

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2026



ELW SETTING 10
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Mark Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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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.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

GREETING

P Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[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. ^{2a} 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P [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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

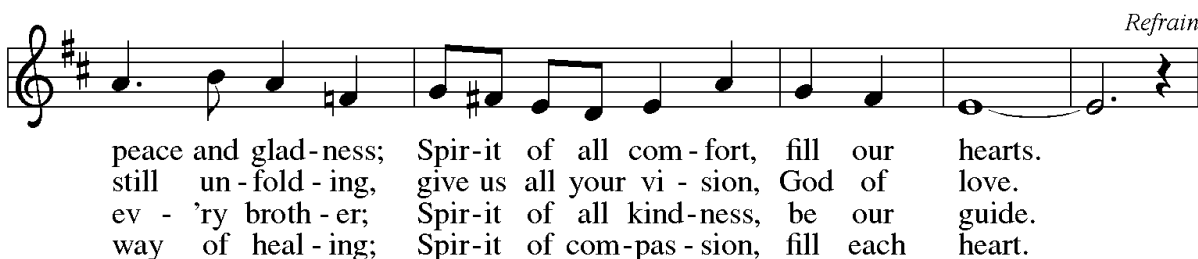
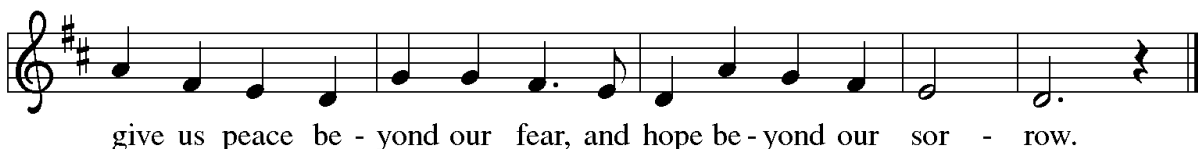
Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW 612



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please be seated

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that
all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on
earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom.
Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend.
Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness
and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats.
Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**

A For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), and **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke).

Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Ron Stocks, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Grace Nelson, Kat David**, (granddaughter and cousin of Jeanne & Barry), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencels), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Judy Maritato, Norine McCarten** (friends of Al and Janice Edwards), **Larry and Lorraine Mulvaney** (Friends of the Weglarzs), the **Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Reggie Spears** (friend of Pam and Joe Labellarte), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears** (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Dan Quintana** (member of the Miller family). Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith.

Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always
C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “There Is an Everlasting Kindness” Shackley

Please stand as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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**

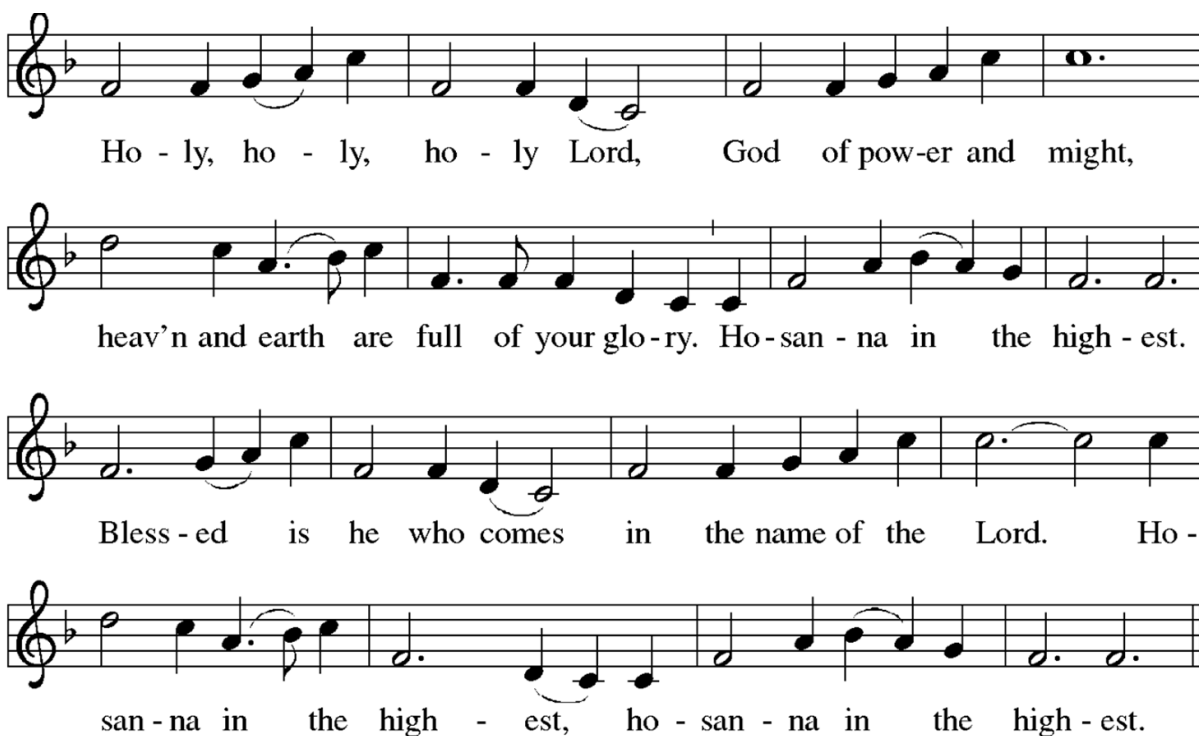
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

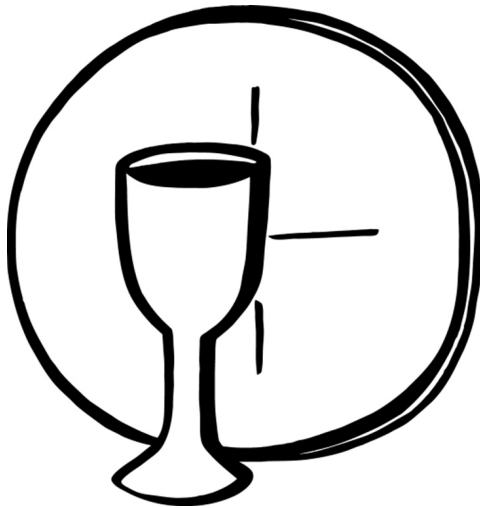
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**P Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!**



Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Stand after all have been communed.

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

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
 till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
 till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A 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.

BENEDICTION

- P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW 534

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 breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n

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.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in C major (P456)”

Johann Pachelbel

Sanctuary flowers were donated in honor of the Schwanke’s Wedding Anniversary

NEW BANNER — The liturgical color for the "Ordinary Time" following Pentecost is green. Green symbolizes growth in faith. The parables and teachings of Jesus during this period are meant to lead us into fuller faith and a richer daily life.

SUMMER CHOIR — August 23rd

The Summer Choir will be singing on Sunday, August 23rd! Everyone (ages 10 and up) is welcome. We will learn our anthem together before the service, so no advance preparation is necessary. Rehearsal begins at 8:30 a.m. Invite a friend and come sing with us!

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP EVENT — Saturday August 29 at 4pm.

Our next Fellowship event is planned for mini golf at Par King on Milwaukee Ave. This was a really fun event when we did it two years ago and we hope you can join in the fun this year. Please RSVP to let us know you plan to attend as we will make a reservation for the group. The cost is \$10/person. Par-King requires cash only. Please note that children must be 48” tall to enter. We will provide pizza and drinks to enjoy together after some friendly competition. An RSVP form can be found on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/rsvp or use the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

BACKPACK BLESSING — Sunday August 23rd

Everyone is welcome to bring their backpacks and bookbags to our 9:30 service for a going back to school blessing on Sunday August 23. The Kona Ice Truck will be here for sweet treats!

STRING TRIO CANDLELIGHT EXPERIENCE — Saturday, September 5th

We are excited to host an evening of music featuring a string trio performing songs by ABBA surrounded by hundreds of LED candles. This is not a private event and tickets are offered to the public through the Lumos website. A link to ticket sales can also be found on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org. There will be 2 performances: 1st performance is at 6:30 (doors open at 5:45pm), the 2nd performance is at 8:30 (doors open at 7:45pm). Please plan ahead as Lumos performances do sell out.



PROJECT BACKPACK — Thanks to all who donated to provide backpacks for children in need. We donated over \$1300 to Fill A Heart 4 Kids and funded over 30 backpacks! Thanks also to those who joined us in Lake Forest to pack bags on a rainy Saturday. Seeing the generous donations of the congregation put to real use was extremely rewarding!

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

QUILTERS — Quilting Ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Our Thursday morning Bible Study meets each week from 10:15 to 11:30. We are currently taking a summer break and will resume our class on September 10. Plan on joining us when we return for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation as we learn from the experts and each other.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan the QR code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday August 16	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday August 20	9:30 am	Prayer Group
Sunday August 23	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion Blessing of the backpacks

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