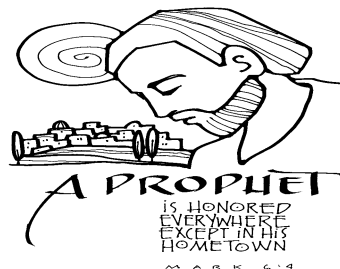




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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

July 5, 2015

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering Music

*Father I Adore You*

#### Father, I Adore You

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.
2. Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.
3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

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#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #433

*We Gather Together*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

Gloria, *said* at 8am

Sing Halleluia, *sung* at 10am

*(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King/ almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God/ you take away the sin  
of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High/ Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from Ezekiel (2:1-5)

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

## Psalm 123 (Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1    To you I lift up my eyes, **\*to you enthroned in the heavens.**
- 2    **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \* and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
- 3    **So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \* until he show us his mercy.**
- 4    **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \* for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
- 5    **Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \* and of the derision of the proud.**

## A Reading from 2 Corinthians (12:2-10)

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows-- was caught up into Paradise and heard things that

are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord  
*People*    **Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn #636 vss.1-3 *How Firm a Foundation*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (6:1-13)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**Gradual Hymn #636 vss. 4-5**  
*How Firm a Foundation*

**The Sermon** Father Haynes  
*Silence for reflection*

**The Nicene Creed** (Standing, as able.)

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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for Oyo - (Ibadan, Nigeria); our diocese, especially for St. Hugh, Allyn; Grace, Bainbridge; St. Barnabas, Bainbridge; St. John, Gig Harbor; and for our parish, especially for our parishioners Mark & Lynn Dale; Dan, Sandy, Sarah, Caitlin & Jonathan Dawes; David Dokter.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially Andrew & Michael and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Tom, Elsie, Agueda, John, Alex, Shakai, Bea, Sandy & John, Matt & Adrienne, Doris, Sheri, Scott, Alisande, Sophy Yun, Panha, Srey Nouch, Ted, Donal, Crystal, Martha, Elliott, Ryan, Don, Marisa, Mark and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Offertory Hymn #718

*God of our Fathers*

## The Great Thanksgiving C

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation

who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

## **Sanctus**

**8:00 am (spoken), 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)**

*(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power 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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**Lord's Prayer** *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*

*(Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)*

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then the Celebrant says*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body.*

*Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.*

## Communion Music

### Only In God

1. Only in God is my soul at rest,  
In him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock, my strength and my salvation.  
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.  
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.
2. Only in God is found safety,  
When my enemies pursue me.  
Only in God is found glory,  
When I am found meek and found lowly.  
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.  
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.  
Only in God is my soul at rest,  
In him comes my salvation.

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### Be Still and Know

1. Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
3. In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

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### COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation we 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.

*Celebrant and People:* ***We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.**

## Procession to the Neighborhood

### Shine, Jesus Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining;  
in the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus shine.

Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, river flow.  
 Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be  
 light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
 From the shadows into your radiance.  
 By the Blood I may enter your brightness.  
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
 So our faces display your likeness.  
 Ever changing from glory to glory,  
 Mirrored here may our lives tell our story.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

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## St. Matthew Mission Statement

*St. Matthew Church: To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.*

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing  
 in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## Special Ministers Today

<b>Priest</b>	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Tom Peterson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tom Taylor
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Yun
	Zawadi Chege
<b>Ushers</b>	Frank Blacker
	Dick Elofson
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Leanne Kennedy
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Kitty Walker
<b>Bread Maker</b>	Marian Oberg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Latsis
	Liz Latsis
	Cat Kuniyoshi
	Mary Blacker

<b>Counters</b>	Leanne Kennedy
	Art Ladley

**Nursery**  
**Coffee Hour**

Micaela Detrick  
 Gary Neuman  
 Marcie Neuman  
 Kim & Marian Oberg  
 Linda Pomeroy-Hull

**Altar Guild Director**

## St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

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<b>Treasurer</b>	Frank Blacker
<b>Clerk of the Vestry</b>	Sandy Goretti

## Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
 Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
 Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice  
 Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain  
 Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance  
 Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.  
 Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems  
 Rose Barg – recovery from surgery  
 Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke  
 Tom Taylor – vertigo-like symptoms from an unknown illness  
 Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia  
 Agueda Fernandez-Webster – Tests  
 John Hibben – tests for unknown throat condition

## Prayer List (cont.)

Alex Sloan & Shakai Reyna – (grandson and friend of Jim & Ginny Sloan) - on their hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (from southern border to northern border), from April 8 through August 30, 2015

Bea Stensrud – recovering from some breaks in her femur  
Sandy and John Yoeun - who are expecting their fourth child, a boy, in August. Congratulations!!

Matt and Adrienne Williams - who are expecting their third child, a girl, also in August. Congratulations!!

Doris Sanders – appointment with vascular surgeon

Sheri Peterson – dementia

Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues

Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue

Sophy Yun, Panha and Srey Nouch – (Saray)

Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma

Donal Hull – (Dan's dad) – heart issues and lung cancer

Crystal Rose – kidney issues

Martha Gatbunton – (sister of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – hospitalized with pneumonia

Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)

Ryan Barg – allergic reactions to Remicade infusions

Don Barg – holding the family together

Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease

Mark – (friend of Mark and Renee Lepkowski) – for strength and healing after brain surgery

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) . Thanks!

## Announcements

**Reservations Available** - The *Mid-Year Annual Meeting dinners* have been scheduled. Come for an evening of fun, conversation and perhaps even good weather. Check your calendars against the entire list of dinners and make your reservation by calling Terry Eloffson 253-670-1948. Carpooling can be arranged.

**Saturday, July 11**, 5:30pm hosted at Kuniyoshi's

**Sunday, July 12**, 5:30pm hosted at Kuniyoshi's

**Wednesday, July 15**, 5:00pm hosted at Kennedy's

**Thursday, July 16**, 5:00pm hosted at Kennedy's

**Friday, July 17**, 5:00pm hosted at Witter's

**Saturday, July 25**, 5:00pm hosted at Witter's

**Sunday, July 26** at 5:00pm hosted at Gould's

**Sunday, August 2** at 5:00pm hosted at Gould's

## **Video Bible Stories for Children, This Summer -**

For the summer church school lessons, we are offering newly purchased DVDs based on Bible Stories and the life of Jesus. Please consider sharing time with our church school children Sunday mornings from the beginning of the liturgy to the passing of the peace. The children will then join their families. This will be fun and educational. A sign-up sheet for the summer videos is on a clipboard in the Narthex.

The DVDs (all new to St. Matthew) plus a few activities will be provided for each Sunday through August. Thank you, Anne Hartwig, Jackie Whorton and Kitty Walker.

**Classroom Cleanup Notice!** Due to the need for a growing youth group, we are cleaning out the last classroom in the back to accommodate a space for youth to gather. If you have any belongings in that room that you no longer want, please let us know if you would like us to remove them or let us know what you would like done with them. When was the last time we moved our storage items to make room for a youth group? It is a joyful time at St. Matthew. Please call with any questions. Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955

**Tacoma Pride** - Christ Episcopal Church and St. Matthew Church are sharing a table at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Tacoma Pride events to be a welcoming church presence and to convey that we really are a church that values and embraces everyone. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex if you would like to join us in sharing the presence of our parish. Please call if you have any questions. Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955

**Vacation Bible Camp** – St. Matthew will coordinate a Vacation Bible Camp, free of charge, with the theme 'When God reigns, the Son shines!' This camp is for kids starting kindergarten through ending 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The dates are August 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> and the hours are 11:30am – 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Liz Latsis (Coordinator) at 253-229-0847 or email, [scargo@q.com](mailto:scargo@q.com). Registration forms are available in the church narthex.

**Bible Study** – Reminder of our weekly bible study on Thursdays at 10am in the Parish library where we study books of the bible.

**Mark your calendar—**

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal (9:15am first Sunday)
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Vacation Bible Camp, here Aug 10-13