

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King (Versus 1-4)

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a - long,
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear,
 4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, For - giv-ing oth-ers, take your part,
 5. Let all things their Cre-a - tor bless, And wor-ship Him in hum-ble-ness,

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold-en beam,
 O praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice,
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 O sing ye, Al-le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear,
 O praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son,

Thou sil - ver moon with soft-er gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him, O praise Him,
 And praise the Spir-it, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him,

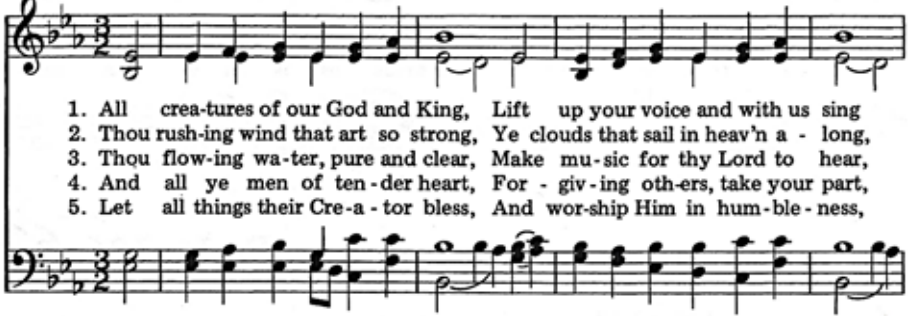
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GREETING:

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.

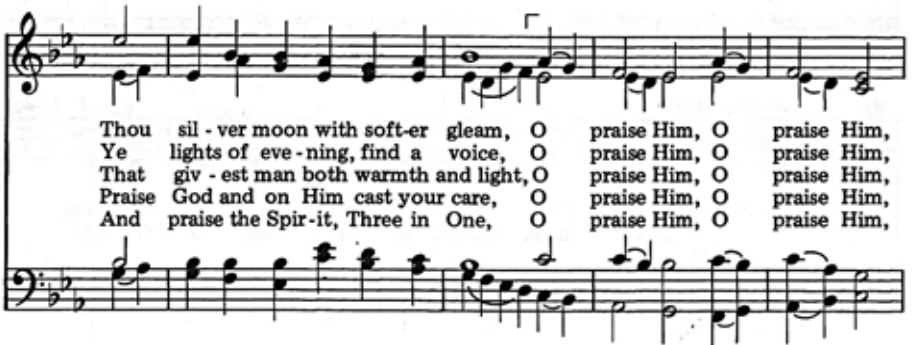
HYMN OF PRAISE: All Creatures of Our God and King (Vs 5)



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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

A: The First Lesson is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Please join in saying the prayer for the call process:

Dear Lord, as we go through our daily lives, may we take time to thank you for our many blessings! We pray for our church family, that you continue to guide us on our search journey. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. A: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!” ¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Pastor David Holtz

Stand

HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

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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**

PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Sit

OFFERING: *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

Stand

OFFERTORY:

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.**

PREFACE:

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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

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**

LAMB OF GOD:



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.

COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

For those at home or taking communion at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

Stand

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: And Can It Be, That I Should Gain

- 1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in
 - 2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in -
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin all
 - 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread: Je - sus, and all

the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain?
 fi - nite His grace! Emp - tied Him - self of all but love,
 and na - ture's night. Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray:
 in Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head,

For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 And bled for Ad - am's help - less race! 'Tis mer - cy all,
 I woke the dun - geon flamed with light! My chains fell off,
 And clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach

how can it be That Thou, my God shouldst
 im - mense and free, For, O my God, it
 my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, And claim the crown, thru

Refrain

die for me? A - maz - ing love! how can it
 found out me. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
 fol - lowed Thee. My chains fell off, my heart was
 Christ my own. Bold I ap - proach th'e ter - nal

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-38; 9:45-66; 11:00-26

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DUBOIS IS EMPOWERED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOURISHED THROUGH WORD &
SACRAMENT TO HEAR, STUDY, AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

*The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to the
Glory of the Lord by Rick and Karen Fye in memory
of John Brendle on the occasion of his birthday.*

8:30: Ushers: Rick and Karen Fye

Lector: Art Keller

Communion Assistants: Art Keller, Jeff Kriner

Acolytes: Aubree Keller

11:00: Ushers: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer

Lector: Joyce Cramer

Communion Assistants: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer

Acolyte: Finn Hanzley

<p>+ Calendar for this Week +</p>
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Mon-July 13: 9:00-Quilters

Tue-July 14: 2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

Mission of the Month: North American Lutheran Seminary-Bonhoeffer House. *The seminary is located in Ambridge, PA. The Bonhoeffer House is a historic property serving as student housing and a formation center, featuring apartments, a chapel and a study area. If you would like to make a financial gift, please use the pew envelopes, and write "Seminary" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.*

Youth Summer Mission Trip. *Thanks to everyone that donated towards this wonderful Mission! If you missed the opportunity to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write "Mission Trip" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. As Always, Thank you for your support!!!*

Join the Tuesday Bible Study group at Hoss's this Tuesday July 14 at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship with Pastors John and Amy! Please let the church office know by Sunday July 12th if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome. 814-371-2470

Pool Party-*The pool party will be held on Sunday, July 19, 7:00-9:00pm at the city pool. Sign up now!*

Food Pantry Items for July *are yellow mustard and/or ketchup.*

We are in need of Communion bread bakers. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please call the office and speak with Abbey, THANKS!

REMINDER: Church office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00. Also, any additions or corrections to the bulletins must be submitted to the office by Wednesday 2:00 pm in order to have time to process requests. Thank you!!

REMINDER: Any council recommendations, committee reports or motions must be submitted by Wednesday 2:00pm the week prior to the council meeting. Thank you!!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ July 12, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finale-Miller ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Robert George ~ Grace Griffith ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Nancy Lilja ~ George McCurdy ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Jake Bell ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb Shields ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Sherri Ball ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Sandy Bender ~ Larry Bosco ~ Leo Brooks ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ Nicky Butler ~ Gary Campbell ~ Louise Cramer ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodgy ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Mary Ann Haag ~ Krista Hollowell ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Denny & Janie Hunter ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Chris Jendrey ~ Ashlynn Johnson ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Scott Klingensmith ~ Dave Kness ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Marti ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Jim Nelles ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Opper ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Dan Rodgers ~ Elaine Russel ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ J.S. ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Sally Jo Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Jessica Spuck ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Virginia Traveny ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Sarah Williams ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term Prayer Requests:

Lindsey Bernardo
John Hopkins

Lois Haag

To add/remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.