

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 19, 2022

Worship Service and Holy Communion 11:30 AM



GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

MISSION STATEMENT

In response to receiving God's profound love through Christ and being called to be His people, the mission of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is to be a family of faith, at work in the midst of a growing community, which through worship, learning, witness and outreach, touches both members and non-members with a continuing challenge to commitment, that brings God into the center of daily life.

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On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

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Our Reader today is Richard Myers
Our Pastor, Vicar Melissa Hrdlicka

*Denotes Congregation Stands, if you are able.

BELL RINGING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

PRELUDE I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me, Tune: Jesus Lifted Me

GATHERING HYMN # 665 Rise Shine, You People

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin.
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power
of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your
forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

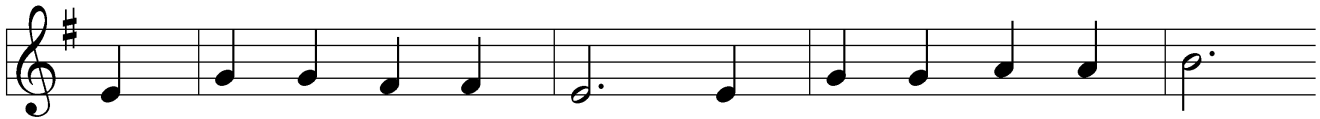
P: Merciful God,

**C: 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.

C: Amen

*KYRIE – Have Mercy on Us

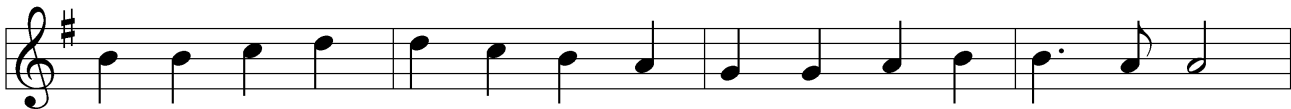


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

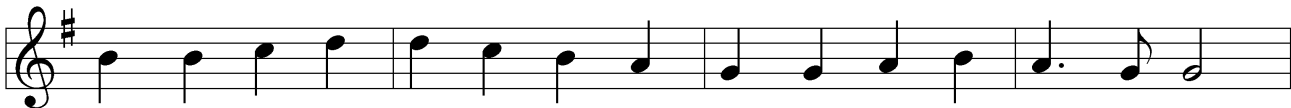


We come to hear your liv - ing Word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory Be to God in Heaven



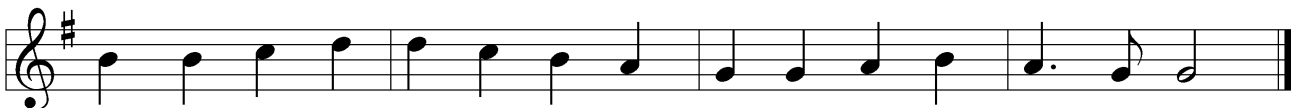
- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God,

C: we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DEDICATION OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

P: We are blessed to have the following people who are certified to distribute Holy Communion to the at home members of this congregation, Harry Walters, Dale and Elizabeth Nelson.

P: Dear friends in Christ, our brothers and sister, Harry, Dale and Elizabeth are to be entrusted with administering Holy Communion. They take on the responsibility of visiting with congregational people and giving the elements of Communion to the sick and home bound members.

P: Harry, Dale and Elizabeth, in this ministry, you should be examples of Christians living in faith and conduct; you are expected to serve your brothers and sisters in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that, though many, we are one body because we share the one bread and one cup. Jesus said: "This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you."

P: Are you resolved to undertake the ritual of giving Holy Communion, the body and blood of the Lord, to your brothers and sisters and so serve the Church?

Response: I am.

P: Are you resolved to administer Holy Communion with the utmost care and reverence?

Response: I am.

P: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray asking God to bestow his blessings on our brothers and sister.

P: Merciful Father, Creator and guide of your family, bless + Harry, Dale and Betty that they may faithfully serve as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. They take the bread of life to those who are unable to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist in our sanctuary. It is an honor for them to carry Christ to their brothers and sisters. Bless their hands that they may be fitting instruments of this visitation. Bless their hearts that they may fulfill this duty prayerfully. May they always have an attitude of reverence and concern for others. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

C: Amen.

P: And now, I ask God to bless + these elements. May this ministry of care be strengthened by his grace, and be a service to those in need.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

Reader: ¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

R: The word of God

C: Thanks be to God.

READING OF PSALM 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword,**

my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people;**

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**

neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

Reader: ²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

R: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

P: The holy Gospel according to St Luke the 8th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY # 620 How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

* PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick as we lift their names to you either aloud or in our hearts . . . Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You hear the cries of the impoverished, many of whom live from day to day on the help and support that comes from the ministries of the West Berks Mission District churches. Lead us in serving our community in as many ways as are possible. We remember St James Lutheran Church Geigertown and Pastor Beverly Wenrich in our prayers.

C: hear our prayer.

P: You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

THE OFFERING

Spirit of Gentleness, Solo Richard Myers

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

Bless-ed be God, who for - gives all our sins, who
heals all our ills, who crowns us with mer - cy and love.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of abundance:

C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

P: And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

C: Come Lord Jesus!

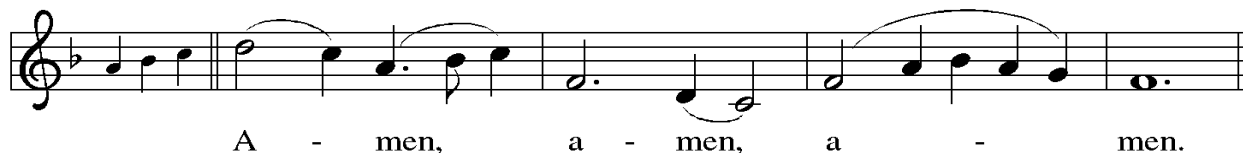
P: And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this Bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And, let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is your, almighty Father, now and forever.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as you have taught us to pray.

C: 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

P: Here we are, Lord—all together in one place. We rejoice at the gift of your Spirit and long to be united with all your people from every time and place, in every land and nation. Make us one through this meal, invited by the same Lord, fed on the same body and blood, empowered for the same earthly mission. Come to the table—all is now ready! These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE - Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**** All are welcome** to the Lord's Supper where Christ is present in the bread and wine.

Please follow those who will direct you to the Altar. Come forward to receive a wafer and a cup for wine or a filled cup with grape juice. We have regular wafers and gluten free wafers. Tell the pastor if you need the gluten option.

Place your used cup in the baskets at the end of the first pew as you return to your seats.

If you would like to remain in your seats to have the elements brought to you, please tell the Gathering people so they can notify the Pastor to come to you.

If you are using a pre-filled communion kit, please wait until the Pastor directs you to open them and take communion in your seats.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

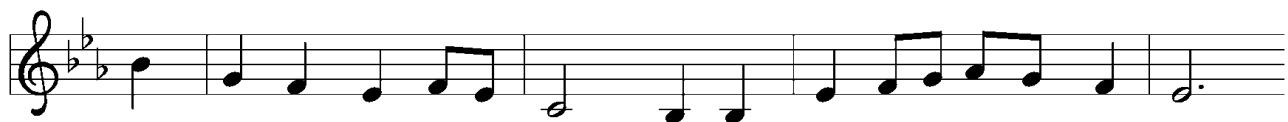
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION RESPONSE - O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

***SENDING 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.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN # 886 Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

***THE DISMISSAL**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;

C: Amen, Lord.

P: Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen, Lord.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me, Tune: Jesus Lifted Me**

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We extend a hearty welcome to our visitors today. Please fill out a Pew card with your contact information. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please inform us. There are also Visitor Packets available. Please see one of the people at the Gathering Table if you are interested.

**News of the Church *SUMMER Activities*
Sunday School**

Children Age 3 to Grade 6 - Sunday church school at **11:30 AM**

WORSHIP SERVICE – **11:30 AM** Service with Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays.
We change our Liturgy during June – September to use the 10th setting in the ELCA Hymnal and use our requested hymns.

Bible School is the week of **July 25th to 29th**. If you have a child, grandchild, neighbor's child, friend's child that you think would like to attend, contact Kristin Morrissey or Rachel Evans. They want to enroll them so they have enough materials and supplies for everyone.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

(not shown due to placing on public site).

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS We are accepting items for Mary's Shelter:

Individual bottles, jars, bags, containers

Shampoo	Conditioner	Hair Gel	Body Lotion
Hand Lotion	Bar Soap	Body Wash	Deodorant (men's)
Shaving Cream	Deodorant (women's)	Razors (men or women)	
Tampons	Feminine Pads	Laundry detergent	Laundry Softener

Bulk items – case of Diapers, Baby Wipes, Baby bottles, Baby shampoo, Baby lotion, Baby wash (no oil or powder), tubes of A & D Ointment / Balmex, Hair Brushes and Combs, Nail Clippers.

Do you shop at any Redner's and the Redner's Quick Shop on Tuckerton Road? We can now accept Redner's Quick Shop tapes as long as you use your Redner's card for grocery purchases everywhere. (And your Redner's card gives you discounts on gas purchases at Redner's and select Sunoco stations.) The "Save A Tape" goes to help sponsor W/ELCA projects. Please see Harry if you have questions.

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Rodney Haupt	Cathy Meck	Lynn Shollenberger
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Duane Kring	Betty Nelson	Harry Walters

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Sign-up in the book on the lectern in the Gathering area.

Please enter your information in the appropriate month and week. You may use a pew envelope to submit your \$15 donation for this sponsorship.

