

Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

Worship Service

Indoor /Outdoor Worship Service (You can sit in your car outside church
and tune in on the Radio Station at FM 88.3



*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention
of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom.
The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in
Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer.
God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own.
“When I called, you answered me; you increased
my strength within me.”*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

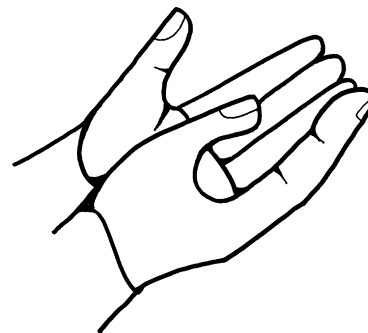
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the
table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our
neighbors.
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in
granting pardon and mercy. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.



Gathering Hymn *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* ELW # 588



1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



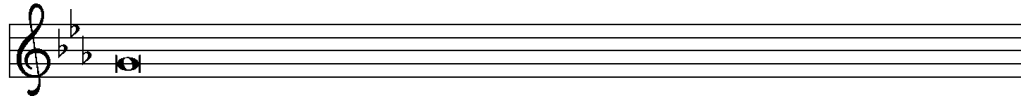
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together.

All: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+WORD+

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹my whole heart; before the gods I will ¹sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things. R**

³When I called, you ¹answered me; you increased my ¹strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹you, O LORD, when they have heard the words ¹of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹of the LORD, that great is the glory ¹of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares ¹for the lowly, perceiving the haughty ¹from afar. R**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹of your hands. R**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Shea Berbaum

Hymn of the Day: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* ELW# 742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources (*local water sources may be named*) and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* **ELW # 789**



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to everyone and we are thankful to have you with us in worship. You are invited to sign the attendance book located at the end of each pew, a helpful way to communicate with the congregation, pastor and church office.

Altar Flowers (July 24) are giving to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Shea, Grace, and Axel Berbaum by the Cloninger, Kelly and Stover families.

Altar Flower Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. There are many dates available.

All Information for the Sunday bulletin needs to be in by **Tuesday Noon**.

To prepare for Next Sunday (July 31), 8th Sunday after Pentecost: Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

Attendance: 7/17/2022: Outdoor/Indoor Worship Service: 24

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP SHEET is available in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the remaining months in the year. Thank You!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers: Members of Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Visit our Web Site: <http://www.philadelphialutheran.org>

Email: church@philadelphialutheran.org

Church Ph. & Fax: 704-922-5334

Pastor: Pastor Shea Berbaum Cell: 336-633-9770 (In case of an emergency, or if you need a Pastor) Email: shea.berbaum@gmail.com **"Do you know someone who would benefit from a conversation or a visit with the Pastor? Please let Pastor Shea or the church office know! Pastor Shea can be reached at 336-633-9770."**

Parish/Financial Secretary: Lisa Rubow Music: Amy Lewis

Lector: Reading of First/Second Lessons/Psalm: Danny Adams

Parish Mail: Wes Hepler, Amy Lewis

Altar Guild: Lesa Schafer

Council Person of the Month: Wes Hepler





WE PRAY...

*Below are all those included on our weekly List for **Intercessory Prayer**. We lift them up in Prayer during the Sunday Worship Service and we encourage you to include them in your Prayer Life during the coming week. Please contact the Church office regarding persons whom you would like to add or remove from our weekly list for Intercessory Prayer. In our ongoing prayers: Mary Jo Friday, Cindy Friday, David Luoto, Frances Lineberger, Cloteen Rogers, Steve Cloninger, John Jarrett/Janice Jarrett, Clay Pasour, Ed Friday, Ginger Cloninger, Danny and Rhonda Adams, Rhonda Love, Ellen Adams, Dixie Shives, Ricky Schertz, Frank Parker, Healing from the COVID-19 Virus*

Nursing home, Assisted Living or Rehabilitation Facilities:

Frances Lineberger: Room 17a Courtland Terrace, 2300 Aberdeen Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054, Phone Number: 704-671-6820

Evelyn Watts : 904 2ND ST NE APT 113, Hickory NC, 28601-3871

Brenda Punch: Abernathy Laurels, 102 Leonard Ave., Newton, NC 28682

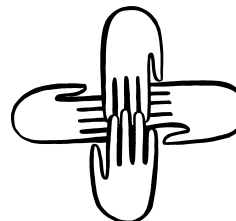
Carole Jean Lineberger: Brian Center of Lincolnton Room #407-A 515 South Generals Blvd. Lincolnton, NC 28092

Betty Smith: Stanley Total Living Center, 514 Old Mt Holly Road, Stanley NC 28164

Dian Newton: 2418 Glenridge Dr, Gastonia, NC 28054-1130 Number 704-879-7023

Howard Pasour: 1067031 – AVERY MITCHELL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION P.O. Box 247 Phoenix MD 21131

If you wish to add/or remove names to the prayer list, please call the church office (704-922-5334)





Sunday, July 24, 2022 “7th Sunday after Pentecost”

11:00am Indoor (following proper guidelines/Outdoor No Communion
Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

NO Choir practice

Choir practice will resume September 7, 2022

6:30pm Pastor Shea’s bible study will resume on Zoom. Zoom link

Sunday, July 31, 2022 “8th Sunday after Pentecost”

9:30pm Fellowship time: Donuts, coffee, juice

10:00am Joint Worship Service at Holy Communion Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 7, 2022 “9th Sunday after Pentecost”

11:00am Indoor (following proper guidelines/Outdoor Communion
Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Monday, August 8

5:30-6:30pm Back to School Worship and Clothes giveaway at Cloninger
Park. Sponsor: Dallas Ministers Association.

Saturday, August 13

We’ve scheduled another Clothes Giveaway at
Holy Communion.

Sunday, August 28, 2022 Lutheridge Sunday with St. Paul’s, Antioch and Holy
Communion Lutheran Church



THE GENERAL BUDGET

	BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
7-17-2022	\$ 2,793.34	\$ 3,065.00	\$ 271.66
Year to date	\$81,006.86	\$ 62,362.00	\$ (18,644.86)

For the year 2022, as of 7-17-2022

\$ 750.00	Building Fund
\$ 22.00	Long Range Building Fund
\$ 314.00	Dallas Christian Ministries
\$ 500.00	Lutheran World Relief
<u>\$ 800.00</u>	Area Lutheran Foundation
\$2,386.00	Total

Memorials: During the past week, the following memorials were given to the Glory of God and in support of:

Building Fund:

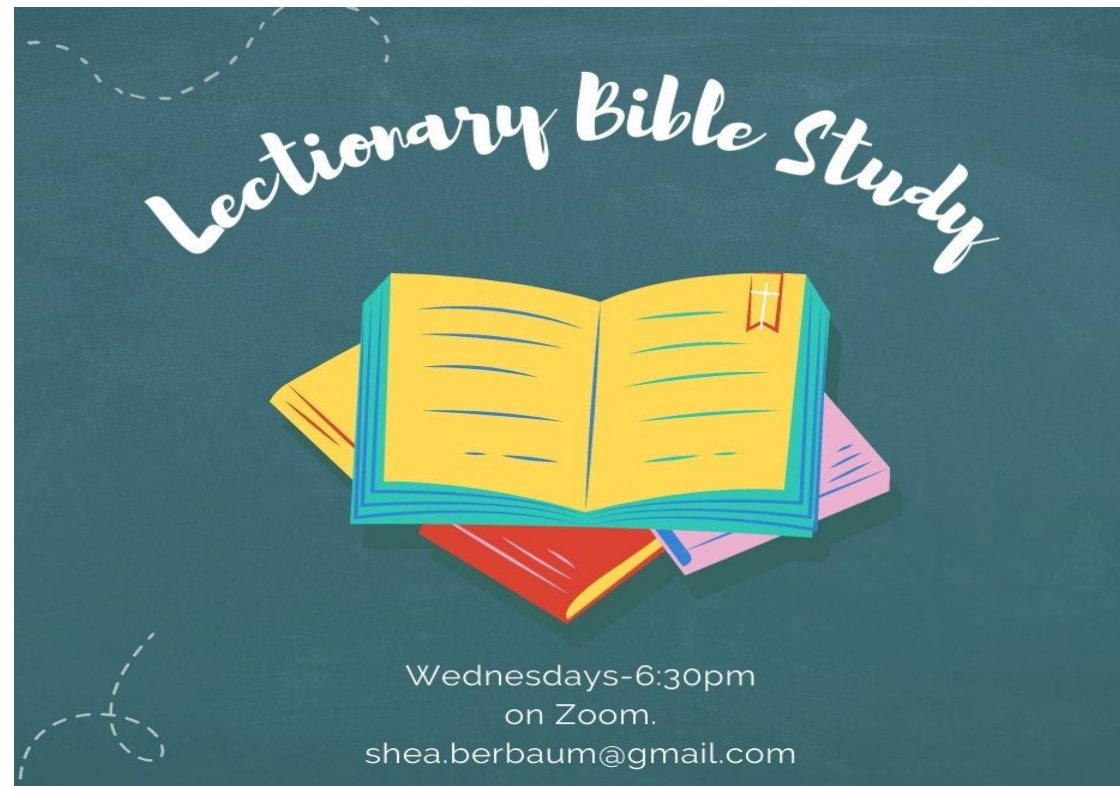
In memory of Joe and Faye Friday by John and Vivian Friday.

In memory of Bob Watts by Brad Jarrett.





Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Hours: Tuesday and Thursday...9:00am-1:00pm. Donations (Just food at the present time) can be brought to the ministry on Monday and Wednesday mornings 11:00am –2:00pm. And most Friday mornings. No clothing donations. Check out their new website: www.dallaschristianministry.com. You can also find them on Facebook (Dallas Christian Ministry) - Every Wednesday they post “Wish List Wednesday” with items needed. Thanks for your continued support for this ministry!





Clothing Drive

Hello everyone,
We've scheduled another Clothes Giveaway for Saturday,
August 13 at Holy Communion.

This will be just in time for school starting, so we're hoping that you have lots of children's clothes of all sizes to donate. We are accepting adult clothes as well (gently used, please).

So please spread the word to your friends and family that we would appreciate their donations for this much needed cause.

You can drop the clothes off at Holy Communion on Tuesdays from 9-2, or call Ron or Amy Holland to pick them up at your home. (704-813-0103).

We'll post sorting days soon, and we hope that you can come help us work toward another successful Clothes Giveaway.
Thank you!

Fifth Sunday Worship

July 31

Joint service with Philadelphia
at
Holy Communion Fellowship Hall

Fellowship time: 9:30 a.m.
Donuts, coffee, juice

Worship service: 10:00 a.m.
Southern Morning Prayer

Hope you can come worship with us!

