



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost — July 31, 2022





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### Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

- **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.
- **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main entrance doors.
- **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
- **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.
- **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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## FOCUSED LIVING PROPERLY VALUES EARTHLY WEALTH

*Jesus wants focused followers. However, one of the things that can most easily get in the way of our focus is our earthly possessions. It is no surprise, therefore, that Jesus' words so frequently focus his followers on wealth. Jesus' followers don't reject earthly wealth or despise it. They can be grateful for every good gift that comes from the hand of God. However, Jesus' followers value earthly wealth correctly. They understand what earthly wealth can and cannot do. They don't give earthly wealth a role in their lives it will never be able to fill. This week we focus on the fact that the identity and security earthly wealth can never provide is found fully and freely in Christ.*

### Vision

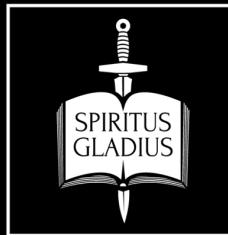
Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

### Mission

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

### Core Values

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.



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The Bible translation used in today's service is NIV 11.

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## —Morning Prayer—

*the full order of service with music parts can be found in the hymnal starting on page 207*

### Hymn 778

Father We Praise You

- 1 Father, we praise you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, standing now before you;  
singing, we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.

### Invocation *Call to Worship*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen

### Confession and Absolution *based on Psalm 143*

Come, let us humbly approach our God, to whom all hearts are open  
and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,  
and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.**

**Do not bring your servant into judgment,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

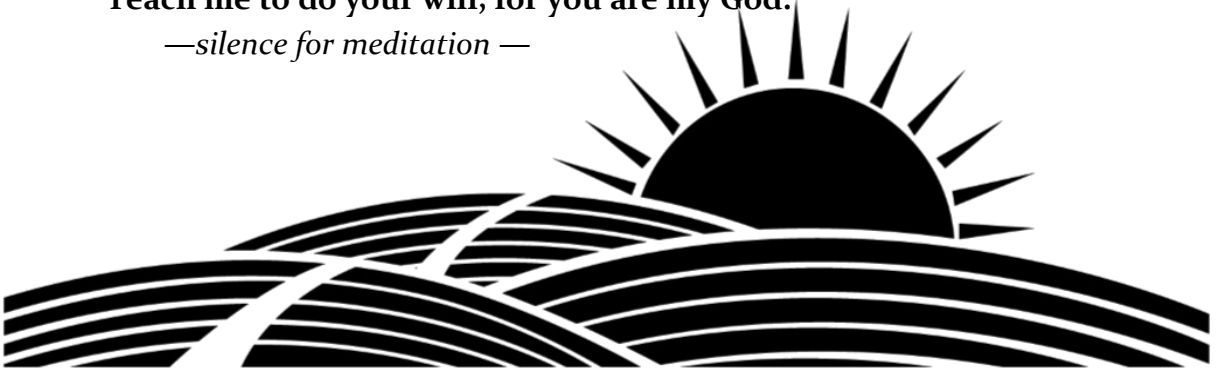
**Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.**

**Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you.**

**Show me the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.**

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

*—silence for meditation—*



**Almighty God, merciful Father,  
I, a troubled and repentant sinner,  
confess that I have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, my words, and my actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart.  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I am distressed by the sins that trouble me  
and am deeply sorry for them.**

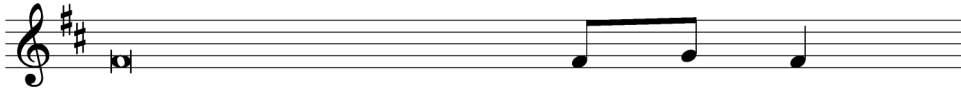
Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.  
Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.  
**Amen**

**Prayer and Praise** *page 207 of the hymnal*

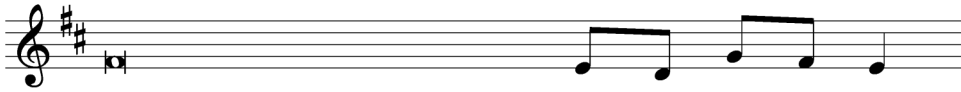
O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.  
Has - ten to save me, O God;  
O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.  
*Pentecost* The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:  
praise and thanks to God!

# O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

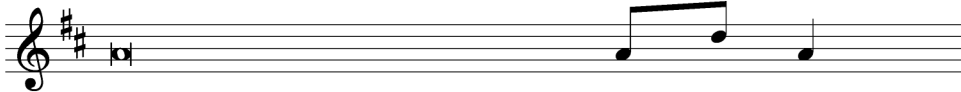
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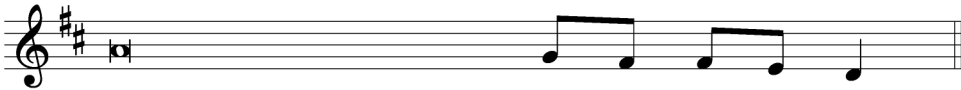
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a great \_\_\_\_\_ God  
3 The sea is his, for he made \_\_\_\_\_ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
3 and his hand formed the dry \_\_\_\_\_ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and bow \_\_\_\_\_ down,  
4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his \_\_\_\_\_ hand.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**Amen**

**First Reading** *Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26*

*King Solomon, possibly the wealthiest man who ever lived, learned by experience the limited value of earthly possessions.*

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

<sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 90 *sung in unison*

### *Refrain*



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



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### *Tone*



Lord, you have been our / *dwelling place*  
throughout all gener-/ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / *whole world*,  
from everlasting to everlasting / *you are God*.

You turn people / *back to dust*,  
saying, “Return to dust, you / *mortals*.”

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / *just gone by*,  
or like a watch / *in the night*.

### ***Refrain***

Teach us to number / *our days*,  
that we may gain a heart of / *wisdom*.

May the favor of the Lord our God / *rest on us*;  
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / *of our hands*

**Glory be to the Father and / *to the Son***  
**and to the Holy / *Spirit*,**  
**as it was in the be-/inning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / *Amen*.**

### ***Refrain***

## **Second Reading** *Colossians 3:1-11*

*If life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions, then of what does life consist? Paul tells us—the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

## **Verse of the Day** *Matthew 6:20-21*

Alleluia.

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Alleluia.

## **Gospel Reading** *Luke 12:13-21*

*Greed's folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”



<sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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

### **Confession of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed*

*The Apostles’ Creed is a brief statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. This creed was created to teach and unite Christians in the truth of God’s Word.*

*The Apostles’ Creed can be found on page 197 of the hymnal.*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn 820

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

## Sermon *Luke 12:13–21*

# Value Earthly Wealth Properly

## You Are God; We Praise You *Te Deum Laudamus*

*the music for this liturgy can be found on page 210 of the hymnal*

- ♪ We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you, Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'nly hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and only Son;  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

- 5 When you became man to set us free,  
you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that you will come  
to be our judge.
- 7 Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## Offering

*Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.*

## Hymn 718

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

- 1 Though thoughtless thousands choose the road  
that leads the soul away from God,  
this happiness, dear Lord, be mine:  
to live and die entirely thine.
- 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,  
from him my life, my all, receive,  
to him devote my fleeting hours,  
serve him alone with all my pow'rs.
- 3 Christ is my everlasting all,  
to him I look, on him I call;  
he will my ev'ry need supply  
in time and through eternity.
- 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, appear;  
soon shall I end my trials here,  
leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.  
To live is Christ; to die is gain.
- 5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,  
soon walk through ev'ry golden street  
and sing on ev'ry blissful plain,  
"To live is Christ; to die is gain."

## Prayer of the Church

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**Use our ministries and offerings  
to extend your healing and your hope.**

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** *the prayer our Savior 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.**

## Song *I Can Only Imagine*

### Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie Eleison*



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

## Thanksgiving

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
you have brought us safely to this new day.

Defend us with your mighty power,  
and grant that this day we neither fall into sin  
nor run into any kind of danger;  
and in all we do direct us to what is right in your sight,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen**

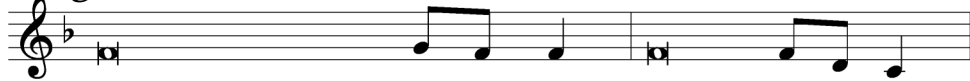


Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**A - men.**

**Hymn 753**

**My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

1 My worth is not in what I own,  
not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
but in the costly wounds of love  
at the cross. (v. 2)

2 My worth is not in skill or name,  
in win or lose, in pride or shame,  
but in the blood of Christ that flowed  
at the cross. (Refrain)

Ref I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in him alone.

3 As summer flow'rs we fade and die;  
fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us  
at the cross. (v. 4)

4 I will not boast in wealth or might,  
or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
at the cross. (Refrain)

5 Two wonders here that I confess:  
my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed—my ransom paid  
at the cross. (Refrain)

**WELS Connection** *an update on mission work down by our larger church body*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Thanks for join us this morning!**

Welcome, we are glad you joined us this morning! After the service, relax and get to know us as we enjoy some snacks. Today we are having our quarterly open forum for members along with a voter's meeting. Members, please stay for this necessary part of the ministry here. We want your thoughts, prayers, and support.

## **Help Needed:** *take a look at the sign up sheets by Pastor's office*

There is a lot going on here in the coming weeks so please take a moment to look at the sign up sheets by Pastor's office. These sheets help us organize and coordinate help.

## **Sisters in Christ: Ice Cream Social & Game Night**

Ladies, it is summer in Wisconsin so why wouldn't we have an ice cream social? Join us **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** for a special Sisters in Christ get together. There is a sign up sheet by Pastor's office to help prepare.

## **VBS:** *Wednesday August 10 - Friday August 12*

Send your kids to a fun, faith building 3 day event here at St. Paul Clintonville. Find out more and save a spot on our website, [stpaulclintonville.com/vbs](http://stpaulclintonville.com/vbs)

## **Vision Committee:** *August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

Help us look at the long term mission and goals of our church family, come to the Vision Committee meeting. Talk with Austin for more info.

## **Special Breakfast:** *Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>*



Mark your calendars and prepare your stomachs for a feast of breakfast foods on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am**. Yes, this is a great occasion to invite others to join you at church (great idea)! If you are able to help bring food, help us coordinate by letting us know on the sign up sheet (by Pastor's office).

## **Angel Packet Volunteers Needed:** *talk to Dave Schley for more info*

Did you know, each week we create special worship folders and deliver them to some of our shut ins? If you would be willing to occasionally deliver these worship materials, please talk with Dave Schley.

## **Tadych Marketplace Receipts:** *Fund Raiser for Sisters in Christ*

Have you shopped at the grocery store in town recently? If you turn in those receipts it helps Sisters in Christ raise funds. How simple is that! Just drop those receipts in the box by the mini-fridge (upstairs kitchenette).

## **Sunday School Teachers Needed:** *talk to Pastor or Dave Schley*

Could you help teach the children simple Bible lessons? Not only is it fun, but it is also a great way to invest more time in the Word. The church has premade lesson plans so you have a starting point. Talk with Pastor or Dave Schley for more details.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

**August 3** *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon

**August 7** *Sunday*

Worship @9am

19 Minute Bible Study @10:15am

**August 9** *Tuesday*

Sisters in Christ Ice Cream Social @6:30pm

**August 10** *Wednesday*

**Vacation Bible School** @9am-11:30am

Elder's Meeting @6:15pm

**August 11** *Thursday*

**Vacation Bible School** @9am-11:30am

Vision Committee @6:30pm

**August 12** *Friday*

**Vacation Bible School** @9am-11:30am

**August 14** *Sunday*

Special Breakfast 8am-8:45am

Worship @9am

In the Footsteps of Paul Presentation @10:15am

**August 19** *Friday*

Church Family Night: Corn Roast at the Ganster's



**Big Events**

**VBS**  
*August 10-12*

**Namesake Sunday**  
with a special breakfast  
*August 14*

**Corn Roast**  
at the Ganster's  
*August 19*

~THE LORD WILING~

<p><b>Sunday, July 24th</b> Attendance: 68 Offered: \$3,580.00 General Fund: \$2,720</p> <p><i>Estimated Weekly Need: \$3,500 Based on the yearly budget and general fund support given year to date</i></p>	<p><b>Snacks this week</b></p> <p><b>Ushers this week</b> Tom G. Fred L. Kelly Z.</p>	<p><b>Snacks next week</b> Dawn G. Becky H.</p> <p><b>Ushers next week</b> Tom G. Fred L. Kelly Z.</p>	<p><b>Communion Help:</b> August: Tom G.</p> <p><b>Communion Clean Up</b> Dawn G. 8/7 Becky H. 8/7 Lizzie B. 8/21 Jeannie S. 8/21</p>
<p><b>Shut In Visitors</b>   <b>July: Bob and Karen Petermann</b></p>			