

ROMANS 8:26

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 19, 2020 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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# **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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+ Confession and Absolution +

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing," more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

**Invocation**Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?



Confession of Sins LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### **Absolution**

[John 20:19-23] LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 86:11-15; antiphon: v. 6

- **P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.
- P Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
- unite my heart to fear your name.
- P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- and I will glorify your name forever.
- P For great is your steadfast love toward me;
- **C** you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- P O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
- and they do not set you before them.
- P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
- slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie Mark 10:47 LSB 152

A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**P** 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.



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

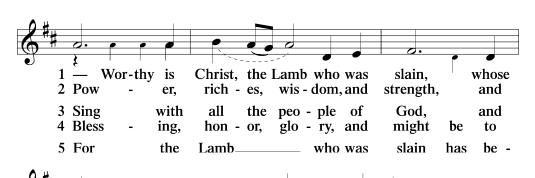


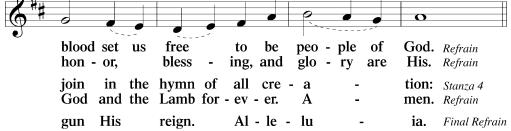
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.















# Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to salute" or "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 44:6-8

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 44.

<sup>6</sup>Thus 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 him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** Romans 8:18–27

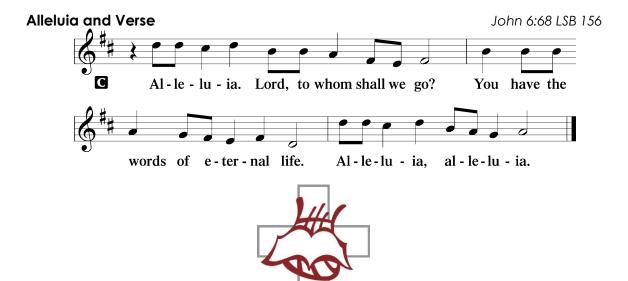
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<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather 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 came to 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 is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all lawbreakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place 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. He who has ears, let him hear."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.





# **Apostles' Creed**

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds agreed upon by the ancient church.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

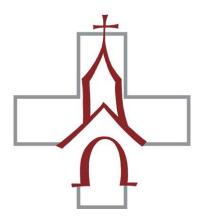
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

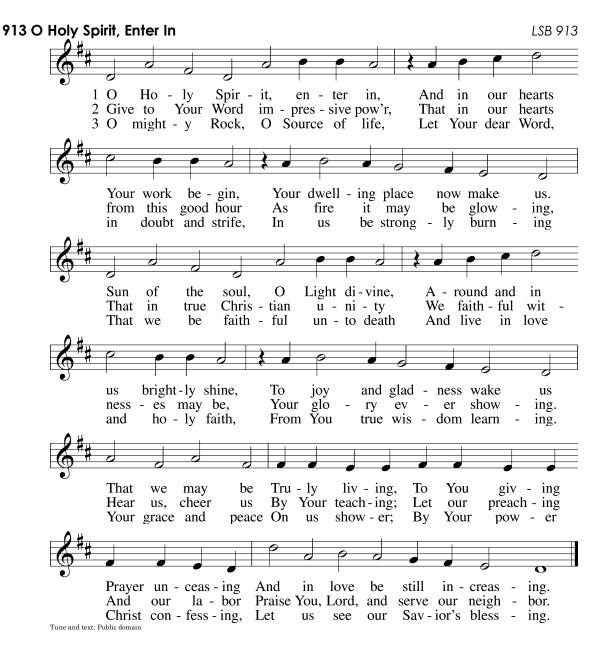
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# Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16

A message especially for children from our Director of Christian Education, Amanda Adams.





#### Sermon

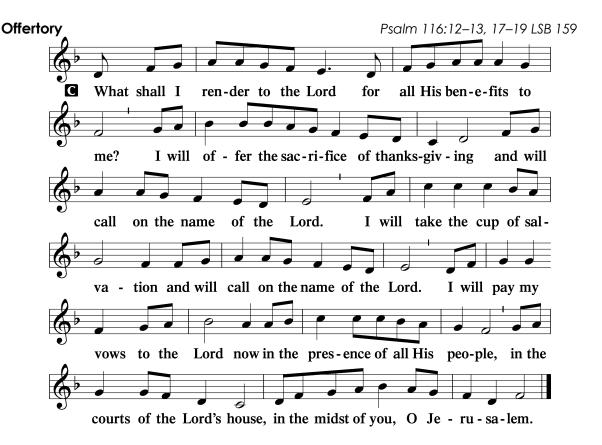
# Offering

For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.

For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at pushpay.com/pay/christlcms for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office (office@christlcms.org) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

#### Brief silence

- P Almighty God, we are too quick to judge Your ways and too bold to presume upon Your wisdom. Grant us grace so that we may trust in Your Word and fulfill our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy, both to our families and to our neighbors in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Lord, we are stewards of Your creation, but we have often squandered its goodness and wasted its resources. Guide us to use wisely and for the benefit of all people the fruits of this good earth, and preserve its goodness for those to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, we have been given new birth in Baptism. Help us to confess Your Son before the world, reflecting the glory of Your kingdom to all people. Bless all pastors, missionaries and church workers, that they may be faithful in their callings. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, we enjoy great freedom and blessing in our land. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor; and all those who make, judge and administer laws in our land. Give them wisdom in their actions for the protection of life and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Loving God, we give You thanks for the gift of health, which we must never take for granted. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, those who mourn and those near death. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Hear us especially for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Holy Lord, we too easily forget those in nursing homes, assisted living and the homebound. Give us grace so that we may bring them Your consolation and peace, and give them the aid and comfort of Your Word and our fellowship in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, we are wounded by the sufferings of this life, and we need Your grace to sustain us in hope and equip us with patience. Give to us all that we need to pass through the day of trouble and be found faithful when Christ comes in His glory at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gentle Lord, we ask You to visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places of blessing and love, where faith is nurtured and we learn to live out our new lives in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that what we pray for, we may work toward, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that at the Day of Judgment we may be found worthy to join the saints and enter into Your gift of eternal light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

C Our Father who art in heaven,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# **Luther's Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 166

From Latin, "to bless" or "blessing", the Lord sends us out, blessing us as we go.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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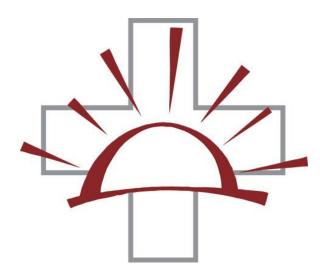
- 1 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la bors of my hands Can ful fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling. 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. sin could not a - tone; Thou A11 must save, and Thou a - lone. the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, die. Foul. I or Ι A - ges, cleft for me, Let hide my - self in Rock of me Thee. Tune and text: Public domain



#### Acknowledgments

# -- Announcements --

### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Brian C., Erma S. (19th); Ammi M., Adam S. (20th); Baylee A., Vance K. (21st); Ryan K., Natasha M., Christopher W. (22nd); Patrick C., Eric D. (23rd); Joann W. (25th); Katie D., Paul R. (26th)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Connor F., Annette H., Leanna H., Sara R., Erma S. (19<sup>th</sup>); Clayton P. (23<sup>rd</sup>); Glenna L. (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Jeff & Beth E. (19th); Mike & Sandy S. (20th); John & Arlyce A., Galen & Jamie H. (24th); Jerry & Tina S. (25th)

#### **Worship Services Update**

All worship services will continue to utilize our online sign-ups.

Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Communion Services at 4:30, 4:45, and 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Worship service times change to 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 am

(All service times will now be held in the sanctuary.)

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – No more Wednesday Communion Services

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Communion resumes during Sunday Worship Services

#### **Adult Bible Class**

Pastor Ben will begin a weekly adult Bible class on Wednesday, August  $5^{\rm th}$  at 7:00 pm in the gym. To attend in person, please sign-up each week online. To virtually attend via Zoom, please e-mail the office.

# **Face Masks**

With mandatory mask orders in place from the state and county, face masks must be worn while inside the church building – including for the duration of worship services. If you would like a cloth face mask, or have masks that you would like to donate, please contact the church office.

# **Installation Offering**

The offering collected at Pastor Ben's Installation service is being given to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, it is one of the online giving options we offer through PushPay. You may also designate it on your gift mailed to the church or placed in our offering plate. Thank you, as always, for your faithful giving.

# <u>Trivia Night</u>

Save the date – we'll be having an online trivia night on Saturday, August 8th! More details coming soon!

# -- Announcements --

#### **Thank You**

Dear members of Christ Lutheran Church,

Rachel, the children, and I want to express our great thanks for your wonderful generosity. The gift cards and notes that we received from so many of you are such a blessing for us as we get settled into our home and get our feet under us. We are so grateful for your generosity as well as your continued prayers. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better in the weeks and months ahead. God continues to have great things planned for this congregation and we are so excited to be a part of it. Blessings, Pastor Ben and family.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, and cards after Larry's surgery. They were all very much appreciated. – Larry & LaJean Rinker

### **LWML**

We will be holding work days on Tuesday, July 21st and Tuesday, July 28th at 9:00 am in the church basement.

# **Thrivent Cards**

Thrivent members -- if you have unused Action Teams, please contact Amanda Adams (<u>dceadams@christlcms.org</u> or 785-266-6263). We are planning multiple projects to help us continue connecting as a congregation and keeping us in God's Word during this time of limited in-person interaction.

# **Emergency Assistance Fund**

If you and your family have not been financially affected by the current crisis, you may want to consider donating to the Emergency Assistance Fund set up at Christ Lutheran to help fellow Church members in need due to the Covid 19 crisis. The Emergency Fund provides our families assistance for groceries and utilities. Any level of giving and praying will be a tremendous blessing. Should monies remain in the fund after at the end of the crisis they will be used for Missions, church debt and the general fund as determined by the Church Council. Prayerfully consider what you can donate by cash, check or PushPay (keyword: CHRISTLCMS and select the "OTHER" button), by Text (text CHRISTLCMS to 77977). For those needing assistance please contact the office at 785-266-6263 or office@christlcms.org. Your request is forwarded to the Stewardship Committee and is strictly confidential.

# -- Announcements --

#### **Confirmation and First Communion**

Through several small services this week, our confirmation and first communion classes will finally be able to celebrate with their families. Congratulations, and thank you all for your hard work and patience!

CONFIRMATION – Caleb, Ellie, Hannah, Karlee, Myrick, Natasha, Trinity ADULT CONFIRMATION – Randy FIRST COMMUNION – Audrey, Evan, Natasha, Parker, Taylor

#### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Linda F., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K.(grandson of Sondra K.), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister of Pauline C.), Kathryn B. (granddaughter of Robert & Marjean P.), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Mert B., Larry R., Pauline C., Ruu C., Angela (Mary D.'s daughter), Harold (Mary D.'s son-in-law), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Vera (Barbara B.'s aunt), Donna B., Don C., Tim (Garry & Lila N.'s son-in-law), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, our front line/essential workers, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers and their ministry in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.



# The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is "the Son of Man," Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in "the sons of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets "both grow together until the harvest" (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is "the King of Israel and his Redeemer" (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, "fear not, nor be afraid" (Is. 44:8). For "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).

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# **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 7,300
Offerings Received - Week of 7/12	\$13,237

Budgeted Needs (Jan-June)	\$192,048
Offerings Received (Jan-June)	\$184,848

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Rom. 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

