Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 26 & 27, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Our Worship Service

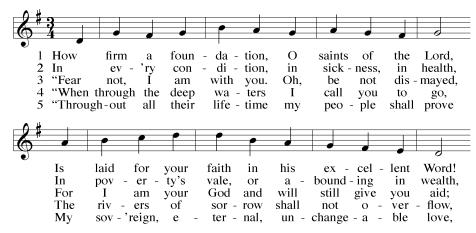
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THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM 9:30 AM Service-Page 12-14 in Christian Worship

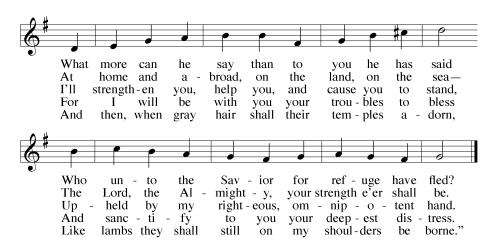
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THE OPENING HYMN"How Firm a Foundation"

Christian Worship #416



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Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, abr., alt.

Tune: FIRM FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Bernhard Schumacher, 1886–1978.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

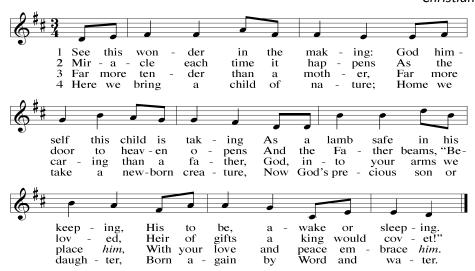
- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

The service continues on page 5 with Prayer and Praise

HOLY BAPTISM9:30 AM ONLY

THE OPENING HYMN "See This Wonder in the Making"

Christian Worship #300



THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." 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 Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:
- C: 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.
- **P:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- **P:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.
- **P:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Jovie Ann Sievert, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please Stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Jovie may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

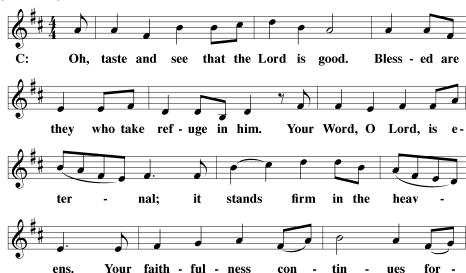
- P: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Jovie and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Service continues below – Prayer and Praise

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON...... Habakkuk 1:2-6, 12-13; 2:2-4, 8; 3:17-19

The prophet Habakkuk questions God as why he has not helped His people. He thinks that God is not fair in how he deals with His people's enemies.

² How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. ⁵ "Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. ⁶ I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own. ... ¹² O Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, we will not die. O Lord, you have appointed them to execute judgment; O Rock, you have ordained them to punish. ¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? ² Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴ "See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous will live by his faith. ⁸ Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. ¹⁷ The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. ¹⁸ "Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak. ¹⁹ Woe to him who says to wood, 'Come to life!' Or to lifeless stone, 'Wake up!' Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 143

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O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for <u>mer</u>cy;*

in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*

for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*

my heart within me is dismayed.





Answer me quickly, O LORD;*

do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*

for I have put my <u>trust</u> in you.

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Teach me to do your will, for you <u>are</u> my God;* may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.



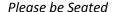
THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-19

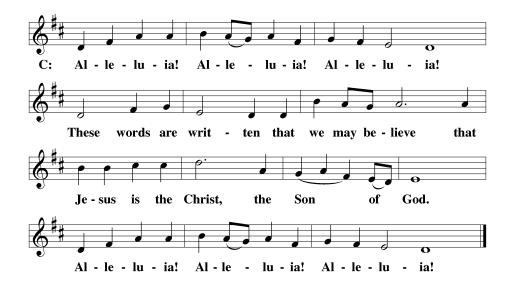
Peter provides encouragement for persecuted Christians who could easily be asking, "Why?" When we suffer for our faith, we will be blessed, he explains. He says, "Praise God for bearing the name of Christian and don't be ashamed." He encourages us to trust in the Lord and continue to do good.

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the Purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b cf. NIV)





Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.......Mathew 15:21-28

Can you imagine this woman wondering "Why?" over and over again as she seeks help for her demon-possessed daughter? What strength God gave her to trust in Jesus "for just a crumb." Jesus commended her for her faith. Jesus saved us. We can trust in Him no matter what.

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



CHILDREN'S TALK.......9:30 AM



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt. Tune: Seelenbräutigam (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

THE SERMON Habakkuk 1:2-6, 12-13; 2:2-4, 8; 3:17-19 Habakkuk: The Prophet Who Questions God

Have you ever questioned God? Have you ever thought that God isn't fair? This prophet goes to God with his doubts and faith struggles. Habakkuk weighs the important question how God's patience with sin can be related to His holiness. The book of Habakkuk is a series of questions and dialogues with God. By the end of this book, God will bring this questioning prophet to confess his faith and to fully trust in God's plans.

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

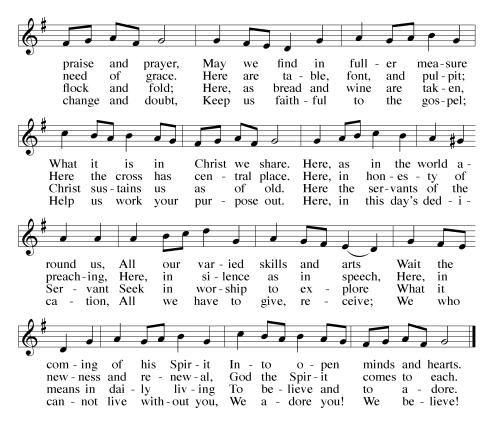
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P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.



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Tune: IN BABILONE (87 87 D) Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse . . . Contradansen, Amsterdam, c. 1710.

Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Lord bless you and keep you.

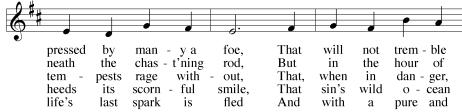
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



Please be Seated







6 Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come, We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.

Tune: St. Peter (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adam
Organist	Mrs. Marie Becke

Announcements

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: On Friday, July 17th, the Lord called Arnold Schulz to his Heaven Home. Funeral services for Arnold were held on Wednesday, July 22nd. May the Lord continue to be with his family and comfort them with God's grace. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

HOLY BAPTISM: During the 9:30am service, Jovie Ann Sievert, will be received into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jovie is the infant child of Marty & Wendy Sievert. Serving as sponsors for Jovie are Tom Sievert and Kim Marinello. May the Lord continue to bless this family as they continue to grow in Christ.

DIVINE CALLS NEWS: The following letter has been received from Karen Milazzo, our Kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's:

"Dear members of St. Paul's, After many months of thought and prayers, I have decided to resign my position as Kindergarten teacher here at St. Paul's. This was not an easy decision, as I love teaching these special little lambs at this school which I hold so dear to my heart. However, my husband and I are eagerly awaiting the birth of our baby in early 2016, and we have decided to take the next few months to prepare for this new arrival to our family. I pray the Lord will continue to bless St. Paul's school with dedicated and loving faculty members who will guide the next generation of believers in the path God has directed us to take them. Please keep the school, staff, and students in your prayers as we move forward into the new school year. In Christ's Service, Mrs. Karen Milazzo."

We have also received the following letter from Pastor Troy Swenson, who St. Paul's called to be an Associate Pastor here:

"Dear members of Saint Paul's, I am humbled to have received the call to serve as the associate pastor at Saint Paul's in Franklin. It provided an opportunity for me to evaluate my ministry at Saint Lucas and to see the wonderful blessings from our Lord at Saint Paul's. I thank Pastor Adams, your Leadership, and all those who reached out to me through my deliberations. The Holy Spirit used you to show me that my gifts would be a blessing to your congregation, and that I and my family would be blessed by the

Lord through you. You are so richly blessed by the Lord. At this time and after prayerful consideration, I feel the Lord has guided me to remain at Saint Lucas to continue in this ministry. I will continue to pray for Saint Paul's, her Leadership, and Pastor Adams. I know the Lord has already chosen your next associate pastor and the Lord will continue to bless you as he reveals who this individual will be. In Christ, Pastor Troy Swenson."

WELS BREWERS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK: WELS Night at Miller Park is August 14, 2015 at 7:10pm Join other WELS churches from around the area for a fun night out filled with fellowship and baseball at Miller Park! Seating will be together for WELS members in three seating areas: Field Outfield Box-\$21, Loge Outfield Box-\$17, Terrace Reserved-\$9 Purchase your tickets online now. Deadline to purchase tickets: Monday, August 3. WELS President Mark Schroeder will be throwing out a ceremonial first pitch and Koine lead singer Brian Davison will be singing the National Anthem during the second annual WELS Night at Miller Park on Fri., Aug., 14. Make plans to join other WELS members for an evening at Miller Park to watch the Brewers take on the Phillies. Last August, more than 1,700 WELS members attended the inaugural WELS Night at Miller Park. This year's tickets for WELS members and guests are discounted up to 50 percent and are reserved all together in a block of seats. Groups of 20 or more can avoid the online service charge by contacting WELS member Jason Fry, senior manager—ticket sales, at 414-902-4516 or jason.fry@brewers.com. Get your church group together to enjoy a relaxing evening out, catch up with old friends, and cheer on the Brewers. Tickets can be purchased online at www.brewers.com/wels. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the back of church. If we can get a group of 20 people together, we will try to order tickets as a group. If not, you may still order tickets from the above information.

150TH **ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S:** The planning has begun for our 150th anniversary at St. Paul's. Please continue to watch the bulletin and our website, stpaulsfranklin.org for upcoming information and planned events surrounding the anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this weekend are given by Randy and Nancy Willms in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION: On August 23, 2015, from 1:00-4:30 PM there will be a Christian Education celebration at St. Paul's. We will be honoring Gary Wille and many educators of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Please check your church mailbox for all of the details. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Our Summer Sermon Series this year is: "A Major Message from the Minor Prophets". The schedule is as follows:

June 7 & 8: Hosea – The Prophet with the Adulterous Wife

June 14 & 15: Joel – The Day of the Lord Prophet

June 28 & 29: Obadiah – The Prophet of Humility

July 5 & 6: Jonah – The Unwilling Prophet

July 12 & 13: Micah – The Prophet with a Heart for the Helpless

July 19 & 20: Nahum – The Prophet of God's Vengeance

July 26 & 27: Habakkuk – The Prophet who Questions God

August 2 & 3: Zephaniah – The Prophet with Royal Blood

August 9 & 10: Haggai – the Prophet of Priorities

August 16 & 17: Zechariah – The Messianic Prophet

August 23 & 24: Malachi – The Last of the Old Testament Prophets

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: Time- A blessing and a curse. All of us have been given time here in this world. How are you using your time? Dwelling on the past? Missing the present or only living for the here and now? Or are you dreaming about the future? This year's Women's Retreat hosted at Divine Peace Lutheran Church (3203 S. 76th St. Milwaukee) will focus on the well known verse from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Spend the day immersed in the Word of God to help bring focus and peace to your daily life. For more information and to register visit: http://PHM1Six.org.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (July 26 & 27)

8:00 AM-Corrine Mayer 9:30 AM-Peter & Diane Eppen; Andrew, Austin & Ian 6:30 PM –Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 2 & 3)

8:00 AM-Steve & Theresa Mess **9:30 AM**-Richard & Betty Patin **6:30 PM**-Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JULY:

8:00 AM TEAM #3-Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Steve Migacz, Frank Krajewski **9:30 AM** TEAM #7-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz

6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

USHERS FOR AUGUST:

8:00 AM TEAM #4-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser **9:30 AM** TEAM #8-David Destrampe, Daniel Destrampe, Paul Larsen

6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

June 14-July 28 TEAM #3- Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms
July 29-August 4 TEAM #4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Kueger, Renate Nazimek

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

July 29-Aug 1: Crew #1: Gordy Lesser

Aug. 5-8: Crew #2: Jerry Lehtinen, Gary Tosic

Aug. 12-15 Crew #3: Dave Qualmann

Aug. 19-22 Crew #4: Frank and Sam Krajewski

Aug. 26-29 Crew #1: Gordy Lesser

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 26 Worship Service	00 AM 30 AM
Monday, July 27 Worship Service6:	30 PM
Wednesday, July 29 Board of Elders Meeting6:	30 PM
Thursday, July 30 Adult Information Class6:	30 PM
Sunday, August 2 Worship Service with Communion 8:0 Worship Service with Communion 9:3	00 AM 30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-80, Communed-69; 9:30 am- 129, Communed-82; 6:30 pm-46, Communed-40; Total Attendance 255; Total Communed-191; Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a