



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:15 a.m.



*Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.*

Psalm 119

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to

Connect with God and one another,

Grow in faith and understanding, and

Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

"On Bended Knee"

1. On ___ bend - ed knee ___ I come, ___ with a
(2. On) _ bend - ed knee ___ we come, ___ with a

3 F B $\flat$ F Dm⁷
hum - ble heart _ I come, ___ bow-ing down be - fore ___ Your ho - ly throne. .
hum - ble heart _ we come, ___ bow-ing down be - fore ___ Your ho - ly throne. .

7 Gm⁷ C B $\flat$ /C F B $\flat$
____ Lift - ing ho - ly hands _ to You ___ as I
____ Lift - ing ho - ly hands _ to You ___ as we



pledge my love _ a - new, _____ I wor - ship You _ in spir - it; I
pledge our love _ a - new, _____ we wor - ship You _ in spir - it; We

15 Gm⁷ C Gm⁷ C B $\flat$ /C C F

wor - ship You _ in truth, _ make my life a ho - ly praise _ un - to You.
wor - ship You _ in truth, _ make our lives a ho - ly praise _ un - to You.

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✠ Processional Hymn

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Hymnal #516



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long,
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am determined *to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a trap for me, *

but I have not strayed from your commandments.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

The Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the

likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sequence Song

“Thy Word”

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my
feet and a light unto my path

2. I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end. *Chorus*

1. When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my
way. Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus*

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke

the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children’s Sermon and Sermon

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

✠The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **that your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, President of the United States, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for an end to the wars that ravage so many nations, especially the Middle East and Ukraine; for the protection of the innocent, the care of refugees, and the courage of peacemakers; **that justice, mercy, and peace may prevail among the nations.**

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces and for their families; **that they may be kept safe, and return to those who love them.**

We pray for this parish family of Ascension, that God may grant us wisdom, courage, generosity, and faithfulness; **that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Naomi, Nancy, Lianne, Stacy, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Jackie, Mark, Eva, Karen, Scott, Betty, Pat, Steve N., Steve P., Ryan, Betsy, Rick, Debbie, Jordan, Mary and Reed; and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Silence*) O Lord, **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **that our works may find favor in your sight.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, and those we remember before God. *(Silence)* O Lord, **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially John, Lisa, Raymond, Suzanne, Jeanne, Avery, Will, Bryan, Roberta, Fafa, Ray, Karen, Samson, Trevor, Frank and Cheryl; **may they know the fullness of your blessing.**

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Thank you for your financial support! To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

"This Is Our Freedom"

1. Peace I give you peace I leave
My forgiveness take and eat
This is My body given for you
Take in remembrance of Me *(Chorus)*

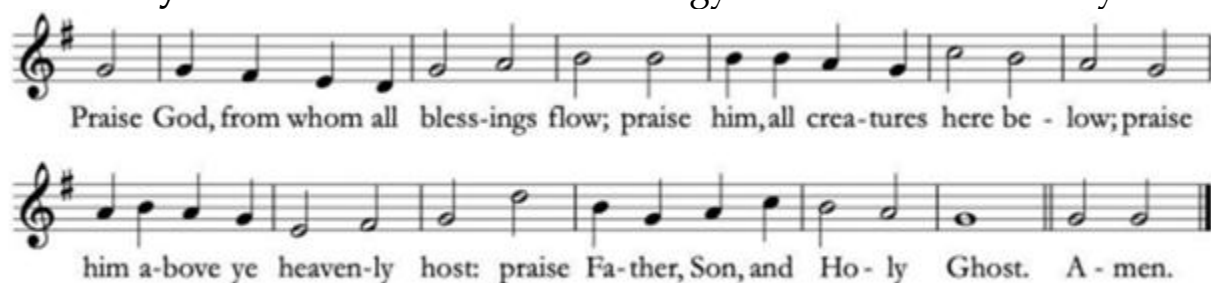
2. Grace I give you grace so free
My forgiveness take and drink
This is My blood poured out for you
Take in remembrance of Me *(Chorus)*

Chorus:

This is our freedom this is our life
His body broken His sacrifice
This is our freedom this was the cost
The blood He shed on the cross

3. Love I give you love I leave
Go and share it go in peace
You are My body My hands and feet
Live in remembrance of Me *(Chorus)*

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

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 our thanks and praise.**

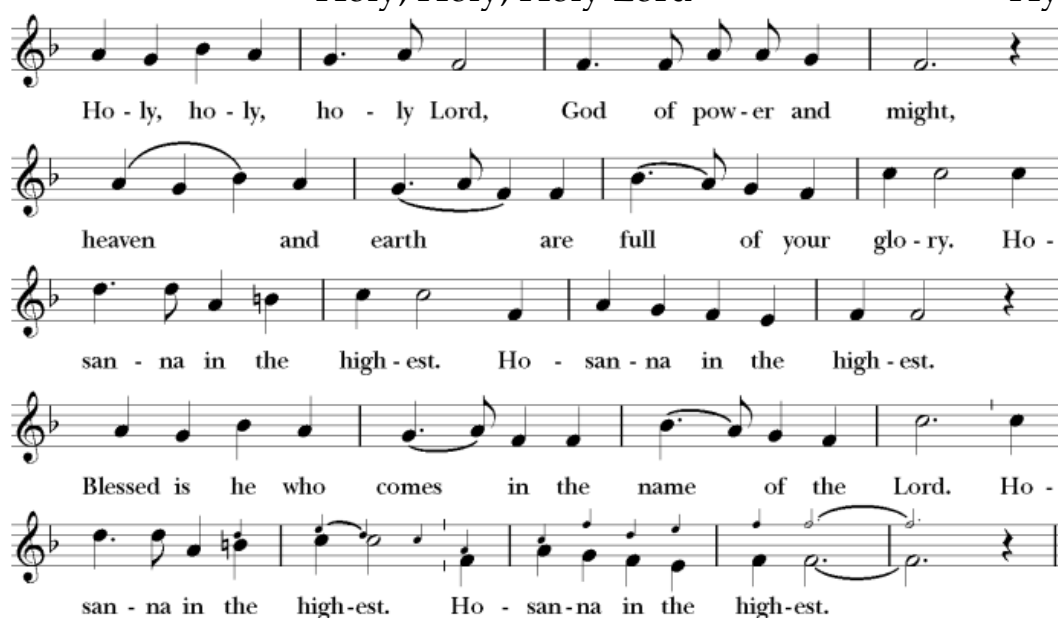
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Hymnal #S125



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Creation

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Great "AMEN"

Setting: Mass of Creation



And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer

Lyrical

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our
sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
yours, now and for ev-er. A-men. A-men.

Words: Book of Common Prayer
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✠ The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music

"One Bread, One Body"

Fr. John Foley

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth.

We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free
Woman or man, no more.

Chorus

2. Many the gifts, many the
works. One in the Lord, Of all.

Chorus

3. Grain for the fields, scattered
and grown. Gathered to one, for

all. *Chorus*

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me fill me use me. Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me

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✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: With whom will you share this communion? *Lay Eucharistic Visitor answers.*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

✠ The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

✠ Recessional Song

"Send Us Out"

Chorus

Send us out to proclaim the reign of Your kingdom

Send us out to proclaim and to heal

Send us out with your power and your authority

to overcome and to heal the world

1. Taking nothing for your journey

For God will give you His bread

And for every house that you enter

Pray the peace of God descend *Chorus*

2. I send you out before Me

Into every town I intend

The harvest is rich but few are the workers

To the fields of harvest you I send *Chorus*

3. Baptize in the name of the Father

In the name of the Spirit and of the Son

Go making disciples of many

I will be with you until your work is done *Chorus*

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✠ The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord! *People:* **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	July 12	July 19
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir
Ushers	David Horn, <i>1 needed</i>	David Horn, <i>1 needed</i>
Lector	John Holbert	Jill Horn
Acolyte(s)	Ellen Anderson	Kat Dittrich
Chalicians	John Holbert, Sandy White, <i>2 needed</i>	Sandy White, <i>3 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Jill Horn	John Holbert
Audio Visual	Travis Collins	Allison Lord

July Altar Guild: Ellen Anderson, Dorothy Carpenter, Jennie Grabill, Lisa Jamison, Melissa Leahy

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Anne Arena, in celebration of her daughter's birthday and upcoming wedding.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Bryan and Karen Lance, in celebration of Bryan's birthday.

Attendance June 28

8:00 am - 34 10:15 am In-person - 50 YouTube - 9 Facebook - 5 Total: 98

Attendance July 5

9:00 am - 70 YouTube - 8 Facebook - 5 Total: 83

Readings for Next Sunday: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28 :10-19a Psalm 139 Romans 8 : 12-25 Matthew 13 :24-30, 36-43