

Sunday - July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING-LSB 713: *From God Can Nothing Move Me*



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



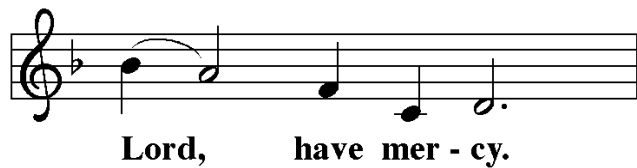
My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

6 Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

KYRIE

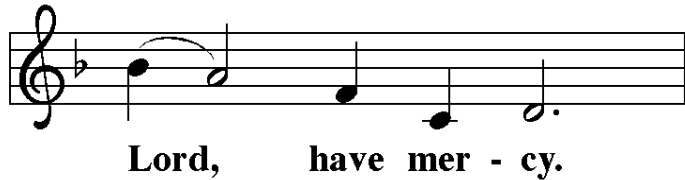
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



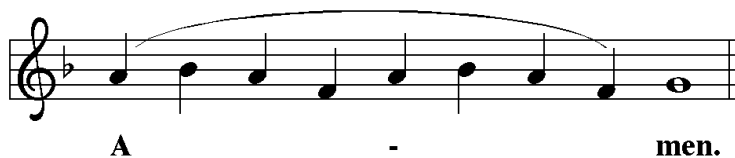
*For the peace of the whole
world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for
the unity of all, let us pray to
the Lord.*



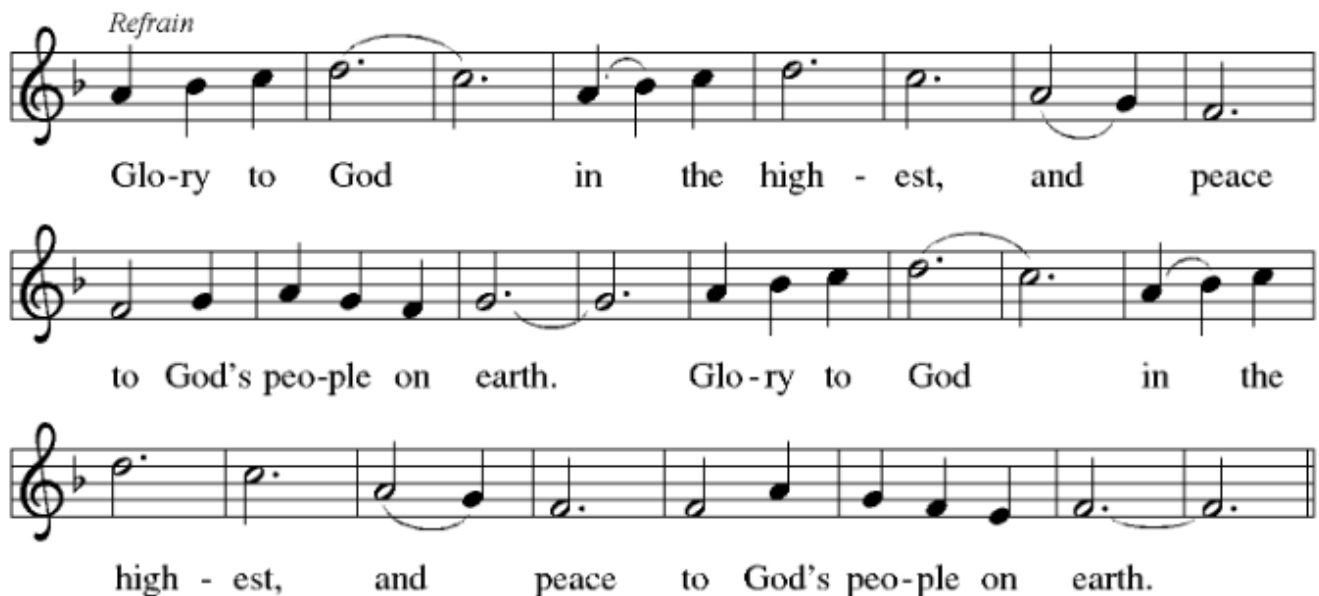
*For this holy house, and for
all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.*



*Help, save, comfort, and
defend us, gracious Lord.*



GLORIA



1 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.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

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

2 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.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

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

3 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.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

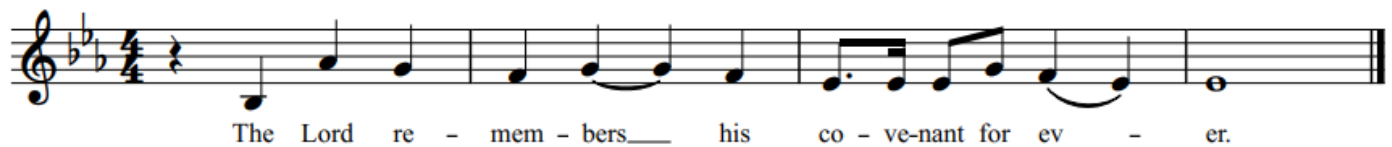
FIRST READING: Genesis 29:15-28

15 Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18 Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a

feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” 26 Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” 28 Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105



*Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds!
Sing praise, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds! **Refrain**
Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Rely on the mighty LORD; constantly seek his face. **Refrain**
You descendants of Abraham his servant, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He the LORD is our God; throughout the Earth his judgements prevail.
Which he made binding for a thousand generations,
Which he entered into with Abraham, and by his oath to Isaac **Refrain***

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? 36 As it is written,

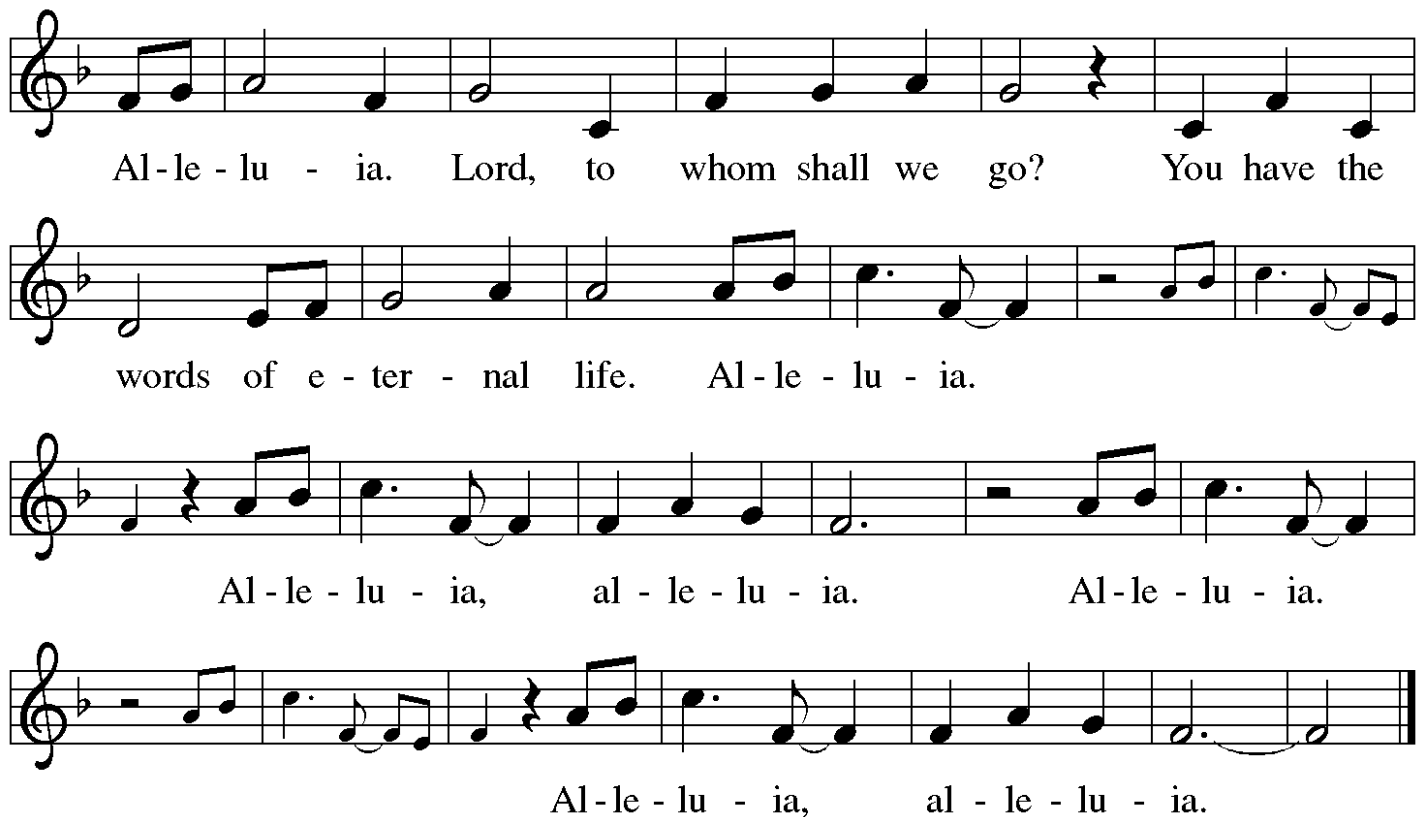
“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

31 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

33 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman

took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON - Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY-LSB 536: One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret-ting and striv-ing, No true, last-ing hap - pi - ness
there and sim - plic - i - ty reign-ing, In paths of true wis - dom my
pil - grim-age, guard and up-hold me, In lov - ing for-give - ness, O

ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are
steps ev - er train-ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl-edge di -
Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are

vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray especially for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., Kim M., Christine H.L., and the family and friends of Julie D. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

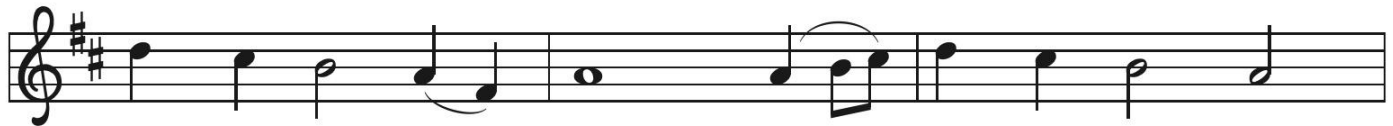
God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY- ACS 952: *The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field*



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo -

ry. 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, Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

in the high - est.

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

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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us.

world, grant us, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Child of God*



1. No mat - ter what peo - ple say,
 2. No mat - ter what peo - ple say,
 3. No mat - ter what the world says,
 4. No mat - ter what the church says, de -



say or think a - bout me, I am a child, I am a child of God.
 say or think a - bout you, you are a child, you are a child of God.
 says or thinks a - bout me, I am a child, I am a child of God.
 ci - sions pro-nounce-ments on you, you are a child, you are a child of



And there is no thing, or no one who can se - pa - rate, they can't



se - pa - rate you from the truth that you're some - one, you are fam - i - ly, you are



meant to be a child, a child of God!



You are a child, a child of God!

SENDING HYMN-LSB 654: *Your Kingdom O God, Is My Glorious Treasure*



1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,
 2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er
 3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing



My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.
 Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.
 Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;



Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,
 Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour,
 But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing

Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.
 En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.
 The weeds that im - per - il Your own.

Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it
 Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,
 Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing

To val - ue this trea - sure a - right
 Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,
 And har - vest me home - ward at last,

That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it
 And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,
 To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,

Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 2- Julie Dienstein Celebration of life

<u>Participating in Worship</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr Dee Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Flowers: Coffee Hour: Cordell	<u>Happening This Week at CLC</u> Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship Monday 9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting Next Sunday 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Louise O., Lucas, and El Cerrito High School Jimmy D. Vince	Laurie P. Carolina S. Karen H. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Mark Thelma & Mike G.	Chris Phil C. Scott F. Kim M. Christine H.L. The family and friends of Julie Dienstein
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