



First
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a message from the Central Shenandoah Health District

Most vaccinated people are protected from the virus. However, [a recent study](#) found that some vaccinated people can still contract the Delta variant in a breakthrough infection, and may be contagious. **At this time, community immunity levels are not high enough to contain the spread of the Delta variant.** Cases are surging and additional public health mitigation efforts are needed.

*To reduce the risk of being infected with the Delta variant and possibly spreading it to others, **EVERYONE** should wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of high transmission.*

AUGUSTA COUNTY IS AN AREA OF HIGH TRANSMISSION.

In the interest of protecting children and other vulnerable members of the community, we will require all worshippers to wear masks, beginning this Sunday, August 15.

COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000
from the Virginia Dept of Health.

Augusta County:	18.4
Harrisonburg	11.9
Rockingham	9.8
Staunton	12.0
Waynesboro	10.1
Average/100K	12.44

Level of Community Transmission

High

Substantial

Moderate

Low

Music Notes for this week.

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Today's Holiday

[Mr. Boffo](#)

Patrick, next week

(except not at the beach, thankfully)



"I'm relaxed enough that I've stopped thinking about the drive here, but not so relaxed that I'm not thinking about the drive back."

This Sunday, the service begins and ends with hymns praising God! The opening hymn, *Praise to the Lord*, has been sung since the end of the 17th century. The text is based on a hymn published in 1680 by Joachin Neander. The tune itself is even older, probably based on a folk tune and first published in 1665. The hymn has been popular since its inception. Johann Sebastian Bach used it as a theme for his chorale cantata of the same name, *Lobe den Herren*. Frederick William III, the



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King of Prussia first heard the hymn in 1800 and declared it to be his favorite.



Baker.

The text of the closing hymn, *Give Praise to the Lord*, was written by Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877). The son of a famous Vice-Admiral, Baker served both as a vicar and one of the compilers of the book, *Ancient and Modern Hymns*. He is credited with writing the words to dozens of hymns, including *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* and *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*. The music was composed in 1894 by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918) for the Salisbury Diocesan Choral Association. Parry said the tune was inspired by a talented tunesmith who rarely attended church!

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