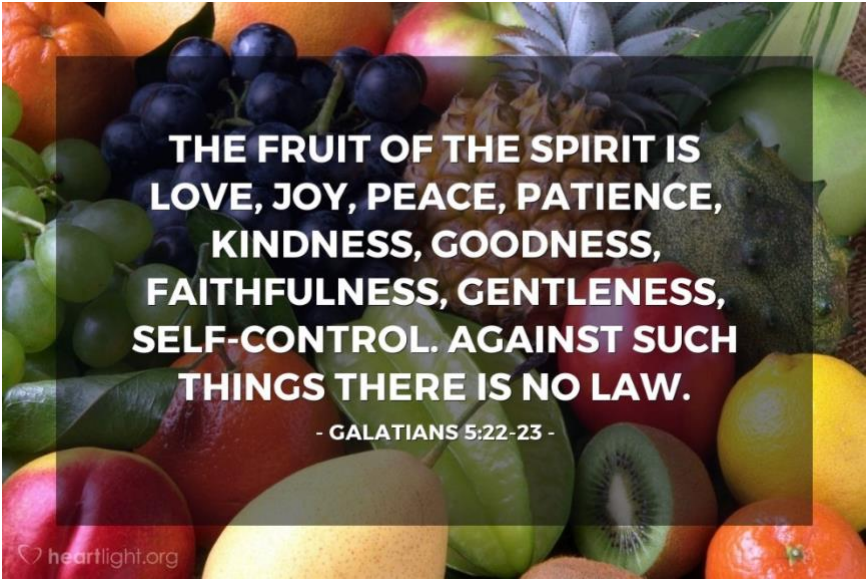


# St. James: We Grow ... We Go ... We Gather



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# The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2022

## Matins (219ff.)

*As you enter the sanctuary, please keep talking to a minimal so that you, and those around you, can prepare your hearts and minds for worship by praying, or by reading hymns, or focusing your thoughts on the preservice music. Thank you!*

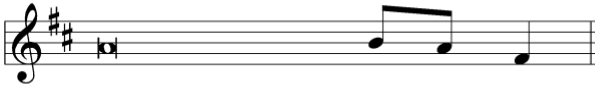
**What is Matins?** “Matins” means “of the morning.” It is an ancient prayer service, parts of it dating back to the second/third century, conducted at the break of day. Martin Luther retained Matins as a daily office of preaching, praise, and prayer. As the Christian congregation prays Matins, it receives the new day as a gift from God’s hand with praise, thanksgiving, and intercession.

## Preservice Music, The Call to Worship, and Welcome

### The Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



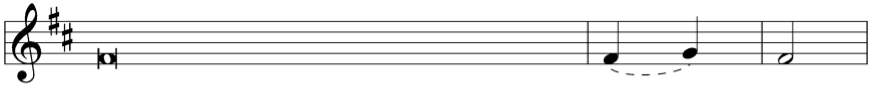
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



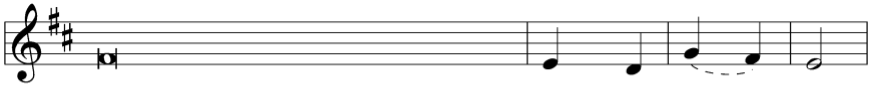
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## The Venite

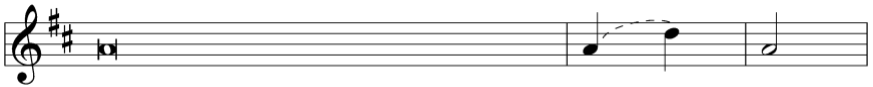
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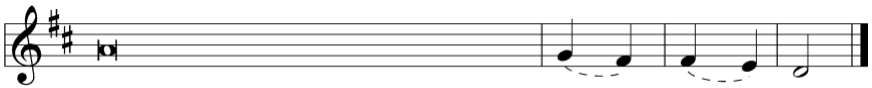
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - - - ev - er. A - men.

**The Office Hymn:** LSB 593, "See This Wonder in the Making"

- 1 See this wonder in the making:  
God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens  
As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Belovèd,  
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
- 3 Far more tender than a mother,  
Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place  
him/her/them,  
With Your love and peace embrace  
him/her/them.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature;  
Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter,  
Born again by Word and water.

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**The Baptism of Emberly Thalia Butler** (see page 268ff in LSB)

**A Hymn:** LSB 948, "All Glory Be to God Alone"

- 1 All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.
- 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless  
And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify  
The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing,  
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
- 3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
- 4 You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.
- 5 You only are the Holy One  
And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;

With Him You evermore shall be  
One in the Father's majesty.

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**The Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Kings 19:9b–21

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."<sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.<sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.<sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"<sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.<sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your

place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazeel shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson:** Galatians 5:1, 13–25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery . . . . <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against

the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

**c Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 9:51–62

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay



his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

**c Thanks be to God.**

**Responsory**

*LSB 221*

*Verse* *To Refrain*

- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

*Refrain*

- c** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

**The Sermon Hymn:** LSB 706, “Love in Christ is Strong and Living”

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving.  
May His will in us be done.
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ’s humility,

Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.

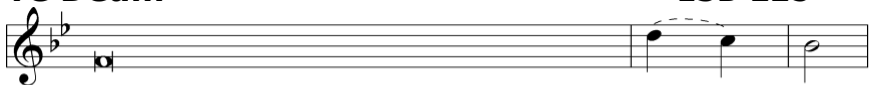
3 Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.

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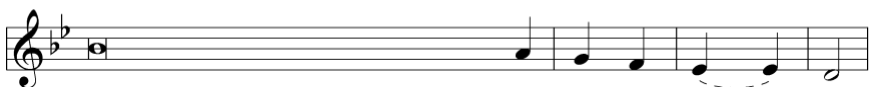
## The Sermon

### Te Deum

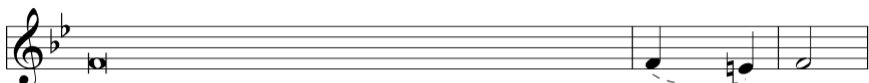
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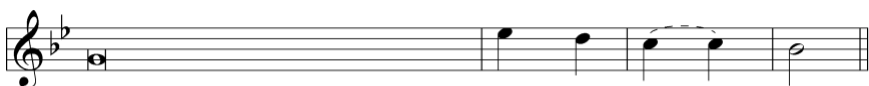
**C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



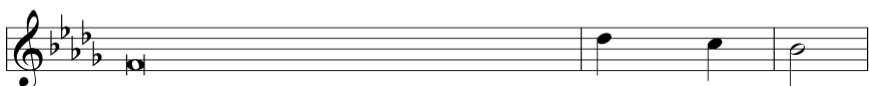
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



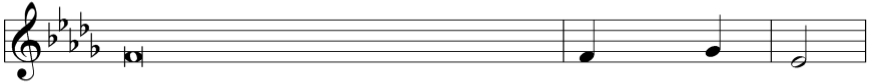
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



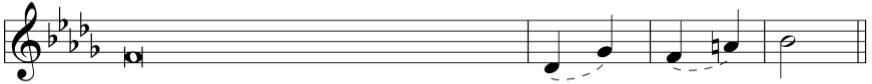
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



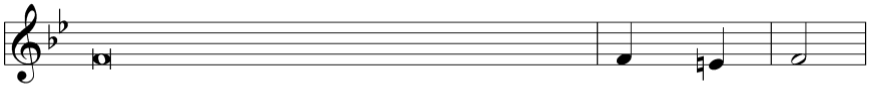
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



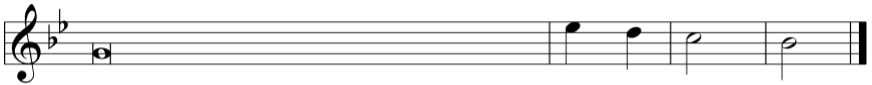
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

**The Offering:** As we receive the offering, we will sing, LSB 862, "Oh, Blest the House."

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly His—  
How sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found  
And all in hope and love abound;  
They trust their God and serve Him still  
And do in all His holy will!
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost.  
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown  
How richly God can bless His own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake His Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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## The Prayers

### Kyrie

LSB 227



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The General Prayers of the Church**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Collect for Grace**

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but

that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 228*

L Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 228*

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: LSB 861, "Christ Be My Leader"**

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its

stain

Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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## The Postlude

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### Events of the Week: June 26, 2022

**Sunday to Tuesday:** Michigan District Convention  
(Ann Arbor)

**Wed.:** 10:00 a.m. Bible study

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotion on FB Page  
9:30 a.m. Worship service  
11:00 a.m. Bible study

**NOTE: There will be NO Monday evening services on June 27 and July 4.**

### FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: June 19, 2022

General Fund	1755.00
Plate Collections	208.00
On-line giving	<u>130.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2093.00</b>

## Announcements

**We rejoice with Brendan and Nikki Butler** and with their family and friends as Emberly Thalia Butler is received into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The flowers on the altar are from the Butler family in praise to God for the blessing of Emberly. Brendan and Nikki invite everyone to stay following the service to enjoy some baptismal birthday cake!

**Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra participated in the "Walk for Life" on June 18<sup>th</sup>** in support of the Pregnancy Care Center in Grand Rapids. If you would like to make a financial contribution to support the PCC, please talk with Pastor or Sandra.

**St. James Lutheran Church Presents: A Back  
to School Block Party**



*Hit the Ground Running,  
But Don't Fall*

*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us!" Hebrews 12:166*

We are excited to host this event to welcome kids in our community and our school to a new school year! Mark your calendar on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. and plan to join in the fun. This free outdoor event will feature: hotdogs, an ice cream truck, an obstacle course, games, crafts, songs and a devotion about perseverance!

Volunteers are needed, so please, sign up on the list outside the church office! We will also be collecting backpacks to help community families with the cost of sending their children to school. Donations of backpacks can be brought to the church anytime. For further information contact Cindy McAuliffe, Nancy Spears, or Sandra Schaeffer.



**The Michigan District Convention starts tonight** and concludes on Tuesday late afternoon. Please keep the delegates in your prayers as they elect a new District President and other leaders and make decisions about a variety of resolutions. Pastor Schaeffer and John Weiss are the delegates representing St. James.

All worship services at the District Convention will be livestreamed.

Opening Worship will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. The preacher is Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President.

Service of Invocation will take place at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, June 27. The preacher is Rev. Brian D. West from Holy Cross, Jenison.

A Memorial Service will take place at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28. The preacher is Rev. Kenneth M. Wise from Trinity, Clinton Township.

The Installation and Sending Service will take place at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28. Michigan District President Rev. David P. E. Maier is the preacher.

For more information, visit:  
<https://michigandistrict.org/live/>.

**Nursery Available:** Parents, we have a nursery that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

**The LWML Michigan District Convention** is scheduled for July 7-9<sup>th</sup> under the banner "*My Sheep Hear My Voice*" (John 10:27). Carol, Marjie, Grace, and Sandra are planning on attending. Please pray for them and all the delegates.

If you would like to contribute to a **convention ingatherings there are two options. The LWML is collecting:**

- New or gently used children's clothing, including early teens to be given to **Orphan Grain Train.**
- Walmart or Target gift cards to be given to **seminarians at our Ft. Wayne and St. Louis Seminaries.** (Write the amount of the donation on the gift card.) Please, give ingathering donations to one of the ladies who are attending.

### **You're Invited to Pastor Sherrill's Farewell!**

Please join us on Wednesday, June 29 for a High Doxology Hymn Festival AND a farewell celebration for Pastor and Sharon Sherrill. The Sherrill Farewell Celebration, honoring Pastor and Sharon Sherrill as they prepare to move to Denver, Colorado, happens in two parts: before and after the Hymn Festival.

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks begin at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall with a pulled pork dinner at 5:00 p.m. In order to help us plan for dinner, please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/cZBtdy8NgrGpV19F9>

Following dinner, we will have a short program in the fellowship hall, and then make our way over to the Calvin University Chapel (3201 Burton) for the High Doxology hymn festival at 7 p.m. Pastor Fleming will be the commentator for this festival highlighting and benefiting the work of DOXOLOGY. Emily Woock, church musician at Redeemed- Elmhurst, IL and doctoral student at Indiana University will be the organist. The children of Cantor Camp will serve as the choir will serve under the direction of Kantor Roberts.

*But wait! There's more!*

After the festival we will head back to the school pavilion for birthday cake and ice cream (*that's right! This all happens to be on Pastor Sherrill's 80th birthday!*) before saying our final goodbyes.

**Please join us!**

If you cannot attend, there's an option on the RSVP to leave well wishes for Pastor and Sharon. They would love to hear from you!

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## **Those who serve Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

**Deacons:** John Weiss and Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Jim & Nancy Spears

**Organist/pianist:** Beth McKay

**Video/Sound/Recording:** John and Marjie Weiss  
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