

**"WHOEVER RECEIVES YOU RECEIVED ME.
AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME RECEIVES**

**HIM
WHO
SENT
*Me.***

MATTHEW 10:40

**5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026**

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
Holy Communion 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM**

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

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.**

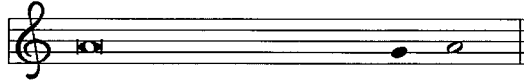
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN -

All Are Welcome Hymn #641

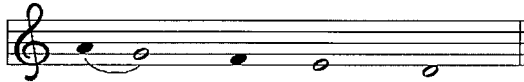
*GREETING

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 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



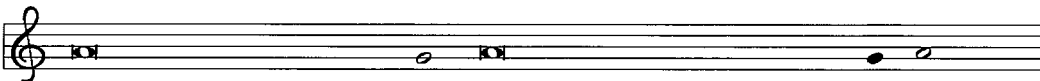
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



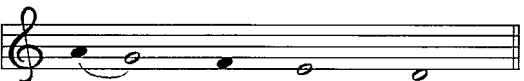
Lord, have mer - cy.



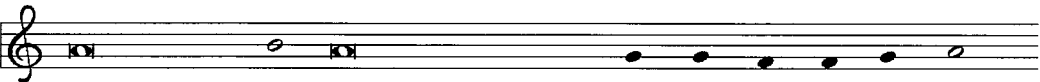
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

* HYMN OF PRAISE - *This is the Feast* page 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

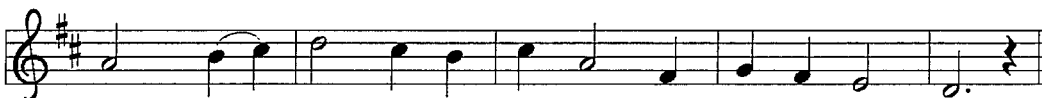
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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 (*spoken responsively*)

- ¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ **'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING - Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to

anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



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



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

*GOSPEL - Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

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

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:]⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Timothy Garman

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life Hymn # 719

***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: God of grace, **hear our prayer.** (After each prayer) **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*OFFERTORY HYMN -

Canticle of the Turning..... Hymn #723, v. 2

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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 153



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**

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.

May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**


***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

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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**

Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN -**

In Christ Called to Baptize Hymn #575

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Timothy Garman - Guest Pastor

The Rev. Althea Seidel

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Roger Lentz - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Nancy Brightbill - Lay Assistant

Barry Thompson - Lector

Karen Fitting - Acolyte

Betty Schriver & 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:

Sunday, June 28 - Adult Christian Education 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, July 1 - Archives & Artifacts Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joe & Fran, Joe Kalbach, Donna Kullman, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Pastor Althea, Sam & Marie Smith, Betty Troxell, Nancy & Rick Warner, and Mary Yeagley.

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.

IDENTIFICATIONS NEEDED: We NEED your help! Please visit the photo displays in Luther's Place. There are many photographs that we need help identifying the individuals. The display will rotate. Please stop by frequently. Thank you!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED: Please stop by the Welcome Table off the parking lot and pick up your copy!

EGG CARTONS: Cartons are needed for various non-profits. Please bring them in and place them in the bin in The Giving Place.

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Women of ELCA will be conducting an ingathering of personal care items for the Domestic Violence Shelter (DVI) of Lebanon through June 30. These items are needed by the shelter because the women and children who come to the shelter are in need of immediate relocation to a safer space for stays as long as 30 days. They are in a crisis situation. They do not have time to bring anything but the clothes on their backs. Please help provide support by purchasing personal care items from their wish list such as feminine care products, women's underwear and bras of all sizes, little boy and girl clothing, multi-cultural hair products, sanitizing wipes, new canvas bags (medium/large) and/or other items we have donated in the past such as antibacterial hand soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, combs and brushes, band aids, facial tissues and toilet tissue. Please place the donations in the WELCA Collection Barrel located in "The Giving Place". Your assistance with this summer project would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE: While Pastor Althea is recovering, Pastor Liz Polanzke is covering for any pastoral care. Please feel free to contact her if needed at 717-654-2334.

GOT LIDS?: Bring all of your soft plastic lids from yogurt, butter, and cottage cheese containers. These lids are approximately 5" in diameter. Other lids also work. Just bring your lid in and place them in the bin in The Giving Place.

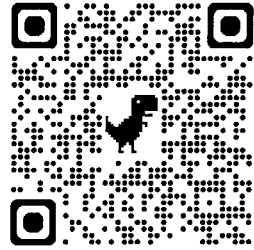
SEPTEMBER 26: Make plans to join us for BINGO! Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Inner Mission Outreach and the Share & Care Ministry. If you are interested in helping or donating an item for the raffle, please contact the Church Office.

CHURCH WISH LIST: Reusable Shopping Bags, Gift Bags: Any Occasion, and Cards: Birthday, Get Well (both are needed — any accepted.) Please bring your donation and place it in the Wish List bin in The Giving Place. THANK YOU!

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:

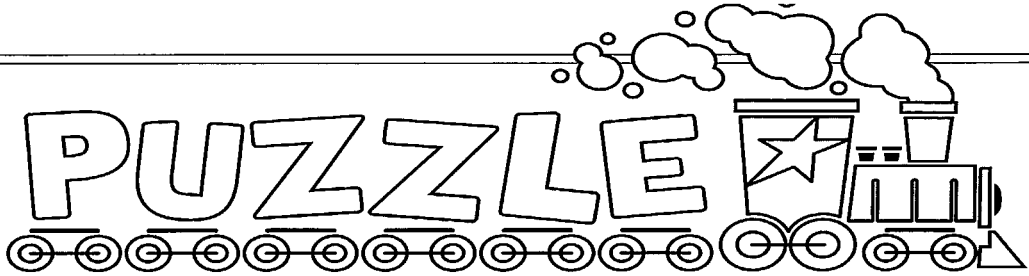


Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - May 2026

	Month of May	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$18,685	\$111,658	\$138,899
Expenses	(\$29,082)	(\$144,556)	(\$150,407)
Net Income	(\$10,397)	(\$32,899)	(\$11,509)

**GOD IS PRESENT
IN YOUR ORDINARY.**

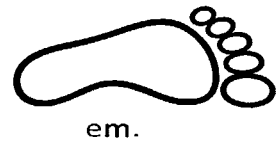
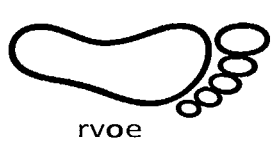
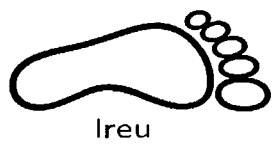
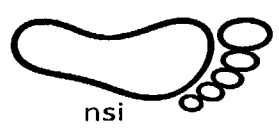
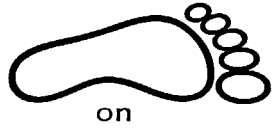
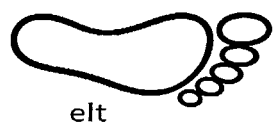
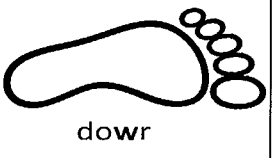
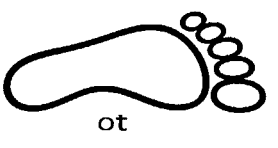
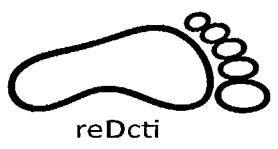




Footsteps with God

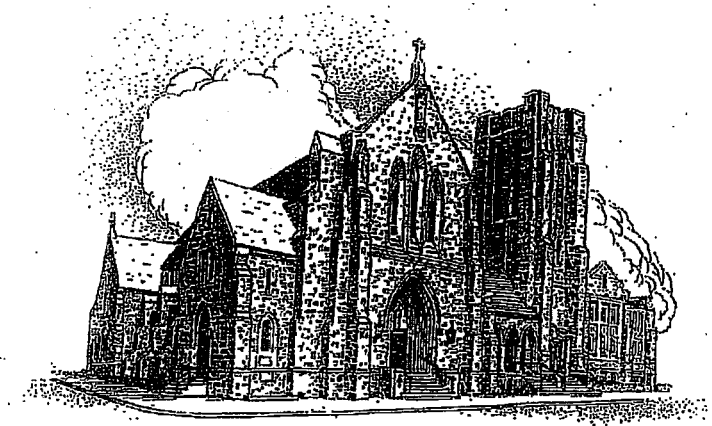
Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



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