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**WHO TO CONTACT:**

If you have questions about the below areas, please directly contact the leader who can help you so your needs can be addressed more quickly:

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**Food Pantry:** Theresa Scinta 727-314-9362

**Thrift Store:** Nina Hartley 727-244-2535

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Children:** Thank you for bringing your children with you! They, and the noises they make, are welcome! If you'd like, you may sit with your children in The Dot Spot, where children can play while still being a part of the worship service.

**Restrooms:** In the hallway outside the sanctuary and the hallway by the kitchen (ADA accessible restrooms in both locations).

**We're So Glad You're Here!** Thanks for trying something new. This morning we'll make music, pray, and hear more about how we fit into God's great story. Help us connect with you by sharing your information on a visitor card from an usher.

**Giving** to God is a way we show gratitude, get involved, and let God's blessings grow. There's no obligation, of course - but our ministries are grateful for all your gifts.

**Communion** is one way we strengthen our connection to Jesus. You do not need to be a member of St. Luke's or any other church. We share this sacrament twice monthly and at other special services.

**God is the audience, not us!** Participate in our worship as much as you feel comfortable.

**This Week's Events:**

**Sunday, July 24**

10 Sunday School  
11:15 Worship

**Monday, July 25**

1 Parkinson's Support Group  
5 Food Pantry  
5 Karate  
6:30 Administrative Council  
8 AA Meeting

**Tuesday, July 26**

6:30 Central Oak Park  
Neighborhood Association

**Wednesday, July 27**

9-1 Thrift Store  
10:30 Al-Anon

**Thursday, July 28**

9-1 Thrift Store  
11:30 Al-Anon  
4:30/6:15 Feed The Hungry  
5 Karate  
7 AA Meeting

**Friday, July 29**

6:30 ACA Group 2  
7:30 ACA Group

**Saturday, July 30**

9-1 Thrift Store

**Sunday, July 31**

10 Sunday School  
11:15 Worship  
3-5 Kids/Youth Pool Party

**Kids/Youth Back to School  
Pool Party**

Celebrate the end of summer with a pool party! Sunday, July 31, 3-5pm, we'll have pizza, fun, and school supplies available! Contact Maresi Brown for more details and to RSVP.

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**Order Of Worship**

11:15 am Service  
July 24, 2022

Please silence electronic devices. Prayer Cards, Visitor Cards, & Giving Envelopes are available from an usher. Your giving may be left in one of the plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



**Prelude** Prelude on "Beach Spring" Peggy BeVille

**Welcome & Ministry Opportunities**

**Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ**

**Invocation and Unison Call To Worship**

We praise you, God, for small, insignificant things that through faithfulness and perseverance, bring about significant transformations. Amen.

**Hymn Of Praise 66** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress  
Praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness

Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame  
God knows  
Mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face  
Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace



**In Christ's Service:**

**Victoria Guthrie**, Pastor  
**Maresi Brown**, Director of Family Ministries

**Kristine Holton**, Financial Secretary  
**Peggy BeVille**, Director of Traditional Music & Organist

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## Congregational Prayer

We really would prefer it, Jesus, if the big problems of our world could be resolved quickly; we don't mind the effort, the hard work, or even the sustained hours over a few weeks or even months. It's the years of faithful commitment that we struggle with. But, from the perspective of eternity, a lifetime of commitment to your reign is really not that much to ask; And so we pray that you would help us to stay faithful to love ones in our homes and families, who need to know they can depend on us; to our brothers and sisters in faith, who need us to strengthen and welcome them, even as we need their companionship; to the people of our neighborhood and city, who need our constant prayers, who need us to embrace them and care for them. Teach us the love that stays faithful for the long haul, Jesus, the persistence that will not give up, and the grace to trust your faithfulness, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Silent Meditation

**Special Music**      *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*      Chancel Singers

**Scripture**      *Luke 11: 1-13*

He 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." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup>And 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; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And 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.' <sup>8</sup>I 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. <sup>9</sup>"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. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If 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!"

## Children's Moment

**Offertory**      *Meditation on "Evan"*      Peggy BeVille

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

**Message**      **Prayer Persistence**      Pastor Victoria Guthrie

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

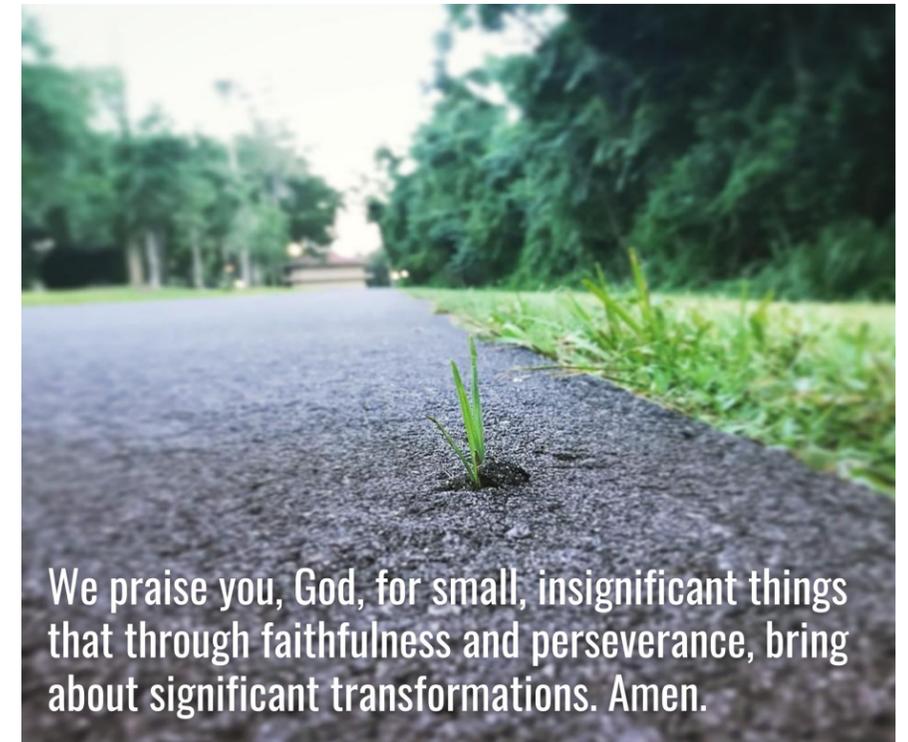
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

## Hymn of Dedication 399 *Take My Life, And Let It Be*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love  
Take my fee, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee  
  
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose  
  
Take my will, and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only all for thee

**Benediction**      *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
here and in the world. Amen.*

**Postlude**      *Go Forth For God*      Peggy BeVille



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## Pack-A-Sack

We hope to continue our partnership with Mt Vernon Elementary by providing food bags each week beginning in September. We ended last school year \$300 in the red, and so to repay that and build a cushion for the coming school year, we appreciate your contributions—each bag costs about \$4 to assemble and contains a variety of healthy, shelf-stable snacks and milk.. You can mark a donation in the plate or give online.

## Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

The scriptures for Revised Common Lectionary this week, the 7th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C:

Hosea 1: 2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2: 6-15

Luke 11: 1-13

And for next week, the 8th Sunday after Pentecost:

Hosea 11: 1-11

Psalms 107: 1-9, 43

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21