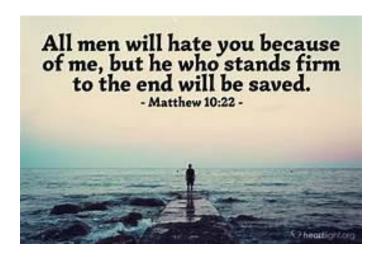
Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

June 25, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God In memory of Millie Freese birthday (June 28) by Joan McCarty

Serving Today

	Robert Hamrick, Organist
Craig	Escude, Choir Director/Cantor
<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Paul Mincer	David White
Jerry Kaufman	John Zagone
Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leger
	Michele Escude`
	Debby Zagone
Serving Next Week	
<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Rick Sanborn	Leah Ryel
Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
	8:00 AM Paul Mincer Jerry Kaufman Jackie Fry Lyn Heiple Serving Next Week 8:00 AM Rick Sanborn

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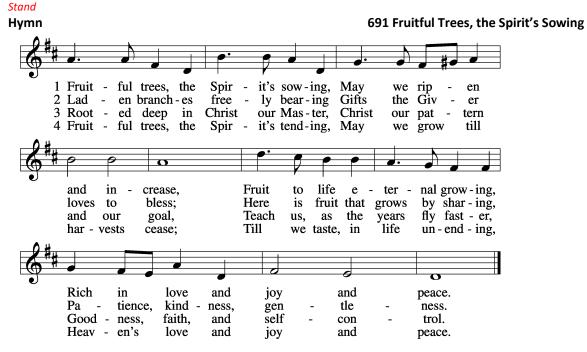
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The Divine Service: Setting Four

Prelude Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

Jim Vyhanek



Confession and Absolution

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

 Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Stand

Introit

Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v. 13 Tone A



For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,*

that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

When I | am afraid,*

I put my | trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*

What can flesh | do to me?

In God, whose | word I praise,*

in the LORD, whose | word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*

What can man | do to me?

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,* that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

Kyrie LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-10; antiphon: v. 1 Tone A

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He who dwells in the shelter of the I M
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¹He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,* my God, in | whom I trust."

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler* and from the deadly | pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find | refuge;* his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

⁵You will not fear the terror | of the night,* nor the arrow that | flies by day,

6nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,* nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your | right hand,* but it will not come | near you.

8You will only look | with your eyes* and see the recompense of the | wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,* no plague come | near your tent.

Epistle Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as

those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

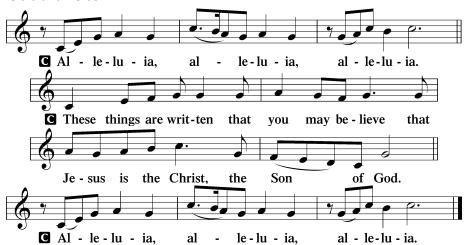
¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

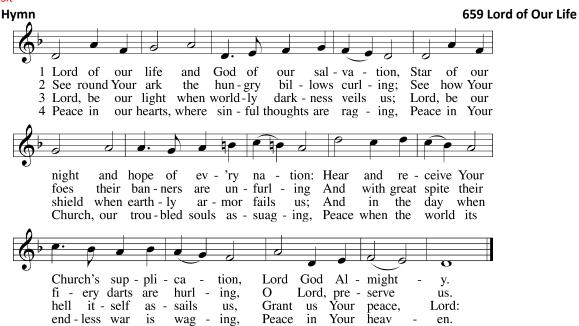
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





Sermon

"Like Jesus & Disliked" Matthew 10: 24-25

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That sin would not reign in our mortal bodies or make us obey its passions, but as those brought from death into life, we would present our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For courage and fortitude, that God would bless His pastors and people to sing His praises, endure suffering for the name of Jesus, and continue by His grace to the end, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the households of this congregation, that our Father in heaven would overcome division with unity of faith, give wisdom and peace where there is anger and strife, and bless parents with faithfulness to teach their children, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the authorities of our nation, that God would bless them with wisdom to seek the common good, deliver them from temptations to promote evil and oppose His will, and give them penitent hearts and confidence in His grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For a love of God's Word, that though the world treats it with derision, we would hold fast to the Scriptures and declare God's praises, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those persecuted for the name of Jesus, that God would look with favor upon them, be the dread warrior against the evil one, and make His mercy known to the world through their suffering, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For rescue from fear, that He who delivered our souls from death would strengthen our faith to walk before Him in the light of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For all who partake of the Holy Communion this day, that they would present themselves as those brought out of death into life to receive in repentance the forgiveness of their sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LSB 208



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei



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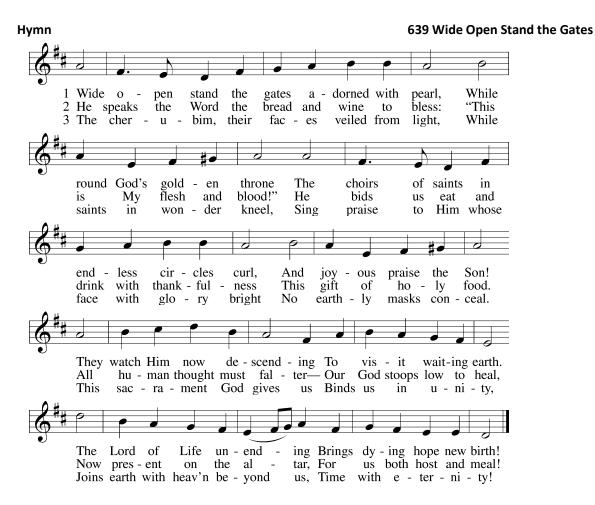
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.





In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- Amen.



5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day When all the dead are waking, Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking. Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame, And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

Prayer List

Long Term Illness

Cynthia M. (Lundquist)
Michael Terzian
(Keeney)
Brian Keeney
Joyce (Kruse)
Stacy Olson (Ryel)

Brenda Ridgeway
(Amato)
Gretchen Sweetser
(Mincer)
Mary Coffman
(Coffman)

Mike & Suzie Characky (Steen) Annette & Jim Bodden (Heaphy) Judy Fuchs

Surgeries and Illness

Louise Bauer
Kurt Dellutri
Steve & Kay Leyer
Pastor Daniel Conrad
Michele Escude`
Dietrich Fabricius
Jackie Fry
Madeline Biddle

Tricia Heiple
Patty Metcalf (Luecke)
Jan Tharp
Wally Rose Mincer
Joe Gabriel (Amato)
Agapia Dragan (Luecke
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Joanne Blanchard (Clancy) David Hawthorne Vicki Fisher Mary Hill Betty Ude

Personal and Family Concerns

Roger & Kay Lund (Heaphy) John Renick Nancy Stang Joann Kapugi Kaufman Family Debbie Leger Sandi Rivers (Ryel) Wayne & Karen Mathis (Steen) Teresa Fisher & children Colby & Audrey (Kaufman)

Homebound

Albert & Marianne Bugner Louise Bauer Warna Berryman Kathleen Fox Judy Fuchs Joann Kapugi Suzie Karnatz Dianne Luecke Jan Nelson

Sue Smith Nancy Stang Betty Ude

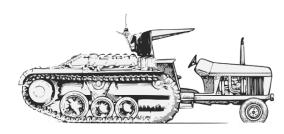
Compassion and Sympathy Ministry Concerns

Our Preschool staff, children & families
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti
Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)
Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)
Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Mexico)
Jacob and Marie Sipes (Seminarian)
Scott and Veronica Missling (Seminarian)
Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need willing and able bodies to teach, lead singing, and supervise recreation. Please contact Linda Licht so that we can get a head start on planning an exciting, Christ-centered adventure for our children. Thank you!

Outreach & Community Concerns





The mission of the month for July is the Veterans Healing Farm. According to their website their mission is as follows:

The mission of the Healing Farm is to enhance the mental and emotional well-being of our nation's veterans and their families. We accomplish this through the creation of a safe, peaceful environment that fosters healing and camaraderie. Farm programming focuses on mental health and includes agritherapy (organic farming, beekeeping, medicinal herbs) as well as a variety of other therapies/therapeutic activities, workshops, and live events. Our vision is to end veteran suicide through compassion, forgiveness, empathy, love, and kindness.

The Healing Farm is committed to not only helping veterans in Henderson County, but also their family members and caregivers. Your donations will be used to keep the vegetables growing and help fund their programs for veteran education and community building. The farm is located at 38 Yale Road in Hendersonville.

NEW DONATION STATION

Mt. Pisgah will be adding a Donation Station to the Narthex. Three collection bins will be located to the right as you enter the church. For many years, we have been continuously collecting food items for Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM). Instead of having the receptacle down a side hallway, we will be moving the drop-off location into the Narthex and adding two other reception bins to it.

One of additional bins will receive gently used clothing items for IAM. Instead of making a special trip, you can bring items with you to church, and we will deliver it for you.

The third receptacle is for donating used sneakers. Instead of sending your old tennis shoes to a landfill, the GotSneakers? Organization provides a fundraiser that partners with non-profits to either reuse sneakers in second-hand markets or to ecologically recycle those that cannot be used again. The organization will donate funds back to our Youth accounts for the shoes (Sneakers Only) that we contribute.

If you have food, clothing, or sneakers that you do not need and others may benefit from, please check out our Donation Station in the Narthex.