

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: William Cossairt, (July 21); LeRoy Loehr, (July 21); Rozi Sorenson, (July 22); Al Schimek, (July 23); Lew Bagby, (July 24); Jackie Bath, (July 25) and Devin Smithson, (July 26). Happy Birthday!

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Eric & Darcy Loseke in memory of Rhonda Krol.

TODAY'S HYMNS were chosen by the Oolman family

"ADIOS" SETH & JEN: On Sunday, July 28th we will be having a "Breakfast Burrito" send-off for Seth & Jen Nelson following our worship service. (It will be their last Sunday with us before returning to Wartburg Seminary for Seth's final year.) Tortillas, scrambled eggs, sausage & beverages will be provided. We will need other fillings such as grated cheese, black beans, salsa, etc. Or if you would prefer just to bring a side dish to share. Please sign up if you are brining a topping and indicate the amount too please. (The sign-up sheet is posted on the pole in the Gruver Room.) Please bring your own table service. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-3781. Let's have a "Fiesta"!!!

REMEMBERING BETSY WIEST: Betsy Wiest's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, July 27th at 11:15 am in the UW Union Family Room. There will be a lunch following the service and, afterwards, her ashes will be taken to Lake Marie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of at least 3 new Sunday School teachers next year. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Lindsay Conyers at 399-4185 or yankeebeautiful@yahoo.com. Please consider this ministry opportunity through the summer and let Lindsay know.

A COFFEE PERSON is needed again for setting up and getting the coffee started for our Fellowship Time on Sundays. We are suggesting that you sign up for a month at a time. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gruver Room. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-8731. Individuals and families are still asked to provide goodies on Sundays and this sign-up sheet is still posted on the pole in the Gruver Room.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the 2nd quarter of 2013 are now available on the table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: The nursery committee is looking for additional team members to attend the nursery during worship services. Nursery attendants will be assigned not only to Sunday morning services but also all other official services, such as Wednesday night Lenten services and Christmas Eve services. Any interested 8th - 12th grader is urged to contact either Lindsay Conyers (399-4185 and yankeebeautiful@yahoo.com) or Lexi Dockter to join in this fulfilling and fun service opportunity. You would be compensated for your time and efforts.

SOCIAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The purpose of this committee is to "extend Christian compassion & helpfulness to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the under-privileged, the imprisoned, and in general, to persons of all ages in need of aid in body or soul." The projects we currently support include: The Soup Kitchen, Interfaith, Operation Christmas Child, as well as others. I would like to form a committee that would reach out to the community. If you would like to serve on this committee please contact Jennie Lawrence at Missjennae@yahoo.com (preferred method of contact) or call 761-1085.

WYOMING RACE FOR THE CURE: The 18th anniversary of the "Komen Wyoming race for the Cure" will take place on August 10th in Cheyenne. If you are interested or would like more information, please see the display on the little table in the north lobby area. Race applications are also available at the display on the table.

THE "ALL-AMERICAN" COOKIE SALE at the "*Freedom Has a Birthday*" celebration this year raised \$285 dollars. Thrivent Financial will match \$100 of these funds. This money will stay in Albany County and will be designated for special projects chosen by Thrivent members.

INTERFAITH / GOOD SAMARITAN always sees a spike in needs during the summer months. Please bring your paper goods and non-perishable goods into the Gruver Room to help out.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 10th Sunday after Pentecost: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (7/21)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (7/28)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	9:00 a.m. Ed Hiller	9:00 a.m. Eric Wright
<i>Acolyte:</i>	9:00 a.m. Philip Henry	9:00 a.m. Derk Lyford
<i>Ushers:</i>	9:00 a.m. Jennie Lawrence Mark Rehwaltd	9:00 a.m. Keith & Martha Ensley
<i>Greeters:</i>	9:00 a.m. Pete & Joan Dana	9:00 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller
<i>Nursery:</i>	9:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter	9:00 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

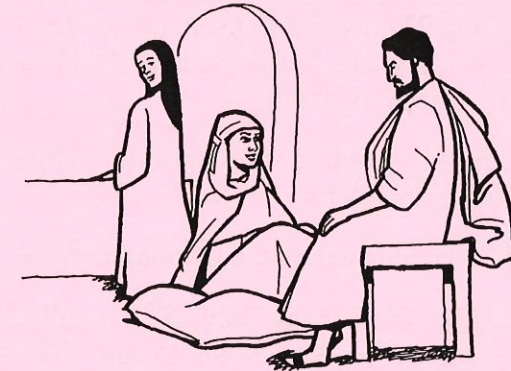
Stewards: A. Toven & J. Weatherwax

Altar Guild: Margot Birkholz

Coffee Fellowship: The Hillers

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	Worship (HC)
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Tuesday, July 23	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, July 24	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study



**Martha, Martha, you are anxious
and upset about many things...**
LK.10:41

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. Grape juice (yellow) is available in the center of each tray. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

Announcements continue on the inside

²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



***GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38–42**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings"

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SERMON: "Reconciling All Things" Colossians 1:15-28

Intern Seth Nelson

HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"

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***APOSTLE'S CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION:**

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

**A brief silence.*

Dwell in the hearts of your people and mold us in your likeness. With Christ as our head, live and move in us, that we may be your hands reaching out to the world.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the wonders of your miraculous creation. Inspire in us an awe and appreciation for each tiny insect and every towering oak. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Reconcile all warring tribes and nations, and tear down the walls that divide us, that the peace of Christ may bring harmony and accord. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hold us together when we are shattered, bring healing when there is no cure, and heed our pleas for those in pain or trouble. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Dine with us in the sweet communion of a shared meal and send your Spirit to joyfully dance among us. Grant us also times of rest and reflection, sitting at the feet of Jesus to listen. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Bring us at the last to that day when we will feast with all your saints at the great wedding banquet prepared for us in your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY:

under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹what is right,
who speak the truth ¹from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who ¹fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- ¹gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹overthrown.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15–28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,



***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Kathleen Oolman

CHILDREN'S TIME: "Sibling Rivalry"

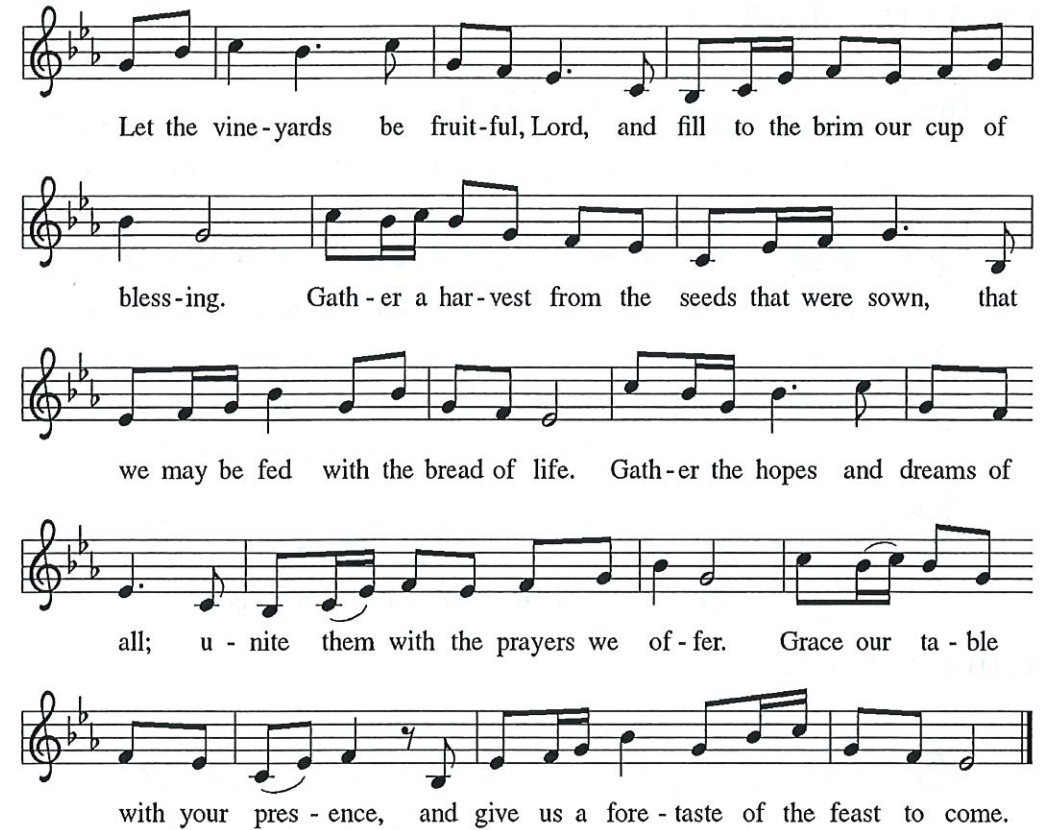
Intern Seth Nelson

FIRST READING: **Genesis 18:1–10a**

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards . . ."**



***PRAYER:**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE:

Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

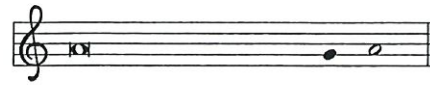
Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

*Kyrie



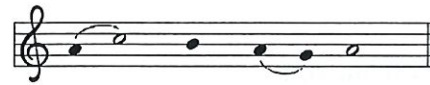
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



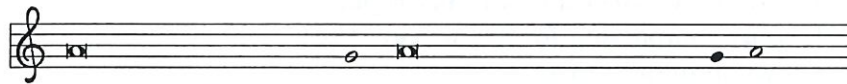
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



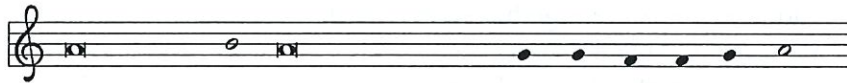
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION: "Amazing Grace"

solo: Terri Rittenburg
 piano accompaniment: Dan Groathouse

***POST COMMUNION HYMN:**



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

***BLESSING:**

PARISH SHARING TIME:

***HYMN: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

***GREETING:**

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

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God's Work . . .
. . . Our Hands

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Sunday, July 21, 2013 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME:

*HYMN: "Gather Us In"

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:

*SENDING:

*POSTLUDE:

TOO BUSY TO HEAR

Poor Martha! She meant well. She invited Jesus into her home and busied herself with all the tasks of hosting her important visitor. Then, as she dashed from project to project, she noticed her sister, who just "sat at the Lord's feet and listened" (Luke 10:39). When she protested what she saw as a lack of consideration, Jesus told her: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her" (vv. 41-42). At that moment, Martha probably bit her tongue, feeling resentful and misunderstood.

How like her we are, making our to-do lists, taking on too many projects, over-extending ourselves at work or church, and accepting ever more responsibility for family members. We sign on to these activities to be useful, to be involved, to make a difference, and to be recognized for our labors. We are on the go from morning till night, week after week. Then comes the moment when we feel exhausted or taken for granted. Like Martha, we say, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?" (v. 40). For "sister" we substitute "co-workers," "fellow congregants," "children," or "spouse." God's reply startles us as it did her. In all of our busy "doing" we have forgotten to "be" with God. We have forgotten to sit still at the teacher's feet and meditate on his message. Shockingly, to those of us who are task-oriented, Jesus sees Mary's quiet attentiveness as "the better part" (v. 42).

Like Martha, we need to reorient ourselves. We need to listen to God before we get too busy to hear.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 22, 2013 - Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Tuesday, July 23 - Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

Thursday, July 25 - James, Apostle

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Sunday, July 28 - Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

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