

August 1st & 2nd, 2020
Ninth Weekend after Pentecost
ELW Setting 3 Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

So much in life is unpredictable.

Life begins and ends.

The weather changes.

Love surprises us.

Doors close.

Others open.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

You ask us to follow you, and we respond with logistical questions—

How long? Where to? Will we return?

You ask us to love each other, and we respond with excuses—

I don't know how. We don't see eye to eye.

You ask us to dream and we get stuck in our own heads—

Change will never come. Is it worth it?

You ask us to believe, and like Thomas, we ask for proof—

Unless I see the nails in his hands, I cannot believe.

Forgive us for our small-minded ways.

Open our eyes as you open our hearts.

Unravel our doubt. Unravel our unbelief.

Lead us to rest in you.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

GATHERING SONG *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* **ELW #650**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

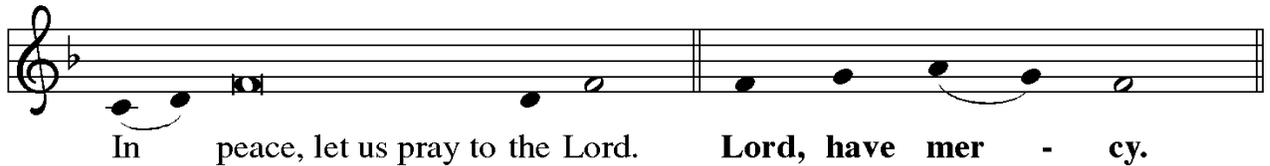


but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

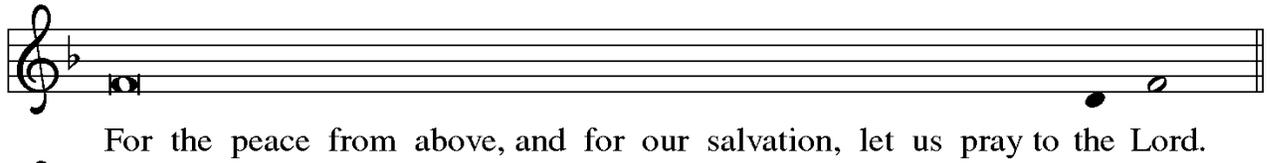
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

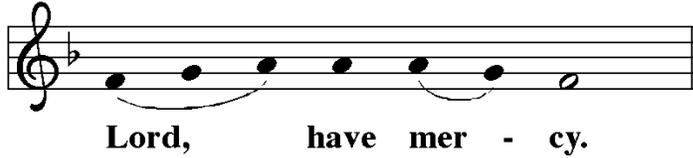
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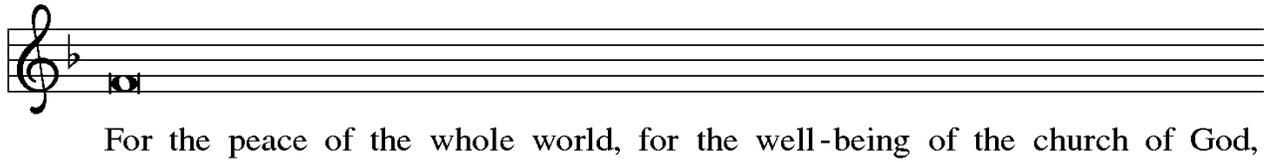
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



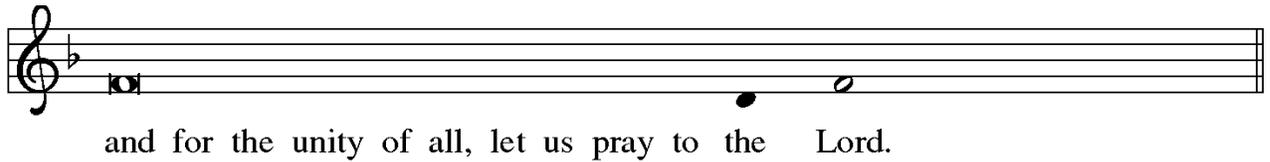
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



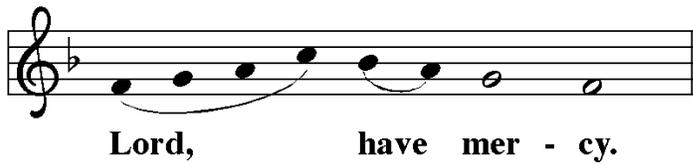
Lord, have mer - cy.



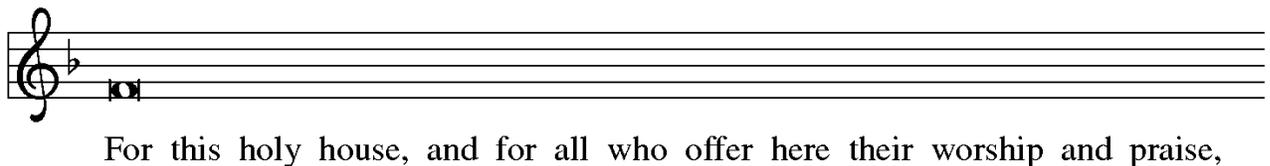
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



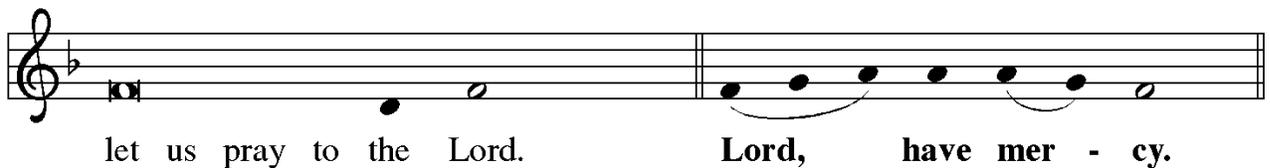
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



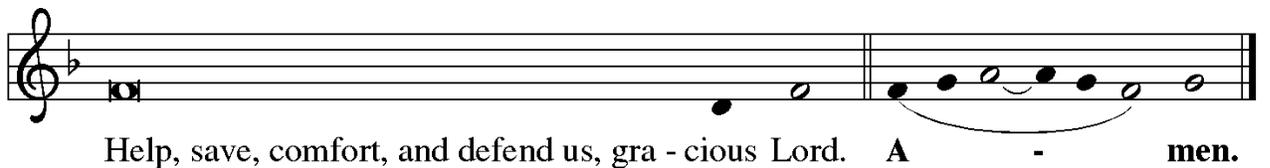
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of unending surprises,
You give gifts beyond our imagining. You invite us into relationships that are shocking in their ability to heal and unify. Give us your vision for change. Open us up to your miraculous love. In Christ's name, Amen.

Psalm ELW: Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21



⁸The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,
and you give them their food [|] in due season.

¹⁶You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in [|] all your ways
and loving in [|] all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who [|] call upon you,
to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of [|] those who fear you;
you hear their [|] cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all [|] those who love you,
but all the wicked you [|] shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise [|] of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- [|] er and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-29

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 20th chapter beginning with verse 19.
Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pastor Will Sappington

HYMN OF THE DAY " Why Must Doubt Be Such a Bad Thing "



- 1 Why must doubt be such a bad thing? Why must Thomas be so shamed?
- 2 Jesus came to see the others in a household locked in fear;
- 3 Thomas came and soon rejoined them, then they said "we've seen the Lord!"
- 4 Why must doubt be such a bad thing - seeking what we do not know?



Through his trauma he was kept from seeing what his friends had claimed.
showed his arms, his hands, his body, all the scars caused by the spear.
But his eyes demanded seeing Jesus' flesh pierced by the sword.
It can help us journey forward; after all, it's how we grow!!



He was in the depths of grieving, stuck in his own deathly tomb.
Jesus breathed the Spirit on them, passed the peace they longed to know.
Jesus came and greeted Thomas, showed him he was no facade.
Faith is found in doubtful moments, times when we cannot believe.



In his sorrow Thomas left them, soon his hidden hope would bloom.
On their knees they worshiped Jesus, praised his name, their hearts aglow.
Kneeling down and filled with wonder, Thomas said, "My Lord, My God!"
Christ will find us all regardless, more than we could e'er conceive!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Great Sewer—
Who weaves us together in community,
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.**

**And I believe in Jesus Christ—
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to
disregard anyone as scrap.**

**I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.**

**I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.**

**I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.**

**And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

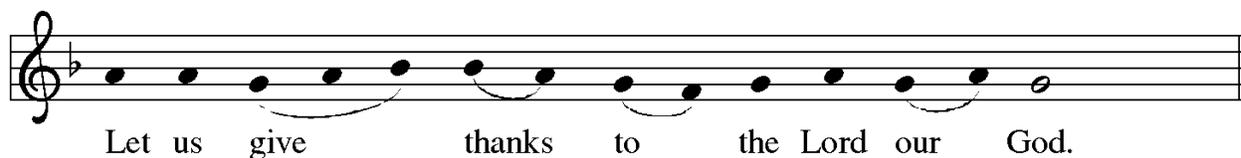
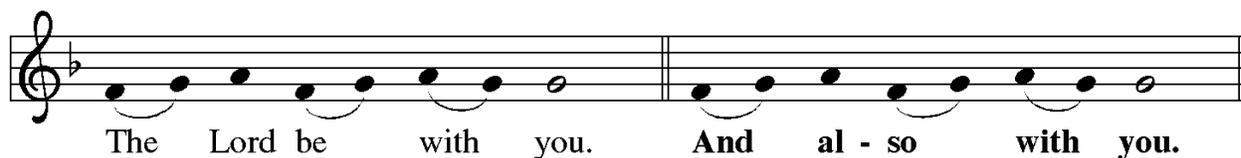
**Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;**

and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,

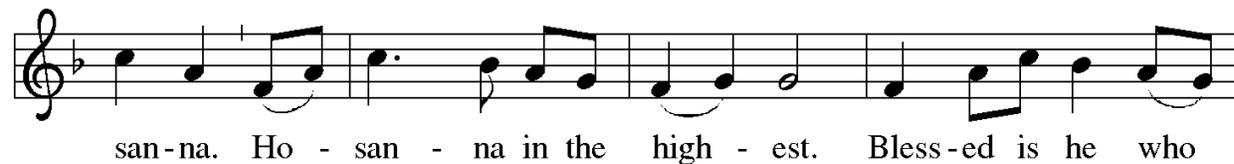
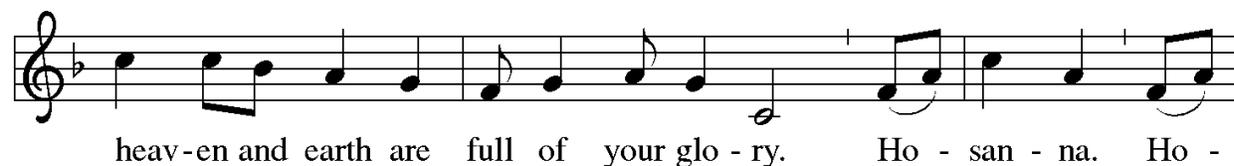
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

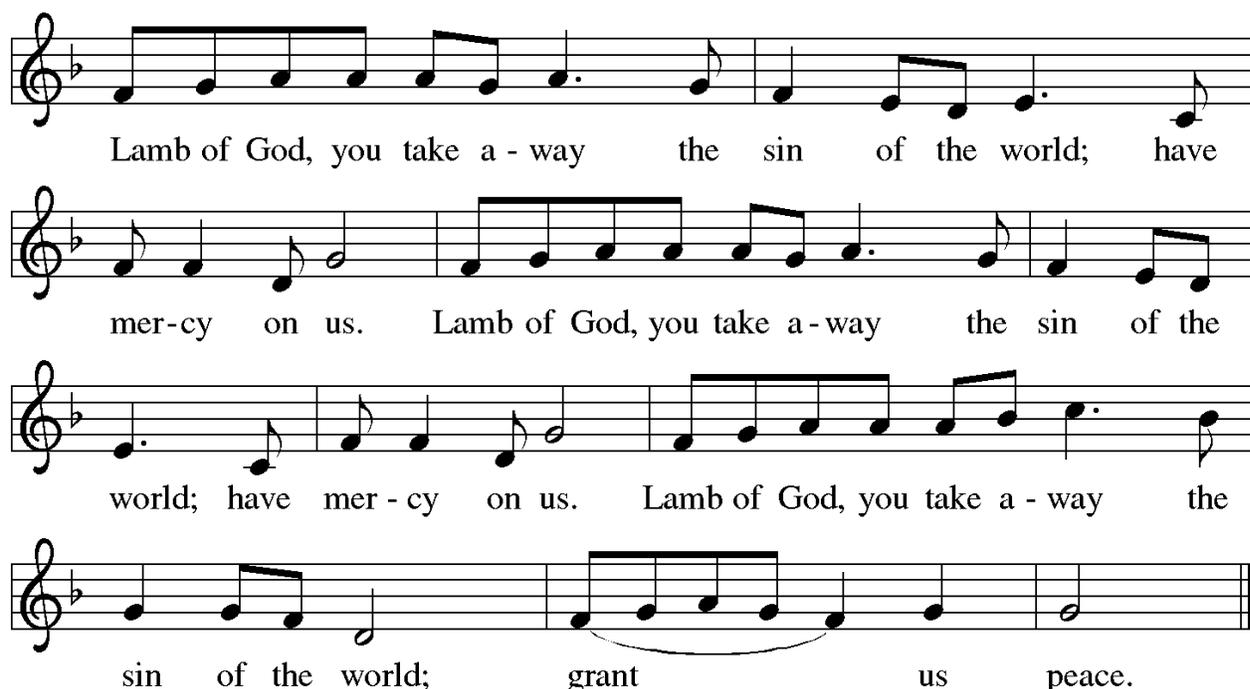
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen

SENDING SONG "God Sent His Son" (Because He Lives)



1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; He came to
 2. How sweet to hold our new-born ba - by, and feel the
 3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er; I'll fight life's



love, heal and for - give. He bled and died
 pride and joy he gives; But great - er still
 fi - nal war with pain. And then, as death



— to buy my par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to
 — the calm as - sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain
 — gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry



prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives I can face to -
 days be-cause Christ lives.
 and I'll know He reigns.



— Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,



— and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

"Faith"

August 1st & 2nd, 2020

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Daily Ministers: People of Peace

Pastor: Rev. Will Sappington

Intern Pastor:

Youth Director: Vanessa Steiger

Worship Next Weekend August 8th & 9th Tenth Weekend after Pentecost
"Life"

Readings: Psalm 85:8-13; **Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10**

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We Believe in Prayer For praise and thanksgiving ...

Elizabeth A. Eaton - Presiding Bishop, ELCA

Laurie Jungling - Bishop - Montana Synod;

For people around the world in need ...

Needs of our neighborhood coping with Covid - 19 virus

President Donald Trump (requested by Peace member)

Christine & Scotty Soileau – Quantico, VA. (member of Peace)

For illness or injuries .. of members

Larry Hanson - contracted covid19

Carol Hoefner - St. John's

Kathy Gilbertson

Hank Tungstall - healing

LaWanda Sherseth - healing

Annette Reich - Tender Nest

John Modde - recovery

Kathleen Gregg - healing

Larry Heiser –

For illness or injuries .. of family and friends.

Ozzie Lachelt - friend of Dewey & Doris Anderson, healing and recovery

John & Rosanne Mode - John's son JC kidney cancer starting Chemo

John & Rosanne Modde - Rosanne's Wayne , bone cancer

Carrie - friend of Jo Pates, cancer

Jon - healing

John, for peace and healing

Mary - comfort
Dorothy
Briana, Lucas, Todd and Kendra
Jim Zeiler, brother of Sharon Hedden, healing
Jenny - Rick & Barb Olson daughter, cancer
Malcom - 6 yrs. old with a brain tumor
Rako Zech & family, Ron's Zech son - cancer diagnosis
Gary Fink - healing
Ann Strecker - friend of Rick & Barb Olson - healing
Laura Fisher (Jodi Peterson's cousin) cancer
Shawn Hanser
Bud Leuthold - friend of Joy Lindberg leukemia

For those grieving...

To share burdens or JOYS - please call our prayer chain
lone Bloom (652-2441) Lisa Grimsley (698-4121)

Worship Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Capital Camp.</u>	<u>Total</u>
7/19	43	\$4,769.98	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$4,894.93
7/26		\$3,756.68		\$509.00	\$4,265.68

Back to School Backpacks Once again, Family Service is asking for your help in filling Back to School Backpacks. This will happen on Thursday August 13th and Friday August 14th from 9am to 11am at their warehouse at 3927 First Ave. S. Social distancing will be maintained and masks will be required. Please bring a mask. If you are interested in helping, please call Rich or Cinda Robbins at 406-896-0715 so we can get a count of those who will be helping.

Pastor Will gets to take over the weaving for the project and the fielding of prayers. Please [Click Here](#) to add your prayers to the project..

We're Adopting Girls! The people of Peace are getting two girls ready for school. The older girl is a 5th grader. She needs:- Size 10-12 pants, leggings, shirts, underwear, and a coat. Size 3 shoes and socks. The younger girl is a kindergartner. She needs: - Size 4T shirts, pants, underwear, and a coat. Size 9 toddler shoes and socks. You can shop online or in person. After you have your items drop them off at Peace. All items need to be in by **August 14th**. Questions? Contact Pastor Will.

College Scholarships Congratulations to the four recipients of our college scholarships! Avery Bick, Sydney Overstreet, Bryce Peterson, and Josie Peterson are the qualified applicants who will be receiving money to be used for school. Congratulations!