

12th Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Greeting

P 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.**

Praise Songs

I Will Sing of the Mercies

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

We Have Come into His House

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
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Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

First Reading **Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

The LORD said: Be honest and fair! Soon I will come to save you; my saving power will be seen everywhere on earth. Foreigners will follow me. They will love me and worship in my name; they will respect the Sabbath and keep our agreement.

I will bring them to my holy mountain, where they will celebrate in my house of worship. Their sacrifices and offerings will always be welcome on my altar. Then my house will be known as a house of worship for all nations. I, the LORD, promise to bring together my people who were taken away, and let them join the others.

... This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

¹Our God, be kind and bless us! Be pleased and smile.

²**Then everyone on earth will learn to follow you, and all nations will see your power to save us.**

³Make everyone praise you and shout your praises.

⁴**Let the nations celebrate with joyful songs, because you judge fairly and guide all nations.**

⁵Make everyone praise you, God, and shout your praises.

⁶**Our God has blessed the earth with a wonderful harvest!**

⁷Pray for his blessings to continue and for everyone on earth to worship our God.

Second Reading **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

Am I saying that God has turned his back on his people? Certainly not! I am one of the people of Israel, and I myself am a descendant of Abraham from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not turn his back on his chosen people.

God doesn't take back the gifts he has given or disown the people he has chosen.

At one time you Gentiles rejected God. But now Israel has rejected God, and you have been shown mercy. And because of the mercy shown to you, they will also be shown mercy. All people have disobeyed God, and that's why he treats them as prisoners. But he does this, so that he can have mercy on all of them.

... This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel ***Matthew 15:21-28***

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

...The Gospel of the Lord.

(sung) ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

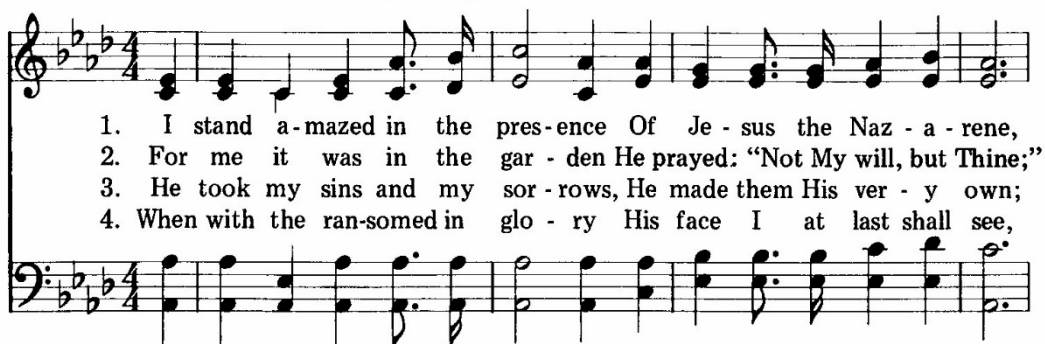
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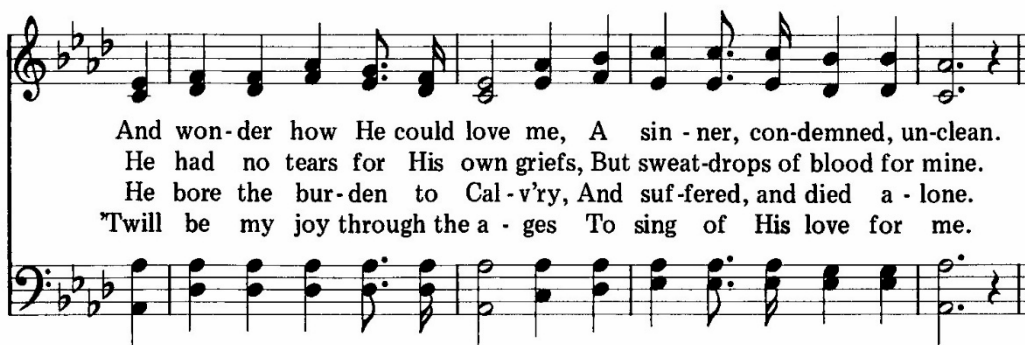
Hymn of the Day *(next page)*

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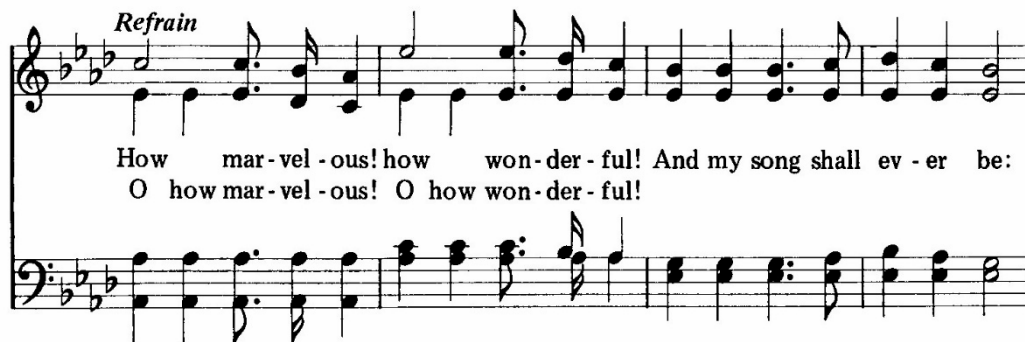
God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us . . . Eph. 2:4



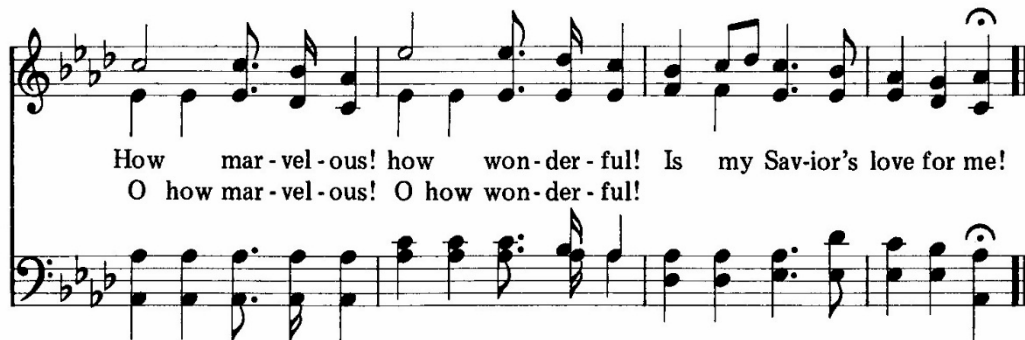
1. I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence Of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene,
 2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine;"
 3. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own;
 4. When with the ran-somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see,



And won-der how He could love me, A sin - ner, con-demned, un-clean.
 He had no tears for His own griefs, But sweat-drops of blood for mine.
 He bore the bur-den to Cal-v'ry, And suf-fered, and died a - lone.
 'Twill be my joy through the a - ges To sing of His love for me.



Refrain
 How mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
 O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful!



How mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! Is my Sav-ior's love for me!
 O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful!

WORDS and MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE
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The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshipping community and their ministries, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw these communities together in love and strengthen them in unwavering faith.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

{P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

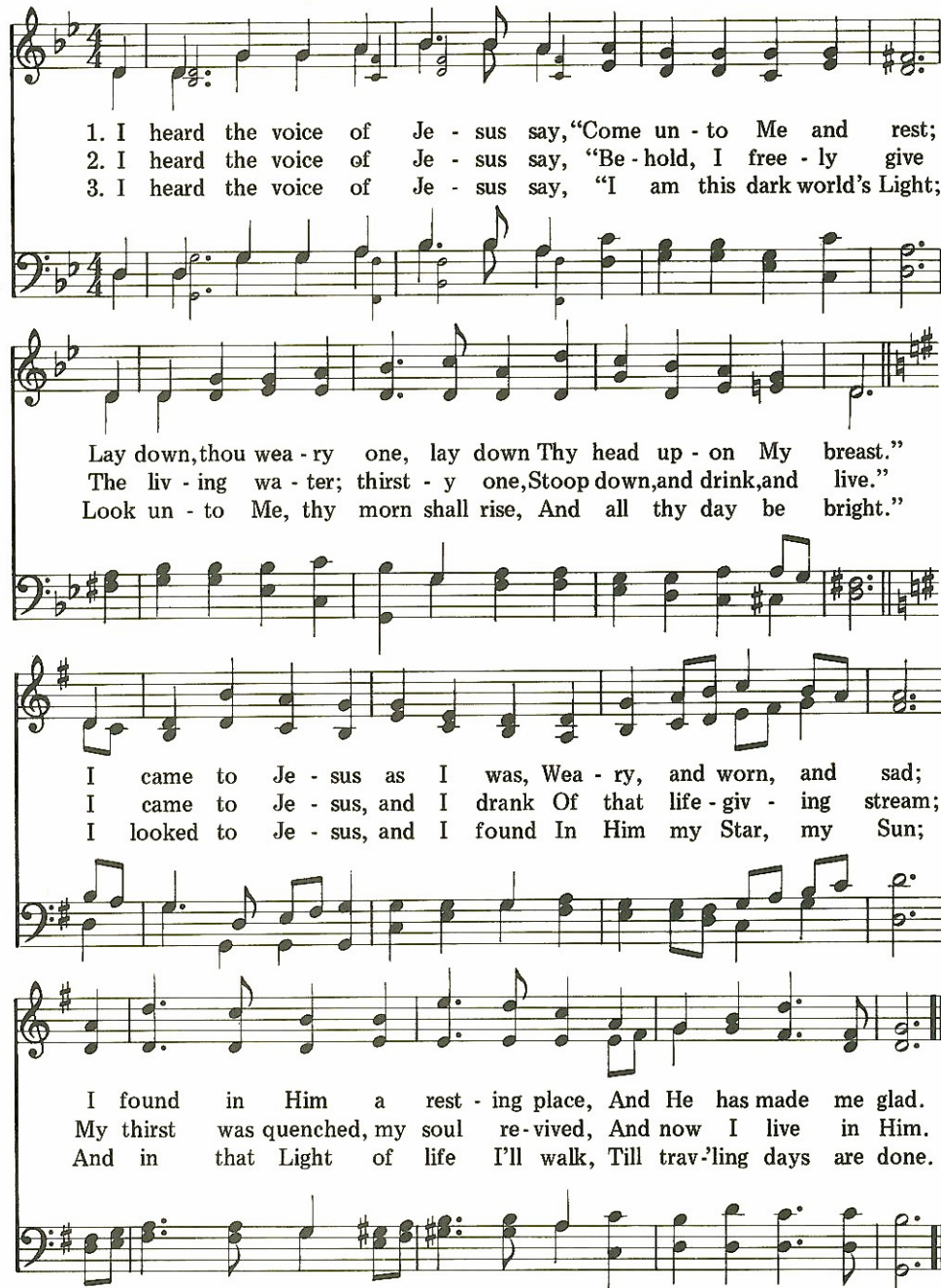
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

THE GOSPEL

275 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Come unto Me, all ye that labor . . . and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."
Look un - to Me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry, and worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that Light of life I'll walk, Till trav - ling days are done.

WORDS: Horatius Bonar, 1846
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1868

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Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time here with us.

Thank you: To Jacob James, for leading us in worship today. We look forward to hearing your message, Jacob!

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Earlene Crocker.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for August: The mission for August is ELCA Disaster Response: Venezuela. In the aftermath of two catastrophic earthquakes. Marked envelopes are available in the narthex, or mail your donation to the church office indicating the funds are for Disaster Relief: Venezuela. Donations can also be made through [tithely](http://tithely.com).

Pastoral Care: During the month of August, if you are in need of Pastoral care or assistance, please contact Pastor Johanna Andritz at 716-870-8518 or email her at jdandritz@aol.com. For any general questions, please call the church office.

Church Council Meeting at TOL: Council members, there will be an important meeting with Pr. Adam Arends here at TOL this **Tuesday, August 18 at 1 pm.**

Worship and Picnic in the Park: On **Sunday, August 30** at 10 am, enjoy spending time with families and friends from TOL, Augustana and Good Shepherd at Veteran's Park, Shelter #2, in the City of Tonawanda. There will **not** be a service at TOL that day, so we're hoping everyone will be able to come to the picnic for worship, followed by fellowship and lunch. There are sign up sheets on the main bulletin board, and carpooling from TOL will be available!

Calling all Crafters and Bakers: We need your help! On **Saturday, September 19 from 10 am -4 pm**, we will hold our 3rd Annual Craft show/Basket Raffle/Baked Goods sale. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board to help with the various tasks. If you have an idea for a craft, please share with us. We will have a craft night here on **Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 pm**. If you have a basket or items for a basket, or a gift card, to donate for the basket raffle, please drop them off at church.

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, next on **Tuesday, Sept. 8**. Please see Charlie or Diane Schmidtke for a Zoom link. The meetings begin at 10 am.

Adult Education Fall 2026 through Spring 2027: The classes begin at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus will be on religious leaders, led by Charlie Schmidtke: The first two classes are as follows.

Monday, Sept. 14	Moses – Mt. Sinai / The Law
Monday, Sept. 28	Maimonides - Andalusia

Adult Retreat: Please see the article in the August Tidings about the upcoming Adult Retreat which will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. There is a signup sheet on the main bulletin board.

Ken-Ton Closet and Operation Christmas Child: These are the two ministries which were identified at our last Tri-Congregational meeting as missions which our three churches will support in the months ahead. There is a printout (shopping lists) in the narthex, if you'd like to take one home to help you shop . There is also a collection basket in the narthex for school supplies, and the Operation Christmas Child bin is in the hallway. Thank you.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for

the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements.

This week's calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly.</i> <i>Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i>	Sun	8/16	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	8/17	10 am 4 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Sandwich Team #6 Yoga AA
	Tues	8/18	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	8/19		
	Thur	8/20	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	8/21	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	8/22		
	Sun	8/23	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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Supply List for School Backpacks

Below is a list of school supplies that we are collecting for Ken-ton Closet. **We need to have donations by next Sunday, 8/23/2026**, at the latest so they can be delivered to Ken-ton Closet on 8/25. They will use our donations to pack the backpacks.

Backpack
Crayola crayons
Crayola markers
Dry erase markers
Mechanical pencils
Pink erasers
Pencils and pencil sharpeners
Loose leaf paper
Colored folders
Kleenex

Operation Christmas Child

One of TOL's outreach programs is packing shoeboxes for children around the world who don't receive Christmas gifts. It is an expression of God's love for children.

If you would like to join us on this mission, contact Debbie (716-946-2683) or the TOL church office (716-836-4868).

You can use your own plastic shoebox or we can provide one for you. The boxes may be filled with a variety of items that are appropriate for boys or girls, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. The biggest need is for boys ages 10-14.

Some ideas are dolls, soccer balls with pump, small stuffed animals, crayons, pencils, markers, note pads, glue sticks, combs, brushes, hair bands, toothbrushes, wash cloths, and card games. Also, books, play dough, jewelry, hats, gloves, sunglasses, puzzles, jump ropes, and yo-yos.

Unacceptable items are: candy, toothpaste, food, war-related toys, liquids, glass items, and soap.

If you are able to include \$10 for shipping, that would be appreciated.

Boxes can be brought to TOL on Sunday, November 15th which is a joint Veterans service for all three churches.