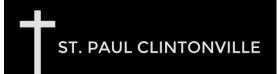


St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost—August 7, 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 HEAVENLY TREASURE

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a shortage of earthly wealth. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. But Jesus focuses us. He points to creatures that do not labor or toil, yet are daily fed and clothed. Even more Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that Father will throw in needed earthly possessions as well. We can pursue heavenly treasure wholeheartedly, confident that our Father knows all we need.

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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—Service Setting One—

the full order of service with music parts can be found in the hymnal starting on page 154

Hymn 679

- I God's own child, I gladly say it:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 He, because I could not pay it,
 gave my full redemption price.
 Do I need earth's treasures many?
 I have one worth more than any
 that brought me salvation free,
 lasting to eternity!
- Sin, disturb my soul no longer:

 I am baptized into Christ!

 I have comfort even stronger:

 Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

 Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me in a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 Drop your ugly accusation,
 I am not so soon enticed.
 Now that to the font I've traveled,
 all your might has come unraveled,
 and, against your tyranny,
 God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
- There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring: even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:

 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

Invocation Call to Worship

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

Group: Amen

Confession of sins

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you
in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Declaration of Grace through Christ

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The Baptism of Lucille Ann Dobbe

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.



Lucille Ann Dobbe, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you. Prayer

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Lucille as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

First Reading *Genesis* 15:1–6

In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD's gracious promises.

¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield, your very great reward."

²But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 please join in with the refrains and the bolded phrases





I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—where does my help / come from?

My help comes / from the LORD, the maker of / heaven and earth.

He will not let your / foot slip he who watches over you will not / slumber;

indeed, he who watches over / Israel will neither / slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you / from all harm—he will watch / over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and / going both now and for- / evermore.

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

Second Reading *Hebrews* 11:1–3,8–16

The gift of faith allows us to see that treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

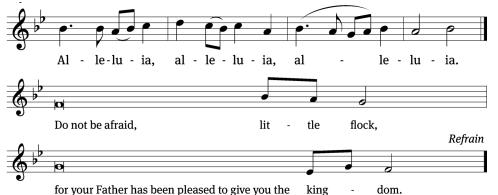
¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 12:32

The congregation should join in with the alleluias, Pastor will sing the verse



Gospel Reading Luke 12:22-34

Jesus assures us we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.

²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

Hymn 800

How Firm a Foundation

- How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
 What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow, for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply; the flames will not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Sermon *Luke* 12:13–21

Value Heavenly Wealth Properly

Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was written around A.D. 325 in defense of the true Christian faith. This creed was created to fight false teachings some were teaching.

The Nicene Creed can be found on page 162 of the hymnal.

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

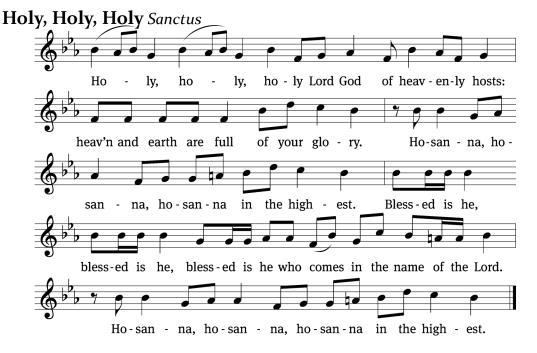
Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **Amen.**

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.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

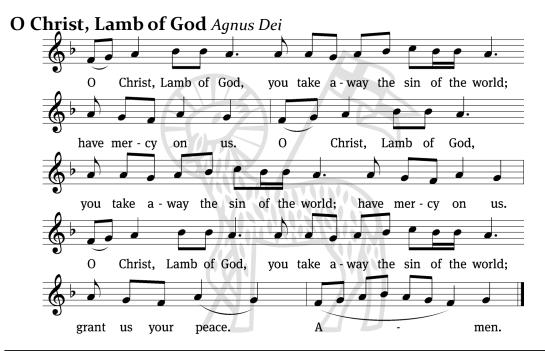
The Lord's Prayer the prayer our Savior taught us

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



Our Practice of Close Communion

Based on the words of Scripture, we believe that partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the highest forms of fellowship we have this side of heaven—both with our Risen Savior and with our fellow believers. By partaking in the sacrament, we confess that we believe what this congregation teaches and confesses. Because we don't want to put anyone in the uncomfortable position of having to state their full agreement with us before we've had an opportunity to explain it to them, we respectfully ask that only those who are communicant members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would like further explanation of our practice, Pastor Rothfuss would be more than willing to explain after the worship service.



Hymn 688

- The gifts Christ freely gives
 he gives to you and me
 to be his Church, his bride,
 his chosen, saved and free!
 Saints blest with these rich gifts
 are children who proclaim
 that they were won by Christ
 and cling to his strong name.
- The gifts flow from the font where he calls us his own; new life he gives that makes us his and his alone. Here he forgives our sins with water and his Word; the triune God himself gives pow'r to call him Lord.
- The gifts of grace and peace from absolution flow; the pastor's words are Christ's for us to trust and know. Forgiveness that we need is granted to us there; the Lord of mercy sends us forth in his blest care.

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

- The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read;
 God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.
 Christ fills them with himself, blest words that give them life, restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.
- The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see; beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary.

 The body and the blood remove our ev'ry sin; we leave his presence in his peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One
 who lavishes such love;
 the triune God in love
 assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 are gifts he loves to give;
 all thanks and praise for his
 great love by which we live!

Ref Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.
Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

What do you gain from all your worry,what you should eat or what to wear?There is no peace in stress or hurry.Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Refrain

2 Look at the ravens high above you.

They do not work their whole life through,

and yet God feeds them and protects them.

So how much more will God protect and care for you?

Refrain

Behold the lilies in their splendor.
In grace and beauty are they dressed,
and yet so soon their bloom is faded.
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

Refrain

O little flock, do not be frightened;
 yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
 Give your possessions to the needy;
 obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.

Refrain

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing the Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 753 By Faith

1By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight. (v. 2)

2 By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain

Ref We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

- 3 By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave. (v. 4)
- By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Refrain

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

Refrain

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. After the servie we will gather again in the worship area for a 1,140 second Bible Study (also known as a 19 minute Bible Study).

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 **this Tuesday**, **August 9**th **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, <u>stpaulclintonville.com/vbs</u>

Vision Committee: August 11th 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 14th

Mark your calendars and prepare your stomachs for a feast of breakfast foods on **Sunday, August 14**th **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.

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.

Looking for a Mattress

Pastor and Amanda are looking for a mattress and is wondering if anyone is getting rid of one. Please talk to them if you are or if you know someone who is.

Upcoming Events at St. Paul

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 17 Wednesday

Open Office @10am-12 noon

August 19 Friday

Church Family Night: Corn Roast at the Ganster's

August 21 Sunday

Worship @9am

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~

Sunday, July 31th Attendance: Offered: General Fund: Estimated Weekly Need: \$3,500 Based on the yearly budget and general

fund support given year to date

Snacks this week

Ushers this week Dave S.

Chad D. Steve S.

Snacks next week Dawn G. Becky H.

Ushers next week Todd T.

> Aaron W. Greg M.

Dustin L.

Communion Help:

August: Tom G.

Communion Clean Up Dawn G. 8/7

Becky H. 8/7

Lizzie B. 8/21 Jeannie S. 8/21

Shut In Visitors August: Dave & Jeannie S.