



*Saint Michael's Lutheran Church*



## Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

July 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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(\*Indicates Please Stand)

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*“Melody” from Lyric Pieces, op. 47 No. 3*

Edvard Grieg

### \* INVOCATION

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

**And also with you.**

# \* OPENING HYMN #308 OH MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 in your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.

## 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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-8

**T**hus says the Lord, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

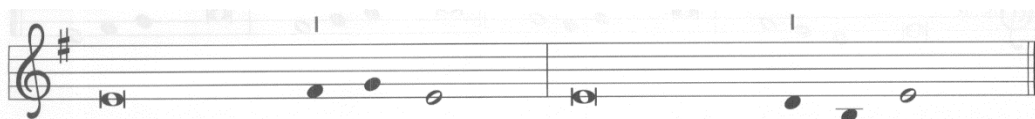
<sup>8</sup>Do not fear or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

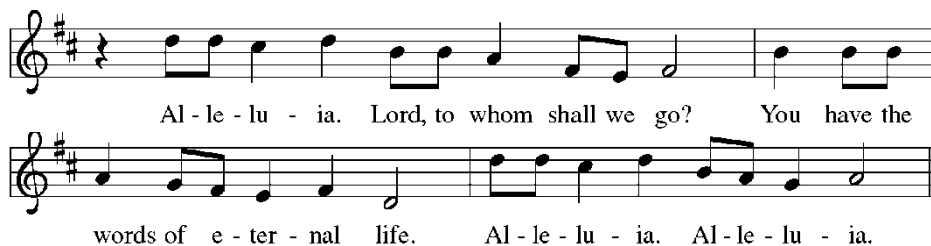
## Psalm 86:11-17

*Sing responsively*



- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk <sup>1</sup> in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- <sup>1</sup> vere your name.
- <sup>12</sup> **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with <sup>1</sup> all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- <sup>1</sup> evermore. R**
- <sup>13</sup> For great is your <sup>1</sup> love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the <sup>1</sup> pit of death.
- <sup>14</sup> **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent  
people <sup>1</sup> seeks my life;  
they have not set you be- <sup>1</sup> fore their eyes.**
- <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- <sup>1</sup> ness and truth.
- <sup>16</sup> **Turn to me and have mer- <sup>1</sup> cy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child <sup>1</sup> of your handmaid.**
- <sup>17</sup> **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and  
be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- <sup>1</sup> forted me. R**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

**J**esus put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,<sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup> He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN #693 COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## **\* APOSTLE'S 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.

## **\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with one of these responses:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
(The prayers conclude:)

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Bless we the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

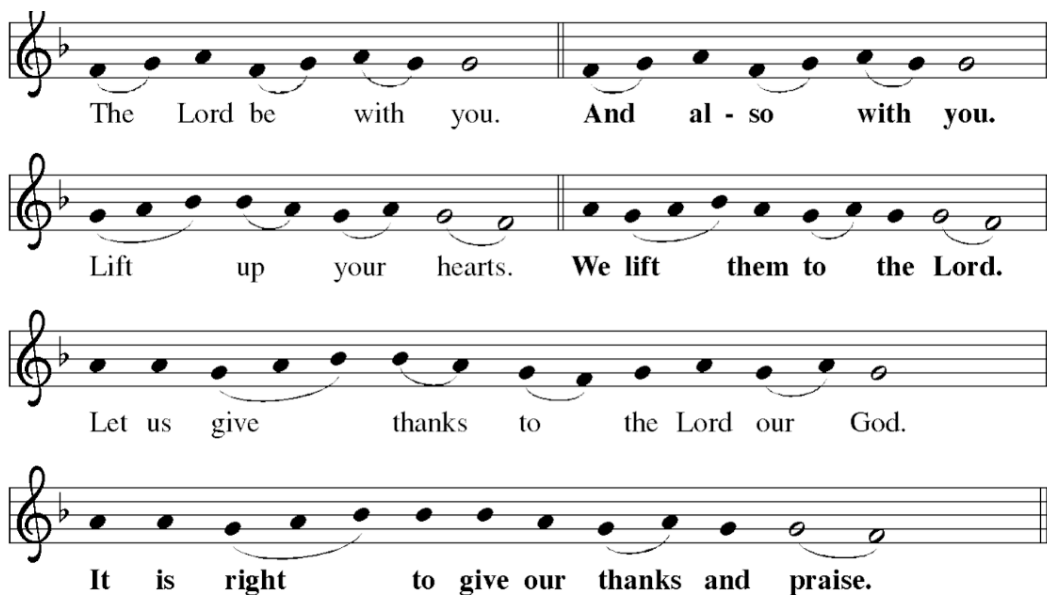
## \* PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## \* GREAT THANKSGIVING



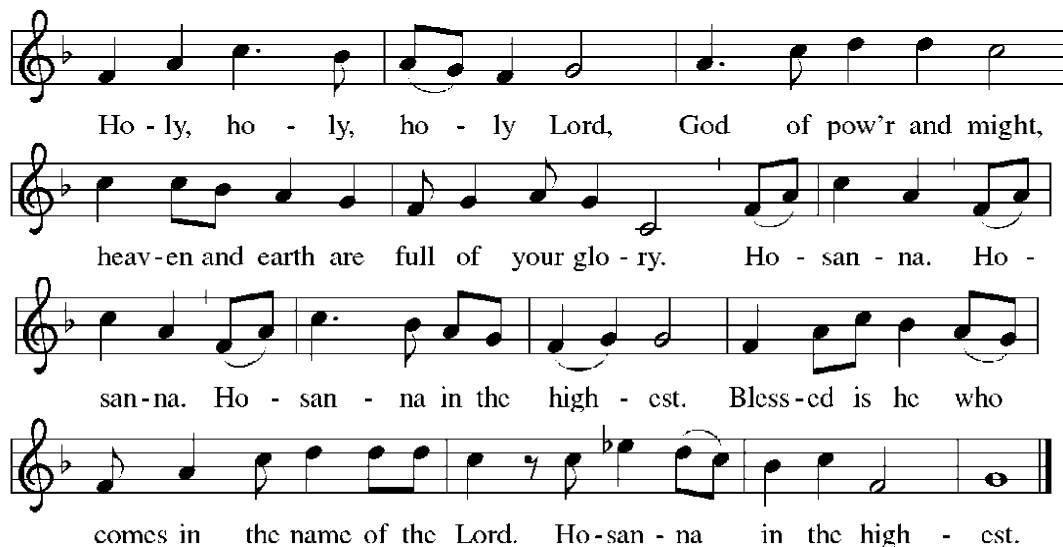
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE FOR PENTECOST SEASON



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### \* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break, 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.

## \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

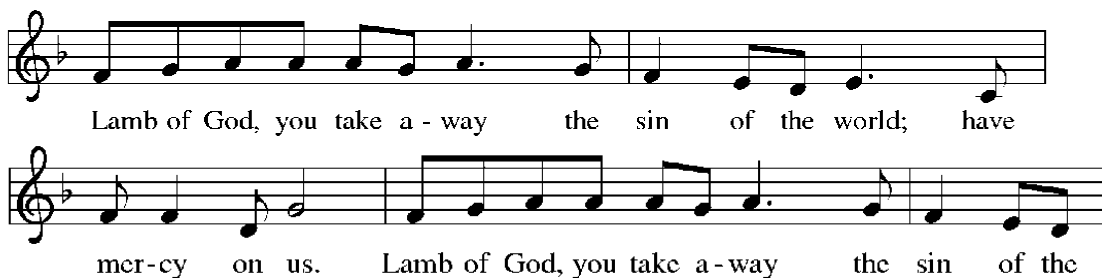
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

## \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

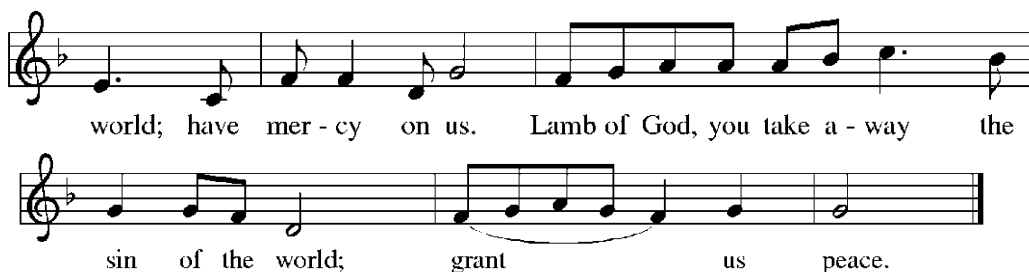
God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.

## LAMB OF GOD



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



*Please bring your offering with you as you come forward to receive Holy Communion. Communion distribution is by intinction. The communion bread or gluten-free wafer will be placed in your hand. Take the bread or wafer and dip it into the chalice of wine. Do not have your fingers touch the wine*

## LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

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Let us break bread together on our knees,  
 Let us break bread together on our knees.  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun.

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
 Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
 Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**LET US PRAY.**

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

May God who comes among us,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.  
**Amen.**

\*HYMN #439 SOON AND VERY SOON

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!  
 1, 2, 3

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**    *“Adagio cantabile” from Sonata No. 8 “Pathétique”, op. 13*    Ludwig van Beethoven

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## SERVING TODAY

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Greeter                 | Karla Carpenter                |
| Assisting Minister      | Ken D'Arinzo                   |
| Reader                  | Karla Carpenter                |
| Altar Guild             | Nancy Reichart, Laura White    |
| Cookies & Conversations | Melba Grieshaber               |
| Counters                | Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber |
| Interim Pastor          | Pastor Mark A. Grorud          |
| Organist                | Dr. Alla Borzova               |

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greeter                 | Ken Fitter                    |
| Assisting Minister      | Elizabeth Tobey               |
| Reader                  | Norma Gerwig                  |
| Altar Guild             | Nancy Reichart, Laura White   |
| Cookies & Conversations | Agneta Aspinwall              |
| Counters                | Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heinz |
| Interim Pastor          | Pastor Mark A. Grorud         |
| Organist                | Dr. Alla Borzova              |

### Indoor Worship Protocol

We are still careful of one another's health in the post Covid time and encourage you to keep following safe protocols.

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## WEEKLY NEWS

July 20-25

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### **ONLINE? KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...**

Please use **#stmichaelsnewcanaan** as your hashtag on social media during the week. **“Like”** our Facebook Page: St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, New Canaan, CT.

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**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Please use the offering envelopes in the pew rack if you make a cash donation, and write your name on the front of the envelope. This allows us to ensure we are keeping track of members’ cash contributions placed in the offering plate without their numbered envelope.

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**COMMUNION CARDS:** To remain on the active member voting list you must submit at least one communion card per year and one financial contribution per year. If you have not filled out a communion card yet this year, please do so soon. They are located in the pew card holder and you can just drop it in the offering plate on your way up to communion.

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**CARE AND HEALING:** Elaine Bakios, Stephen Bakios, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Jill Ferenc, Michael Guhl, April Gurciullo, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Mark Kramm, Riley Johansen, Pam Lowell, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Helga Turk, Jan Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

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**MISSION PARTNERS:** in the Gulf States, Martin Luther Church, (ELCA) Mobile, Alabama, and our NEW ENGLAND SYNOD PARTNERS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine and the Holy Land, and the Lutheran church in Honduras

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**23 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, JULY 12**

## WEEKLY CALENDER

### July 19 - July 26

#### Sunday, July 19

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including Paul Laubscher (July 24).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation



**For pastoral services,** Pastor Grorud can be reached at (402) 620-8032 or via his email address [mgrorud@gmail.com](mailto:mgrorud@gmail.com). He is in the church office Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**Need access to the church?** Please plan on coming during office hours: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

## RENOVATION UPDATE

The organ and organ pipes are covered and protected. The renovation has begun.

Thank you for your understanding throughout the renovation. Starting earlier than planned will allow time to complete the project in a timely manner.



*Jacob's Ladder*