heard. I prayed. I am not sure what happened after he was arrested, yet praying for both the wounded and the wounder, I left it in God's hands. When we leave things with him, at the foot of the cross, in the Savior's arms, we continue in the mission of Jesus Christ and the new life we have in him each day.

We remember to stand in truth and trust, belief and boasting, hope and happiness in our God and Savior. "In him, you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the spoke of your salvation, and had believe in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemptions as God's own people to the praise of glory (Ephesians 1: 13)"

The difference between us and Herod, and some of the world is that they do not hang on to truth, belief, choices and salvation. We are not left with this story alone or in this world alone. The promised Holy Spirit and a great inheritance. Child of God. Amen.

**Hymn** "Listen, God is Calling"

**Red Worship Book 513**

*Refrain: (Listen,) listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. (Listen,) listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

- 1 (Jesus gave his mandate:) share the good news (that he came to save us) and set us free. *Refrain*
- 2 (Let none be forgotten) throughout the world. (In the triune name of God) go and baptize. *Refrain*
- 3 (Help us to be faithful,) standing steadfast, (walking in your precepts,) led by your Word. *Refrain*

**Mission Trip Commissioning**

**Pastor Brenda Wicklund**

**Offering Prayer** –You may leave your offering as you exit the church, table with offering plates are there.

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **C: Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

L: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*(A brief silence.)*

L: Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Red Worship Book pg. 152**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Red Worship Book pg. 153**

L: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**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.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Red Worship Book pg. 154**

**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**

**Red Worship Book pg. 154**

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn****“Bread of Life from Heaven”****Red Worship Book 474**

*Refrain: Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.*

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain*
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world. Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain*
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the lifegiving Word. Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain*
- 5 Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain*

**Prayer after Communion**

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn****“Let Streams of Living Justice”****Red Worship Book 710**

- 1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
- 2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
- 3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language; we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams, our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried; your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*the worship is ended ... let the service begin...*

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**\*\*The Noisy offering this month is for Foster Child Bags, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**

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**Next Week's Readings and Psalm****First Reading****Jeremiah 23:1-6****Second Reading****Ephesians 2:11-22****Psalm****Psalm 23****Gospel****Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

## *Sunday Filming*

**\*\* Just a reminder that in-gathering Worship, is being filmed "LIVE."**

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**If you are interested in joining the church, we will be having new member introduction and dinner July 19th at 5 pm. with new members joining Sunday, July 25th during Worship Service. Please let Pastor Brenda know or the church office.**

**Thank You!**

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**Holy Communion instruction training**, is being offered at First Lutheran Church for any child that has not had their training in Holy Communion.

Age requirement is 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up. These classes are the beginning of our learning about Holy Communion and no matter the age, we grow and learn more about this every time we worship and hear the words of Institution.

We will be meeting Mon., July 26<sup>th</sup> - Tues., July 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm at church. Please call Pastor Brenda or the church office to sign-up.

First Communion will be on Sun., August 1<sup>st</sup> during the 9:30 am Worship Service.

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*Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and well wishes when I had my back surgery.*

*Thank you so much.*

*Gale Vayder*

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**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Carol Winson (Marina Vork's daughter), Tyler (son of Jan Peura), Jeremy (friend of Sheila Jensen), Adam Alexander, Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny), Pearl Anderson (sister of Joyce Seegebarth), John Bassett, Peter Thorvig and Carol Bostrom.

**For our members in care facilities** ~ Ruta Kalnins, Freida Pfahl and Dorothy Svendsen.

**For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries:** Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke

remembering you  
on your special day..  
happy birthday !!

Greetings all:

I apologize in advance for the generic nature of this message. I'm sending this to lots of people, so I hope you will forgive the fact that it is not personalized.

As you may know, Dad (Arnie) joined us in Memphis a little more than 3 years ago. When Robin and I decided to re-locate to Charlotte, we asked Dad to come along. It was difficult for him to move again. He had a spacious condo in Memphis and had settled in. Still, he agreed and made the move in late March. Trinity Oaks, his new digs, is an independent living senior community affiliated the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Dad's home church organization. It is a vibrant and active place, and Dad is beginning to feel at home.

We will celebrate Dad's big day a few days late, on Saturday, August 7, at our home. We wish family and friends could join us but it is too far for most all of you, and our house is far too small. Instead, we hope you will send dad your good wishes. Here's what you can do:

**CARDS (only – no gifts please)**

**Address it to:**

**Arnold Swanson  
c/o Dan and Robin Swanson  
2240 Rocky Cove Lane  
Denton, North Carolina 27239**

We'll present all the cards to Dad when we gather on the 7<sup>th</sup>. I know he'll very much enjoy carefully reading each and every one!

**VIDEO MESSAGES**

You may have already received, or (I hope) will soon receive, an e-invite to create a video message on VIDDAY. Be creative. Tell a story; something you remember about Dad that makes you smile, share video and pictures of you and your family that Dad might enjoy. Don't be shy! (if you don't like what you've uploaded, you can record a new message, let me know you have, and I'll delete your earlier video before we finalize it). Note too that Dad won't be able to see your videos until we collect and finalize the presentation. Your videos will be stored in an archive until we organize them into final form.

Once we have the videos collected and finalized (around August 5), you will be able to go to VIDDAY and watch the video yourself if you wish.

If you did not receive an invite, and/or if you have not already uploaded a video message, let us know. We'll send you a new invite. Also, if you know of family or friends whom I might not have reached, please feel free to forward this message to them and invite them to add their voices to the celebration.

Thanks to everyone

## Announcements/Calendar

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion; Mission Trip Youth Pie Social after Worship.

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

**Thurs.** 7 am Men's Text Study; Mindy Networking mtg.

**Sat.** Youth leave for Mission Trip; 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion/Recognition of Baptism; Church Council after Worship.

## Upcoming Events

**Sat. 17-Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky**

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Church Council (following service)**

**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August Newsletter Deadline; 5 pm New Member Intro and Dinner**

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Receiving New Member**

**Monday & Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Holy Communion Instruction Training (3- 5:00 pm)**

**Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, First Communion during Worship.**

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Members,

We are in for a change! Those that have been/are using VANCO's "Give Plus Mobile Application" for giving on their phones or tablets, will soon have an even easier/better way to give. **Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>**, we have a new application called "VANCO Mobile". Attached, you will find a form that will help "walk" you through this new process. Any questions, please feel free to call me Wednesdays or Thursdays, at the church office. This information will also be on our WEB page, for those that need it.

Thank you,

*Kathy Thompson*

Financial Secretary