



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025



### Today's Participants

Pastor: Joachim Wilck

Organist: Lucas Myers

Cantor: Jonathan Howell

Service Leader: Ann Seppa

Usher: Jen Large

Lector: Dave Cuff

Greeters: Lois Dannenberg

Communion Assistants: Dick Ransom & Wendy Forrest

*Special thanks to those who are providing coffee-hour for us today.*

*Also, as you leave, take note of how nice our lawns look!*

*We thank our lawn mowing crew.*

### **Introduction**

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

### Prelude

### Entrance Hymn

### “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

The image shows the first line of a musical score for the hymn "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones". It is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones,  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim,  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing,



bright ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the  
 more glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their  
 su - per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le -

glad strain: "Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do -  
 prais - es: "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the

min - ions, prince - doms, pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel  
 of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in

choirs:  
 Lord:  
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(Pastor prays over the Baptismal Font)*

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All: Make us one as you are one.**

Pastor: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All: Make us one as you are one.**

Pastor: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All: Make us one as you are one.**

Pastor: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**All: Amen.**



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (go to verse 4)  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Lector: {In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.}

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148

Lector: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**All: Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Lector: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**All: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Lector: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

**All: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Lector: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**All: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

Lector: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**All: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

Lector: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**All: young men and maidens, old and young together. R**

Lector: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**All: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Lector: {John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.}

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Festival Alleluia

*by James Chepponis*

*Choir or Cantor sings first time, then congregation repeat.*



\*\*\*VERSE: Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, Alleluia.

## Gospel: John 13:31-35

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Sermons: Children And Adult

Pastor Joachim Wilck



# Hymn of Invitation to the Fount

# “Come To The River”

*The Congregation joins in the singing of this Refrain.*

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Come, O — come, come to — the riv - er flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ. We'll go — down, deep in — the wa - ter, but in the Lord — we shall a - rise." The score includes three systems of music. The first system has lyrics "Come, O — come, come to — the riv - er" and chords F, Bb/F, F, C, C/E, F. The second system has lyrics "flow - ing from the bod - y of Christ. We'll go — down," and chords Bb, C, Dm, G7, Bb/C, F, Bb/F, F. The third system has lyrics "deep in — the wa - ter, but in the Lord — we shall a - rise." and chords A7, Dm, Bb, F/A, Gm, F/C, Dm7, G7, Bb/C, F. A bracket labeled "1-5 to Verses" is placed above the final two measures of the third system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

## The Baptism of Oliver Baker

*Please turn to your Baptismal Insert*

## Prayers of Intercession

Pastor: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward just economic policies, so that all may reap the rewards of their labors and live safely with dignity. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Abide with all who are victims of discrimination of any kind. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love (especially Erik, King of Sweden). Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always!

**All: And also with you.**

*We greet each other with a sign of peace.*

*The offering is collected and brought forward during the singing of the Anthem.*

Love is kind and suffers long, love is meek and thinks no wrong,  
There is nothing quite as strong; Lord please give us love.

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day,  
Love will ever with us stay; Lord please give us love.

Give us love and fill us so, that the world will surely know,  
We belong to you, Help us love the way you taught us to.

Faith will vanish into sight, hope be emptied in delight,  
Love in heav’n will shine more bright; Lord please give us love.

Faith and hope with love we see joining hand in hand agree,  
But the greatest of the three surely must be love.

Give us love, give us love, give us love.

### Offering Prayer

Pastor: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**All: Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

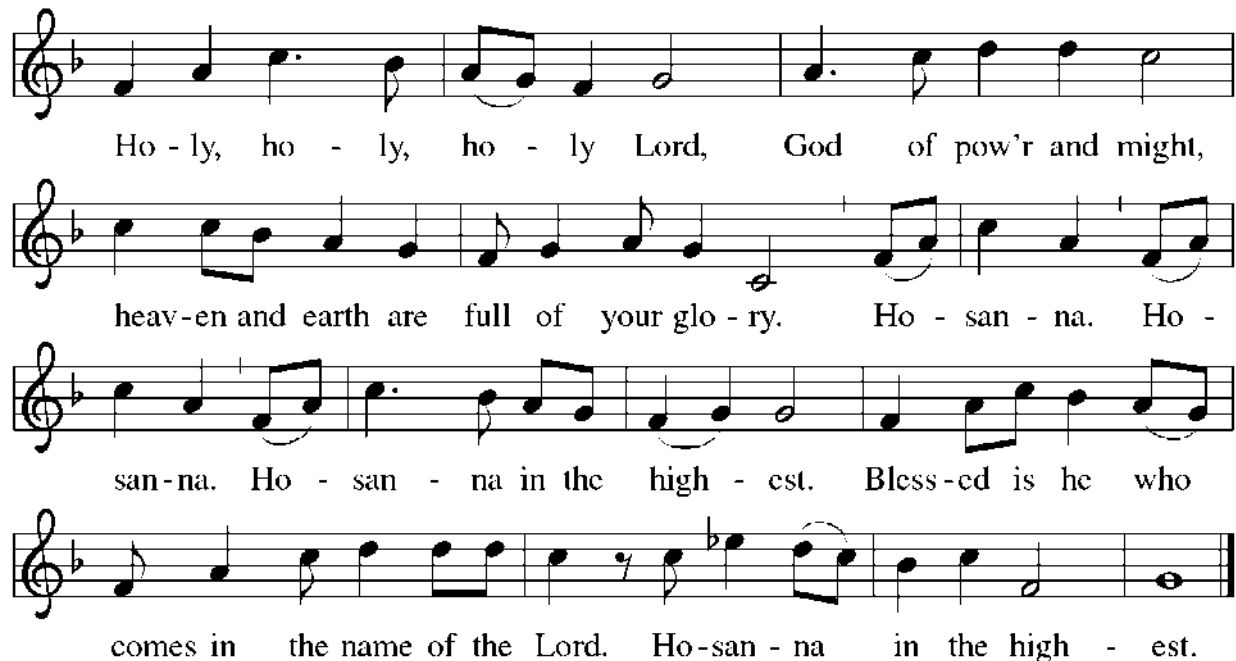
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

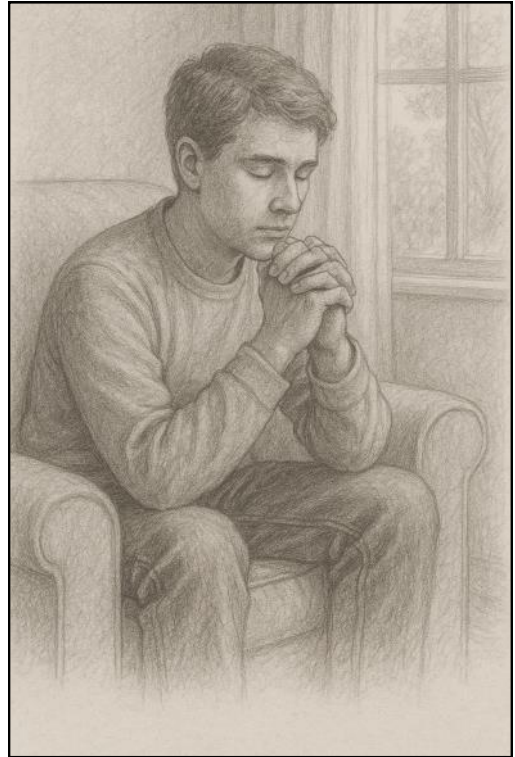
**All: Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: 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

Pastor: Come to the table of plenty. Receive the gift of new life.

**All: Amen.**

## Communion Anthem

## “Table of Plenty” *by Dan Schutte*

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fulness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flouring in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

*This song is from a collection that was purchased in memory of Richard Yackel.*

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## Table Grace

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## Benediction

Pastor: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, †Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## “Now Thank We All Our God”

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## Dismissal

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude



Thank you for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

We hope you will come again and worship with us!



## Happening this Week—May 11—May 18

### Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. ....Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. ....Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Communion Service & Baptism  
11:00 a.m. ....Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, May 19

6:30 p.m. ....Council Meeting with District Dean, Jonathan Deibler  
6:30 p.m. ....Scouts BSA

### Tuesday, May 20

10:00 a.m. ....Bible Study

### Sunday, May 25

9:00 a.m. ....Choir Practice  
9:15 a.m. ....Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. ....Communion Service  
11:00 a.m. ....Veteran Brick and Flag Dedication at flagpole  
11:15 a.m. ....Bell Choir Rehearsal



# Remembering Reformation



A dedication ceremony is planned for the historical marker commemorating Reformation Lutheran Church's 153 years of ministry in the City of Rochester.

This ceremony will take place at Reformation's former building at:

**111 North Chestnut Street in Rochester  
Saturday, June 7th at 2:00 PM**

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to gather for a time of fellowship at the home of Gail & Arnie Boldt at:

**126 Commodore Parkway,  
Rochester, NY (Town of Brighton)**

All are welcome.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by May 31st with the number attending by emailing [ArnoldBoldt@aol.com](mailto:ArnoldBoldt@aol.com) or by texting / calling 585-737-7258.

## Next Sunday's Participants

Service Leader: Ed Jarvis  
Usher: Patti & Elton Schulz  
Lector: Andy Eichner  
Communion Assistants: Larry Nazarian & Carol Werth  
Greeter: Carol Werth  
Cross Bearer—Lois Dannenberg

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Nick Gatto..... May 20  
Charles Rapone ..... May 22  
Helga Freimuth ..... May 24  
Robin Spindler ..... May 24

Happy Anniversary to:  
Joachim & Debbie Wilck—May 20 (53 years)  
Jeff & Cynthia Blank—May 21 (14 years)

## Upcoming Events & Reminders

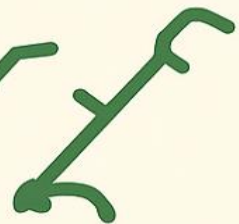
Loop Ministry ..... *board member needed, speak to Dave Cuff.*  
Baptism of Gianna Bailey Marinilli (Valerie Baird's Granddaughter)  
..... *May 25th*  
Memorial Day ..... *May 26th*  
Spring Grounds Cleanup ..... *June 7th*  
WELCA "Lunch Out" ..... *June 3rd*  
Pentecost/Confirmation..... *June 8th*  
Baptism of Liv Engels..... *June 14th*  
Father's Day & Trinity Sunday & Opening Day Bass Fishing ... *June 15th*  
Pastor Wilck's Final Service & Retirement Bash ..... *June 29th*



# YARD CLEANUP DAY

**JUNE 7TH • 9:00 AM**

Bring your rakes, pruners, shovels,  
wheelbarrows, trimmers, and leaf blowers!





**Love  
One  
Another**  
and  
**See you  
Next Week**

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