

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz

Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship

Sunday School and Wednesday night activities will resume in fall.

Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!

*(Congregation please stand as able)

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. C: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
and peace to God's peo- ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa-
ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God,
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's
peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand

of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (*pg. 633 in pew Bible*)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

After the Reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23 (*pg. 435 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Congregation: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 950 in pew Bible)

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

After the Reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

What a mighty God we serve, What a mighty God we serve, Angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (pg. 818 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
 I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, 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.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: English folk tune KINGSFOLD CM D

OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

*APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 into hell. 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.

Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, "Lord in you mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ." respond: **Amen**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

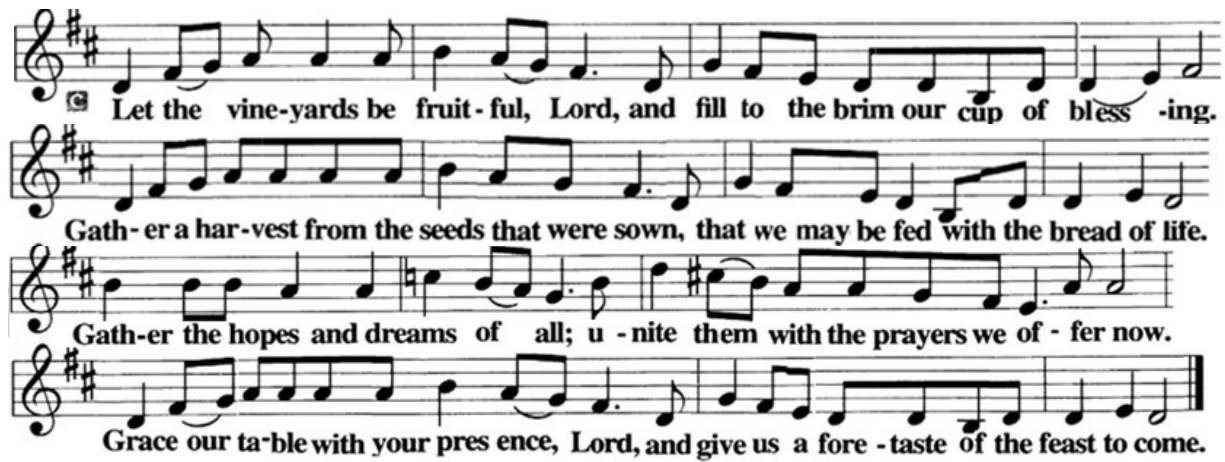
P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



***OFFERTORY HYMN**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in
the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for creating us to live together in unity and for forgiving our failures in following your call.

Blessed are you, Abba Father, for sending your beloved Son and for adopting us to be your family of sisters and brothers. Lord we receive this good news. **C: Lord, we receive this good news.**

P: Blessed are you, Sovereign of mercy, for establishing your kingdom in Jesus the Messiah. He healed the sick and welcomed women and men, and taught the commandments.

Blessed is he, the Son of Man, who became a servant to all, and who overcomes the might of Satan until the end of time. Lord, we believe this good news. **C: Lord, we believe this good news.**

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

We remember the good news of his life given for us, his death on the cross, and his rising from the tomb, and together we say:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: By the power of your Spirit, hidden in the ministry of Jesus, reveal yourself to us here, hidden in this bread and cup. Do not forsake us, but save us in the time of trial. By this mystery of Christ's body and blood, cast out our demons, cleanse our hearts, and strengthen our service toward all in need. Lord, do not ever forsake us.

C: Lord, do not ever forsake us.

P: To you, Lord God, the Blessed One, and to your Son, coming at the end in glory, and to the Holy Spirit, descending on us now like a dove, be all our praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **C: Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

This is the Lord's table where all are welcome. At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

LAMB OF GOD (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #429 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*
 (LBW -green book) #403 *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*
 #481 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **C: Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.
C: Amen.

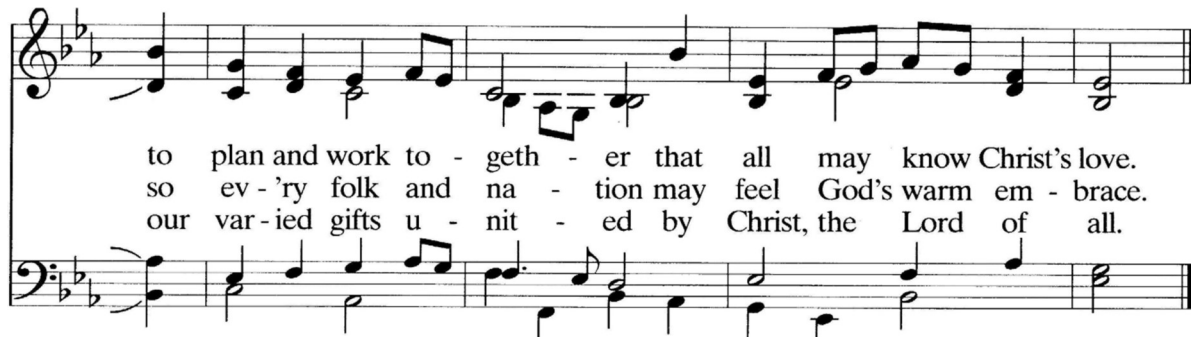
***SENDING HYMN:** WOV 755 *We All Are One in Mission*

As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - frent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: Finnish folk tune, 19th cent.; arr. Joel Martinson KUORTANE
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*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: **Thanks be to God.**

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Jax, Keith, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of war-torn countries.

This Week at Zions:

July 22, Monday @ 6:30 pm Mission Ministry Committee meeting
July 24, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
July 24, Wednesday @ 6:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Summer gathering

Next Week at Zions:

July 28, Sunday after worship Pastor Merkel 50th Ordination celebration lunch
July 31, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Other News from Zions:

You are invited to an INDOOR Campfire with stories, songs, and s'mores on Wednesday, July 24 at 6 PM in the Social Hall. Spend a mid-summer's eve at a *cool* campfire with friends--worshiping, spending time together, and enjoying the tastes of the season! All are welcome.

Thanks be to God...and, let's celebrate! On Sunday, July 28, Pastor John Merkel celebrates 50 years of ordained ministry...that's fifty years of weddings, funerals, baptisms, sermons, Council and committee meetings, counseling, worship, teaching, and more in several different congregations! Through worship and a celebratory luncheon, we will give God thanks for Pastor Merkel's ministry, for God's faithfulness to him, and for the blessing he is in our congregation. *Luncheon sign-ups on the bulletin board by the Church Office are greatly appreciated.*

Check out "July's Member to Remember" on the bulletin board! Ingrid Erb is this month's star! You can read about her faith and favorite experiences at Zion's in the weekly e-mail, or on the bulletin board by the Church Office.

Did you know? Zion's could use a few more GREETERS to welcome people to worship. This is someone who stands at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary on a Sunday morning and greets worshipers on their way upstairs. The skills needed for this position are the ability to shake a hand and say "Hello," "Good Morning," "Welcome," or another similar friendly greeting. Rotation is based on your willingness to serve and your availability. If you find this interesting and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Noël Strattan at (717) 865-7747.

An **USHER** sign-up sheet has been posted on the large bulletin board in the gathering area. If you can share your gifts as an usher, please sign-up! Positions are still available!!

*** **GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR JULY AND AUGUST!** *** a **New Greeter sign-up** is available online, if you are able to serve in this way, please contact Noel Strattan, dns@telecommute.net.

It's that time of year! We are less than one month out from our annual Back to School Blessings event, which will be held on Saturday August 24! Please note this date **CHANGE**; the event will be held at the Northern Education Center/ former Jonestown Elementary building. This event, started by Zion's but now sponsored by the NL Ministerium, provides new sneakers, jeans, socks, underwear, school supplies, and a back to school outfit to children in our community who are in need. We anticipate serving at least 175 students. YOU can help by volunteering prior to, or the day of the event (email adreiner74@gmail.com) and/or by providing a financial contribution towards the event. Contributions of any amount are welcome, and can be made payable to the NL Ministerium or Zion's, marked for "Back to School". For reference, \$125 will fully sponsor an older student, \$100 will sponsor a younger student, \$30 will sponsor a filled backpack and \$10 will sponsor socks/underwear. **THANK YOU!**

Council Highlights are available. You can pick up a copy from the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

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Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Linda Wenrich	Grace Ludwig
Prayer	Tracy Hoy	Betty Kleinfelter
Children's sermon	Stephanie Livingston	Pastor Caitlin
Comm. Assts.	Kelly Rittle Linda Wenrich	Deb Long
Greeter	Elaine Ludwig	
Acolyte	Madelyn Rittle	Levi Bucks
Crucifer	Rob McQuaide	Logan Livingston
Altar Guild	Bucks family	Strattan/Wenrich
Elevette	Tom Frey	Ann Kulp
Ushers	July: Luke Hiester, Jim Fowler	



**July Summer Clearance
Northern Lebanon Clothing Closet
Gives Back to the Community**

ALL residents of the NL School District are invited to shop at the Clothing Closet during the month of July for our summer clearance event. Come shop and dive into a treasure trove of fashion finds where

you're sure to find something for everyone. And the price? It's all by donation!

Refresh your wardrobe, help us clear out our excess summer clothing, and support the NL Clothing Closet as you shop for men's, women's, and children's clothing. From tiny tots to grown-ups, we've got an array of styles to suit everyone in the family. Don't miss this chance to snag amazing deals on apparel and make a difference with your freewill contribution.

Come one, come all, and let's make this event a spectacular celebration of community and giving back!

****If you are a Clothing Closet client, you are still welcome to shop for free****

The NL Clothing Closet is in the former Jonestown Elementary Building "Door 13" at 135 S. Lancaster St., Jonestown.
Check out "Northern Lebanon Clothing Closet" on Facebook

July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Happy 4th of July - Enjoy your holiday week						
7	8	9 10:00 – 12:00	10	11 4:00 – 7:00	12	13
14	15 10:00 – 12:00	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 10:00 – 12:00	24	25 4:00 – 7:00	26	27 10:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00
28	29	30	31			