HYMN NOTES:
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (547)
Because this Welsh melody was usually associated with “evening” texts, the author, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008), was asked to create one for use in daytime. His 1983 recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service. The Welsh tune was first published in 1784 and later in 1906 harmonized by the famed English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The “evening tune” had its origins as a Welsh harp tune and had a recurring refrain that names it: “Ar hyd y nos” (throughout the night; or the livelong night.) The customary harp for this music has three rows of strings rather than one, a style of instrument that was probably invented in 17th century Italy, but by a hundred years later was widely known as the Welsh harp. This triple-strung harp allowed for an underlying accompaniment to be played underneath the melody. There are still a few Welsh harp makers today although the number of players worldwide is sparse. A new full size triple harp can be had for £3800-4800 ($4900-6100). The organ piece on this tune at the opening was composed by Dale Wood in 1966.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, July 16: Georgia Rounding, Nancy Rodewald, Laura Ann Desilets, Ava Catlin, Annabelle Fredriksen
Monday, July 17: Patrick Courtney, Diane Bolton
Tuesday, July 18: Rob Robicheau, Amy Robinson, Sean Schuler, Jimmy Krueger, Morgan Peterson
Thursday, July 20: Linda O’Leary, Dan Jeffre
Friday, July 21: Jill Friedman, Kyle Barry
Saturday, July 22: Ted Whitten, Jeanette Foulks, JoAnne Spigarelli, Kayla McDermott

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY
GREETERS:
(8:15) Bill & Patty Martin
(11:00) Murle Whitten, Ed Puschmann

USHERS:
(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
Mary Duffey, Barb Moler
(9:30) Kim Peterson, Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Nancy Johnson, Carol Rathmell
Jon & Vickie Mills

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds—1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8 & 10
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to rooms 8 & 10 with Justine Ruisz.

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9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School Sunday school will not meet for the summer. All youth are invited to attend worship together in the sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class— TCI Class is on hiatus. Have a joyful and restful summer and plan to return with us on September 10. We’ll have more lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their affect on our faith journey. As always, we’ll have cookies and coffee.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class is on break and will resume on Sunday, September 10.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6
Is currently on a break. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

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DIADEMATA

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SOLO  
“You Are Forever God”  
Pepper Choplin  
Janet Winder, Soloist  
Roger Winder, Piano

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  
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WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING  
“Chorale Prelude on STUTTGART”  
Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.  
(based on the tune of the next hymn, #439)

*A DOXOLOGY—#606  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
*HYMN #439  
“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”  
STUTTGART

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
Numbers 20:1-13 (pages 121-122)  
Romans 3:9-10 (page 915)

SERMON  
“Perfection is the Enemy of Good”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*COLD VOLUNTARY  
“Trumpet Tune in A Major”  
Michael McCabe  
(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

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