# + Ghird Sunday after Pentecost +

June 18, Year of our Lord 2023 I DS3

# + Confession and Absolution +

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

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



#### **Exhortation**

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

# + Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 67:4-7; antiphon: v. 3



P Let the peoples praise you, I O God;\* let all the peoples | praise you!

Let the nations be glad and I sing for joy,\* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- I on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, I O God;\*

let all the peoples | praise you!

The earth has yielded its I increase;\* God, our God, shall I bless us.

God shall I bless us:\*

let all the ends of the earth I fear him!

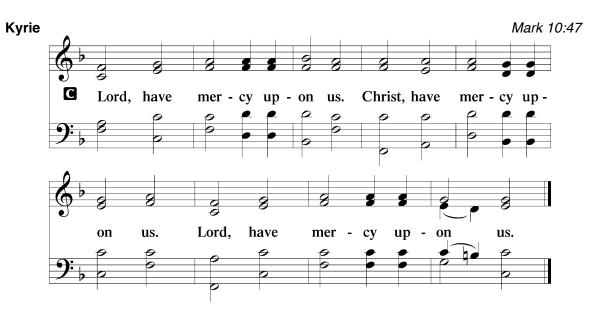
Glory be to the Father and I to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

Let the peoples praise you, I O God;\*

let all the peoples | praise you!



Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P Glory be to God on high:
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

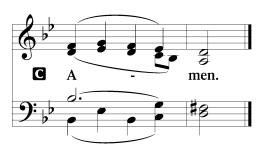
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 19:2-8

[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the

Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

Gradual Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
 On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Romans 5:6–15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

Verse of the Day

Matthew 9:37b–38

P Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Alleluia.





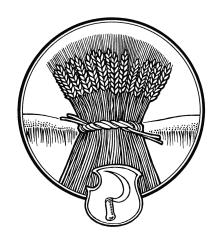
#### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 9:35-10:20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you

enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

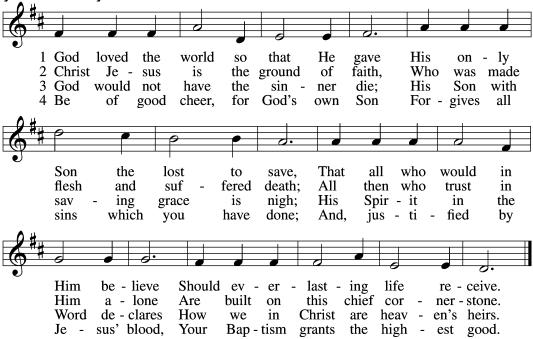
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver kingdom will have no end. of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





- If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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#### + Sermon +

#### He Called to Him His Twelve

Offertory, p. 192

Psalm 51:10-12

(sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace** 

#### **Prayer of the Church**

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

<u>Church</u>: For the **Holy Spirit's work** to bring about repentance and faith in Jesus. For our **groundbreaking** and the ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF.

<u>Vocation:</u> For faithful **Fathers** (on Father's Day today). For **farmers**. For **caregivers**. For **those who protect us**. For **those who labor in arts and science**.

<u>Mourning:</u> For family of **Sharon Yoder's mother** who passed away 5/11. For the family of **Pat Hinds** who passed away and services will be 4:00 p.m. on May 20 at First Lutheran Church in Knoxville. For the **family of Scott McNeil** (friend of Matthew Flaska) whose mother passed away suddenly.

Health: For **Tom Williams** hospitalize for possible pneumonia and sepsis. For **Alan Tokar** (Judy's husband) recovery from back surgery. Myrna Frazier cancer treatments extended for 3 more months. For Fred Hansen upcoming surgery this week. Chuck Pettyjohn recovering from open heart surgery. For Karen (Larry & Janet Moore's niece) relief from pain from surgery. Theresa Lindsay recovering from knee replacement. Jesse (friend of Laura Bisconte) health and mourning loss of her mother. Jeannie Lindenfelser for lung cancer treatments. For Judy Kalkitis health. Larry Moore recovering from ankle replacement surgery. Steve Lee recovery from wrist surgery. Melissa Lyke (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) open heart surgery recovery. Sharon Yoder recovering from tricuspid valve procedure. Pastor Neil Vanderbush at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. Billye Raye Smith chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. Kay & Dwight (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and Dwight's cancer treatments. For Analisa (Karen Forsyth's daughter in Cincinnati), her baby was born early, please pray for health. Janice Kaiser sciatic pain treatment. Gary Kubin recovering from back surgery. Soren (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) breathing and oxygen levels. Paula (Corlis William's mother) health, hospitalized recently, doing better. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, Terry & Ann Gift (both with cancer). Mark Cutler (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) lung cancer surgery recovery. Ole Johnson upcoming tests for cancer. A Teacher at Justin Gift's school, fighting cancer. Mary Schopmann for strength and health. Pastor Ed Maanum of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For June McDonnell (lung health). Jennifer Morsch (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. Delora Roth good leg circulation health. Rachel Ernst's mother: cancer treatments. For Alan Stremsterfer's mother health issues. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father health and stability. Brad (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. Sheila Schnepf (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. Nancy (Jim Vesper's mother) health. Aurora Stevens back treatments. For Carolyn Dickie (health). For Barbara Moyers health. Debbie Johnston kidney health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's

symptoms. For all suffering from mental health issues. Al Reuer health. Gregory Strege (Phyllis's son, health). Tom Williams, health and care for heart. Ken Payne's health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Ruth Kistler's son William (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: Gail Rieman (wound care). Tim Smith (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother Louise (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (struggling from cancer treatments). Connie (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. Bill (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. Lee Schuck (health, unable to walk). Janeen Meier (Maureen Roberts's sister) health. Melissa Gilmore (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

**Birthdays:** Barbara M 6/19, Sally C 6/21, Laura B 6/22, Levi N 6/20, Jonathan R 6/24, Joan L 6/25, Christopher S 6/26, Phyllis S 6/27, Al C 6/28, Ruth K 6/30, Kimberly S 7/1

**Anniversaries:** Levi & Suzanne N 6/23, Al & Sally C 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28, Chris & Katie F 7/1, Jerry & Jennifer K 7/1

**Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream.

# + Service of the Sacrament +

#### A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to Llie table these who trust Llie words, report of all singer

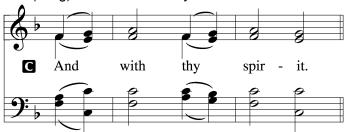


invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

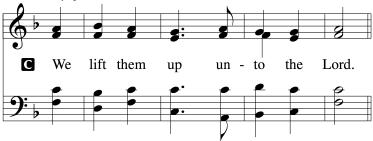
## 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

#### **Preface**

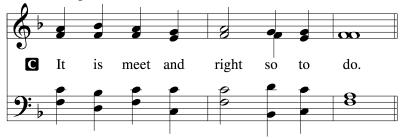
P (sung) The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



## **Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus, p. 195

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

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 Words of Our Lord

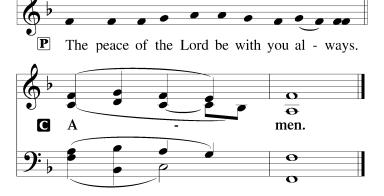
Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19



**Agnus Dei**, p. 198 *John 1:29* 

(sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the

world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



#### Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying** (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

Distribution Hymn: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Distribution Hymn: 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

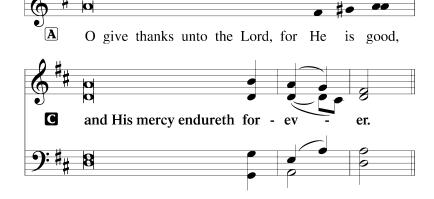
Nunc Dimittis, p. 199

Luke 2:29-32

(sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

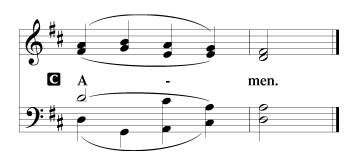
Psalm 107:1



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







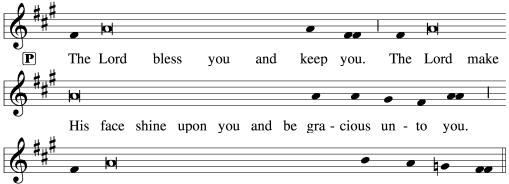




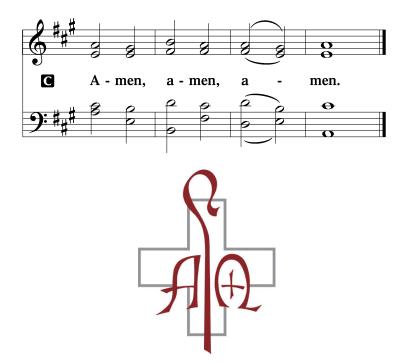




Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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# Announcements (see next page also)



Wed, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Praise

In His Image is a critical and urgent message designed to equip the church to answer culturally controversial questions about gender and sexuality from a biblical perspective. Every church in America is filled with hurting people asking these tough questions: Can you be gay and be a Christian? What if someone genuinely feels trapped in the wrong body? Did God make me this way? Is change even possible? This feature-length documentary presents much-needed truth with compassion and clarity through powerful personal testimonies, careful Bible teaching, and scientific evidence. View this documentary movie (hosted by Praise's Elders) with discussion to follow. Pastor Roberts, the Elders, and DCE Shelli Haynes will recap highlights for discussion after the film. Intended audiences for this film: middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, parents, (others who are interested). We do not advise parents to bring young children.

**Sunday morning Bible study for students in middle or high school** meets in the office behind the Pastor's office from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible! Topic: Genesis.

Parents of middle and high school students! We want to partner with you with your kids! We have several important youth events and activities coming up. Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? Are you signed up for *Remind*, the group messaging app? We are using both to communicate with you. Please see Shelli Haynes to get connected.

#### Announcements (see previous page also)

**Big BBQ Bash** is this coming weekend: **Fri, 6/23** and **Sat, 6/24** featuring the *Praise the Lord BBQ* team headed by Jeff Baerns and sponsored by Praise Lutheran Church. Come out and enjoy the food, music, the competition, and all the festivities. Youth Group: come help Jeff on Friday (details to be announced). The event is a part of Maryville's Summer on Broadway festival. Admission is free to the public on Friday and Saturday. Competing BBQ teams may charge a fee per plate to the public on Friday and Saturday; giving attendees the chance to taste some of the best barbecue in the south.

**Groundbreaking** In ank You: We give thanks to God for our groundbreaking last Sunday and all who came to pray and celebrate. *Next:* we sign papers on our loan this week (Tuesday) and site work may begin soon (possibly this week). Parking may be affected: our property team will be working with the contractor to make appropriate accommodations. **Special thanks** to Shelli Haynes, Paul Ruble, Jim Roberts, and Mark Ratlff for helping plan, setup, and coordinate the event. Mandy Haynes for photographing and Larry Moore for drone video. Michele Nunnink and Tina Pierce and family for kitchen coordination. Jeff Baers for smoked brats and hot dogs. All who contributed food.

**The Henkel Conference** save the date of Aug 7-8, 2023 for great speakers and more at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit <a href="https://www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel">www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel</a> for more info. Last year we had a great time and look forward to this year's event!

**Women's Retreat** sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise will be held Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5 at the Bear Lodge at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center https://tuckaleecheeretreatcenter.com Stay overnight or come just for the day (Saturday). Topic: The Emmaus Revealing. See Kris Smith and Barbara Morsch for details.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** event to: **Sun, Aug 20.** Shelli Haynes is seeking hosts for 5-8 people in your home.

**High School Camp Out** on Sept 1-3. Please see Shelli Haynes.

This Week

Youth meet Wednesday (Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m.; High School from 8 to 9 p.m.) In His Image movie this Wed at 7:00 p.m. (see previous page for details)

Choir on break for the summer

Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

**Capital Campaign reminder:** please review your personal commitments made to the capital campaign for the build to help keep our borrowing costs low as the build soon begins. Consider a "ground-breaking" gift to our building fund.