

7th Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025



It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALKS: Engle Eagle Project & Refugee Accompaniment

***GATHERING**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

***PRAYER**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

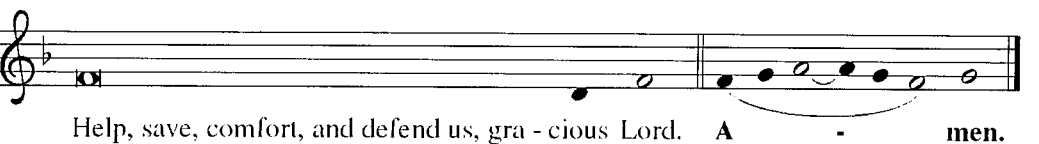
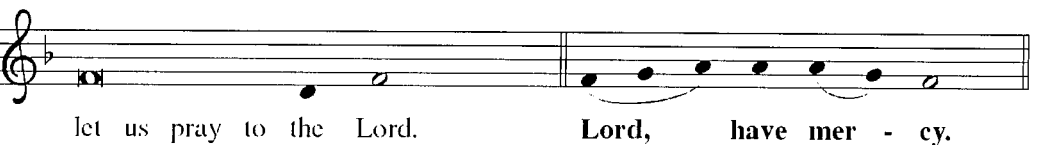
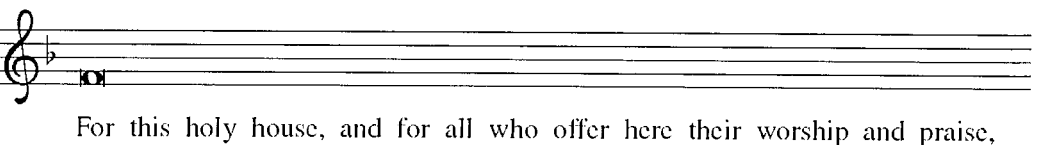
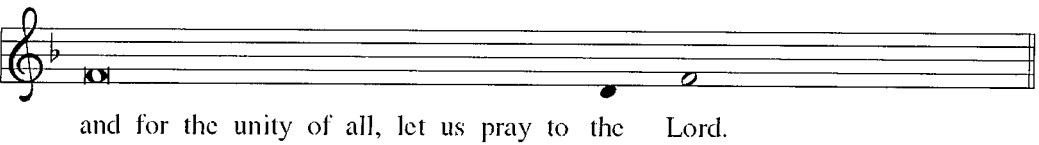
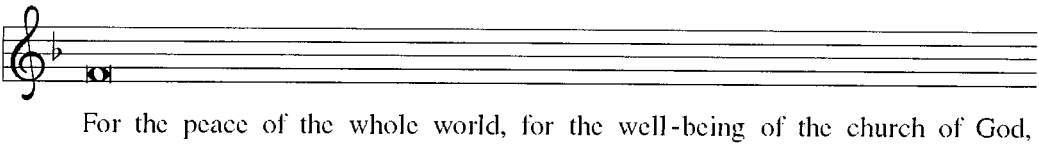
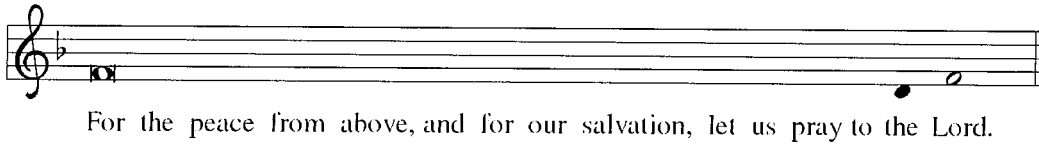
***GATHERING HYMN**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing Hymn 393

***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.**

*KYRIE - (Lord have mercy) page 138



* HYMN OF PRAISE - (This is the Feast) page 140

Refrain

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

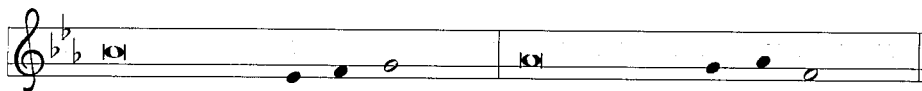
Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These

men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.”¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.”²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Tone:



R:



Re - joyce in the LORD, you righ - teous.

PSALM: Psalm 97

- ¹ The LORD reigns; let the ¹ earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the ¹ isles be glad.
- ² **Clouds and darkness sur- ¹ round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations ¹ of God's throne.
- ³ Fire goes be- ¹ fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on ¹ every side.
- ⁴ **Lightnings light ¹ up the world;**
the earth ¹ sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains ¹ melt like wax
before the Lord of ¹ all the earth.
- ⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- ¹ ness, O LORD,**
and all the peoples ¹ see your glory. R
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ¹ in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, ¹ all you gods.
- ⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- ¹ dah rejoice,**
because of your judg- ¹ ments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over ¹ all the earth;
you are exalted far a- ¹ bove all gods.
- ¹⁰ **You who love the ¹ LORD, hate evil!**
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the
hand ¹ of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light dawns ¹ for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- ¹ est of heart.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the ¹ LORD, you righteous,**
and give thanks to God's ¹ holy name. R

SECOND READING - Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 142

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

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

*GOSPEL - John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

Son of God, Eternal Savior..... Hymn 655

***APOSTLES' 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

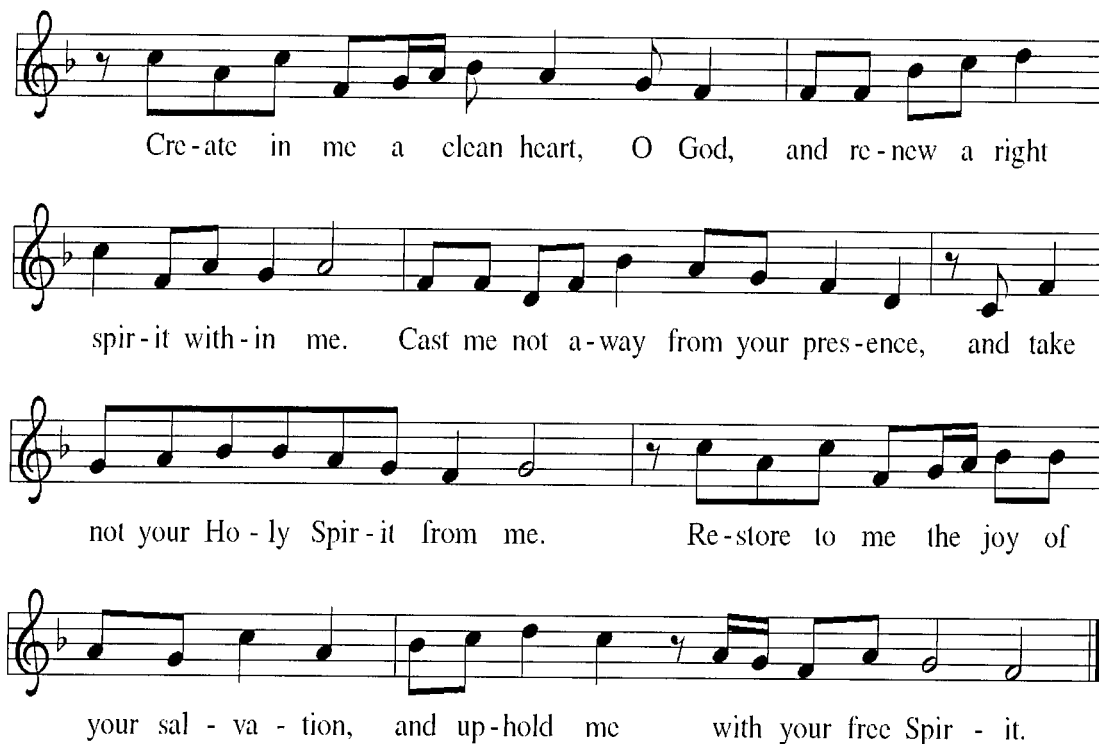
Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** (After the prayer) **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

OFFERING - (*Offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

***OFFERTORY HYMN - Create in Me a Clean Heart**



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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

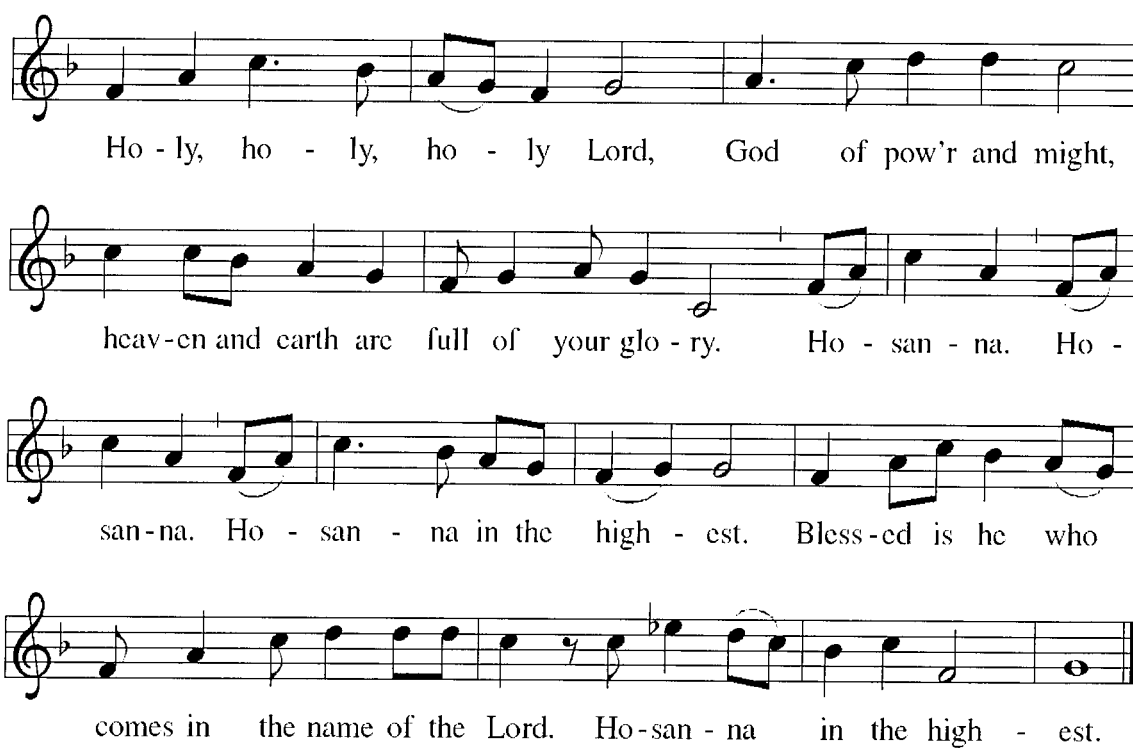
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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:

*SANCTUS - ("Holy, holy, holy") Page 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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**

You are indeed holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

On 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

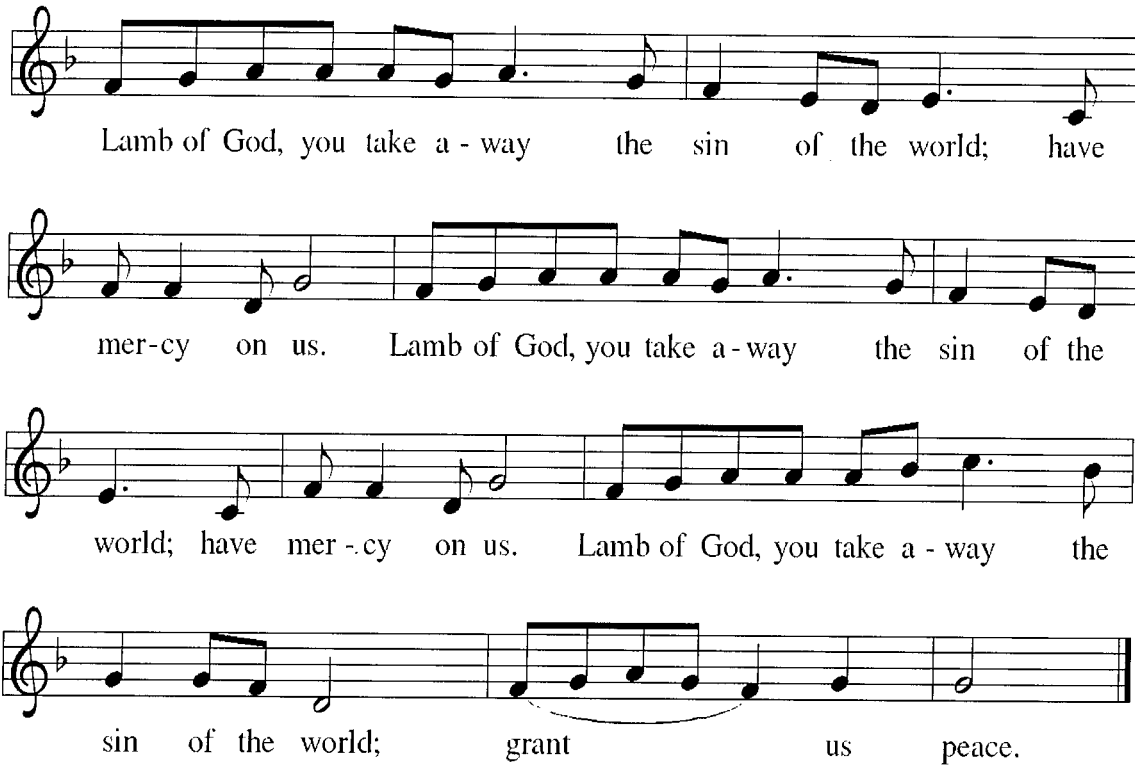
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is with us in the breaking of the bread. Come and be fed at God's table. **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God)** Page 154



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come forward to receive Communion. If you are unable to come forward, you may remain seated and the pastor will bring you communion at your seat. Children may come forward to receive a blessing. After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

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.**

***SENDING HYMN** - In Christ There Is No East or West Hymn 650

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go and share the Good News! **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Althea Seidel - Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Christine Paradise - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Scott Hower - Lay Assistant

Barry Thompson - Lector

Karen Fitting - Acolyte

Lynn Kern & Denise Rhoades - Greeters

♿ *Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

📵 *Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, June 2 - Property Committee Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4 - Lunch & Learn 12 p.m.; Private Event 12 p.m.

Thursday, June 5 - Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Becky, Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, The Family of Alan Gassert, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Lohla, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

JUNE'S SPECIAL OFFERING – REFUGEE ACCOMPANIMENT: June is Refugee Accompany month here at Holy Trinity. We can support refugee families by providing food supplies that help them stay healthy while they find hope, healing, and renewal at Lutheran managed camps and settlements. Please prayerfully consider giving a second offering this month. Every \$200 we contribute will feed a refugee family for a month. Envelopes can be found in the pews or at either Welcome Table. You can also put a note on or with your check.

SHARE AND CARE: Supplies are needed to stock the pantry. This is a great time to clean out your pantry and bathroom closet! We are in need of health supplies such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. Ready to eat food and water bottles are also needed. Thank you for your generosity!

TRINITY MUSICIANS IN CONCERTS AT THE MT. GRENTA TABERNACLE: Some of the Trinity choir members and bell choir members will be performing at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle this summer. Come on out and enjoy two evenings of music. A freewill offering will be collected at each program to benefit the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival. Handbell Festival conducted by Shawn Gingrich: Saturday June 7 at 7:00PM - 5 area handbell choirs will ring together and separately. Choir Festival conducted by local conductor, Linda Tedford: Sunday July 27 at 7:00PM
◇ Approx. 100 singers will sing a varied repertoire of choral selections.

ORGAN MUSIC??: Do you love to listen to the organ? Come out and support future musicians at Organ Camp. HTLC will be one of the sites for Organ Camp this June. It takes place June 23 through June 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be two students here. One will be playing the organ and the other will be playing the piano in Luther's Place. We encourage you to come out and listen as they hone their skills. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES: Make plans now to celebrate our High School graduates next Sunday, June 8 during Worship Service. Brady Cassel, Mason Eisenhower, and London Seiders are all members of the Class of 2025.

LUNCH & LEARN: Bring your lunch and join in the discussion! Lunch and Learn is coming back Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. for June and July. The only week we will not have our group meet is on June 25th during the Mission Trip week at Kirchenwald Camp. The group will meet in the Social Room.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary

	For the Month Of March 2025	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	22,901	86,654	76,893
Expenses	(23,601)	(88,794)	(92,265)
Net Income	\$(700)	\$(4,140)	\$(15,372)



Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 7 • 11 AM – 1 PM

Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St., Lititz

Rain or shine!

In the event of rain, event moves indoors.



\$7.00

**Strawberries, Shortcake,
Ice Cream, Whipped Cream**

\$5.00

Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

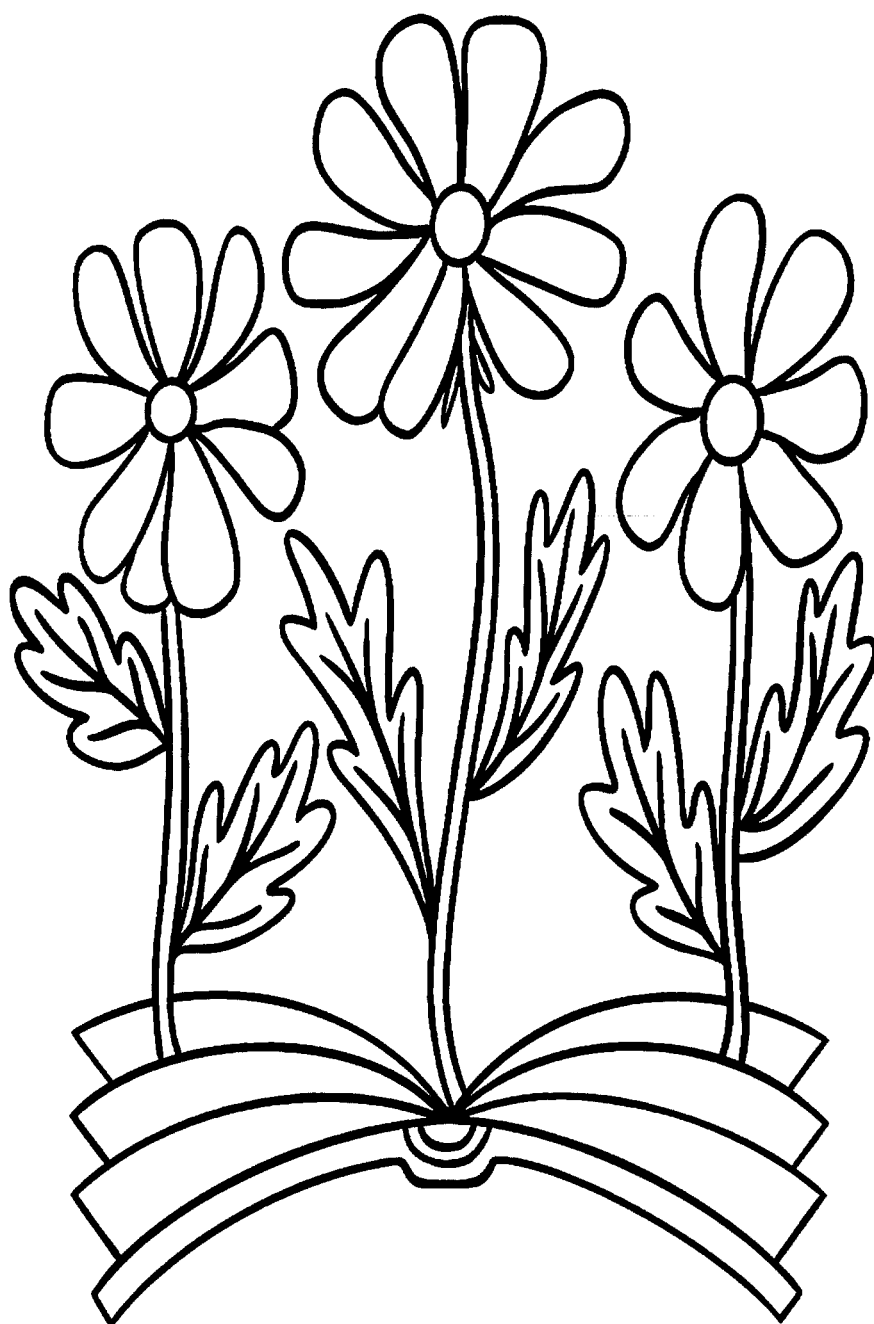
New This Year – a Gift Card Raffle!

(Need not be present to win.)

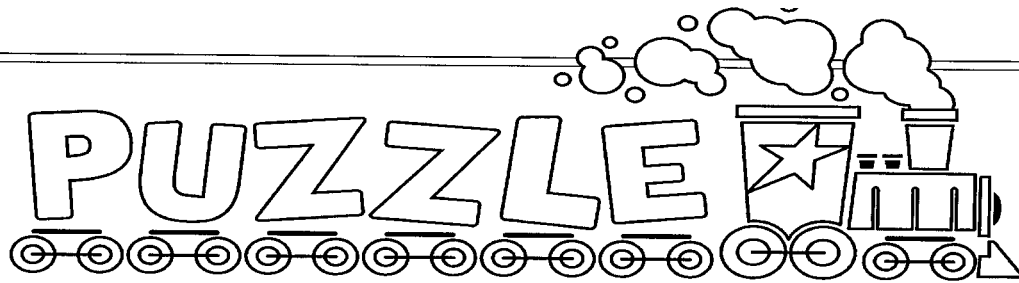
Raffle ticket prices are: 5 for \$5 or 20 for \$10

For more information,
visit www.Luthercare.org.

*Proceeds benefit charitable activities
of Luther Acres Residents' Council.*



Spend time with God this summer



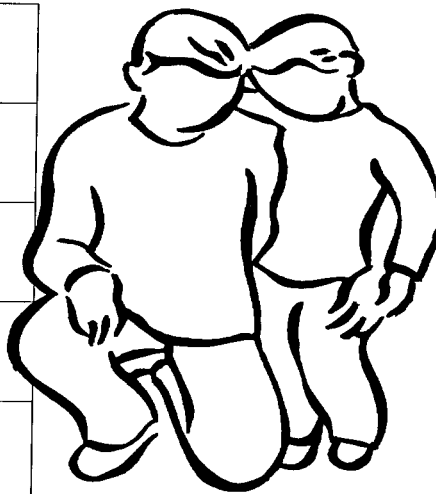
FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	

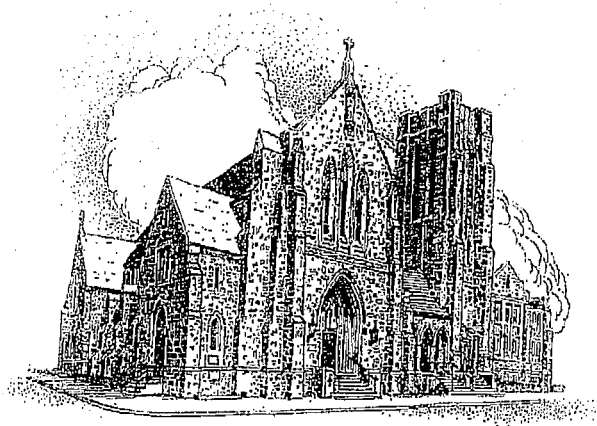


_____, _____, _____,
 _____; _____
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Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answers: The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV





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