



St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
July 19, 2026 at 9 AM

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

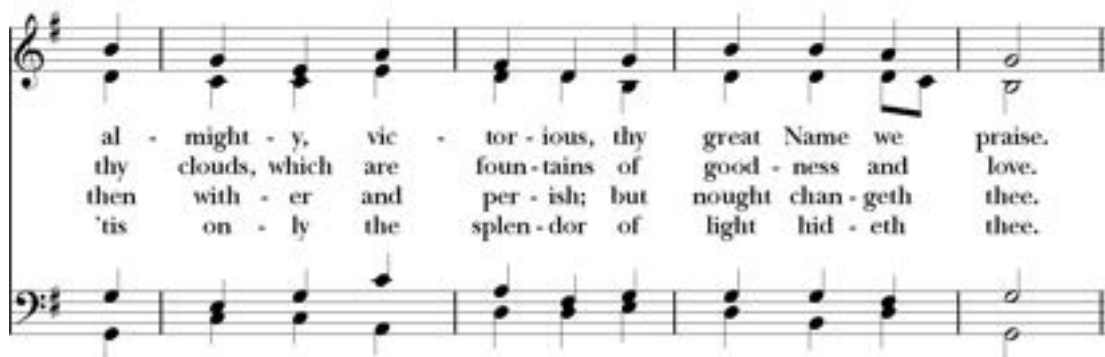
Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Reader There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
for your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17 *(spoken together)*

All

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.**
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.**
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Reader

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

All children are invited to join the Gospel procession! Take an instrument from the basket and with joy & enthusiasm herald the proclamation of the Gospel!

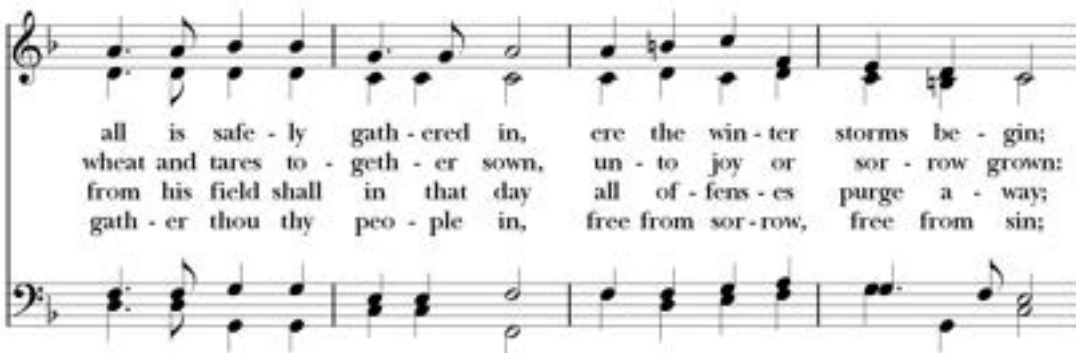
Sequence Hymn

Come, ye thankful people come

Hymnal 290



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 is 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 thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

Descant



4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,
 be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear; grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home,
 come, we raise the song of har - vest - home,
 store in his grain and pure may be,
 come, raise the gar - ner ev - er - more,
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Gospeler
All

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeler

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 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?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 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.'"

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." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the

enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Very Rev. Joy Rogers

Following the sermon, we will hold a short period of silence, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell. As with all things in our liturgy, we do not expect perfection and celebrate that the Holy Spirit meets us wherever we are - be it in stillness or in the joyful presence of children in our midst.

Nicene Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor May your peace dwell among us and your love renew our hearts, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen us in faith and deepen our longing for your Kingdom, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide your Church in the way of Christ; through your Spirit, make her a place of
 welcome and grace, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless the leaders of the nations with wisdom, justice, and a desire for peace,
 Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen those who serve the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the prayers we carry in our hearts and for those known to God alone,
 Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort all who are sick, suffering, or burdened by life's trials, and for those we now
 name, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our beloved dead, and for all who have entered the nearer presence of God;
 especially those we now name, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Presider Holy, holy, holy God, fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and
 compassion. May we be instruments of justice and love in this world, that it may be
 on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Touch the earth lightly

Unison

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,



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Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 5

The Book of Alternative Service (Anglican Church of Canada)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, you Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us in to one
great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your
wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus

All

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us, you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you showed us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus, in the breaking of the bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing you praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior taught us, let us pray,

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread forever.**

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Fraction Anthem



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The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread.

We offer two options for receiving wine. If you wish to drink directly from the common cup, please proceed to the communion ministers holding chalices, directly next to the bread stations. If you wish to receive by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), please proceed to the external communion stations, where you will find Eucharistic ministers holding intinction bowls.

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.

All In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

Prayer after Communion

***Presider All you works praise you, O Lord.
And you faithful servants bless you.***

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Closing Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

WELCOME!

New to St. Lawrence? Please complete the top part of the newcomers card found in the pews and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

If you need assistance with the Hearing Aid Loop, please see an usher.

Welcome to the **Soft Space!**

This special area is for children age 5 and under a cozy place to wiggle, wonder, and worship.
 Here, little ones can experience our liturgy, worship, and communion
 in a comfortable and engaging way.
 Here, little ones can feel at home in God's presence just as they are!

Building fellowship, one cup at a time.

Join us at our DIY Coffee Bar this Sunday! Enjoy a custom cup of coffee and a snack as you connect with our church family after service. Everyone is welcome!

Those attending a worship service at St. Lawrence are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of St. Lawrence. Please be aware that these images may be used for promotional purposes, including on our website or social media, without obtaining express written permission.

Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; and for our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk

The concerns of the local community, especially those who are affected by gun violence

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Sherry, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Ellen, Fred, Jack, Betsy, Melanie, Fr. John, Carl, Steve, Tom, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Jeff, Mary, Alan, Scott, Maureen, Maverick

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Karlondo, Jermain, Christino, Maurice, Rickie, Apolinar

We pray for those preparing for marriage, especially: Allyson and Taylor, Makayla and Bryce, Jenny and Jerry

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Diana and Shane; Ashton and Cory

We pray for those who have died, especially: Bill

We pray for those who have lost loves ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family, the Karnstedt family, the Cooper family, the Schrum and Jones family

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Bella, Kellie, Hank, Barley

We pray for peace and healing in our nation and the world

We pray that peace and justice may come soon in places of war and conflict, and for all whose life of service puts them at risk; and for all victims of religious, racial and gender oppression throughout the world.

If you have a loved one you would like mentioned in the Prayers of the People list, please write their first name on the clipboard located at the rear of the church. You may also visit www.stlawrencechurch.org and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.

St. Lawrence Episcopal Church
Welcomes

THE RT. REV. PAULA E. CLARK

Sunday, July 26, 2026
9 AM



JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL WORSHIP
SERVICE AS WE WARMLY WELCOME
BISHOP PAULA CLARK TO
ST. LAWRENCE.

DURING THIS SPECIAL VISIT,
BISHOP CLARK WILL CELEBRATE
BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND
RECEPTIONS WITH OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY.

AFTER THE SERVICE, WE'LL
CONTINUE THE CELEBRATION
WITH A RECEPTION.



Build Hope. Build Community.

As part of our Sabbatical 2026, we're giving back to our neighbors by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

We want to thank Lesley Cullis, Michele Dziaba, Steve Jepson, Al and Jan Billings for volunteering to build stronger communities and expand access to safe, affordable housing.



Help us be a welcoming space in our community

We need volunteers to be welcomers and supervisors of the Open Space. Two-hour shifts are available each week. Everything you need will be waiting for you at the front door.

We are keeping it safe and simple. Sign up through the weekly email or contact the office at office@stlawrencechurch.org for more information.

Join the St. Lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES

Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month
July 21, 2026
Noon in the Library

Bring your lunch and a small dish to pass.
 Coffee/Tea/Water provided
 Contact Ann Leffler for more information, 847-918-9697




Garden Party
 Friday, August 7
 5-8 PM
Let's go to Germany
 Hosted by
 Michele Dziaba and Susan Fink
 702 Thomas Ct., Mundelein
Everyone is welcome!

On the STL calendar (*see the entire calendar on the STL website, stlawrencechurch.org*)

Tuesday, July 21 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon; Vestry, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Thursday, July 23 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Friday, July 24 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-7 PM

Saturday, July 25 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, July 25 - Bishop Clark visits St. Lawrence Church

Thursday, July 30 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Friday, August 7 - Sabbatical Garden Party; Germany! At Susan and Michele's in Mundelein; Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-7 PM

Saturday, August 8 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Tuesday, August 11 - Service at StoryPoint, Libertyville, 2 PM

Thursday, August 13 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Sunday, August 16 - Backpack Blessing, 9 AM service



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