

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity**

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**Sunday, July 21, 2024  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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*Let us prepare for Worship.*

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

*Ellecombe (O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate) ..... John Carter*

*Amazing Grace (Northern Spiritual) ..... Sandy Valerio/Alan Buechner*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The congregation stands. †All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Have mercy, O God,

**All: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.

**All: Amen.**

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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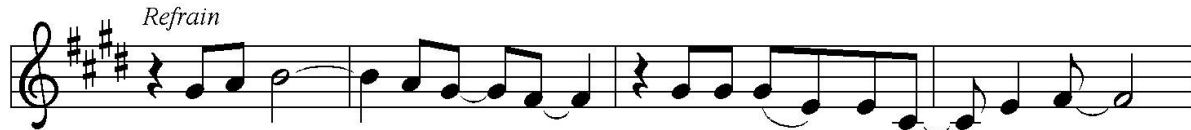
**GREETING**

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

**All:** And also with you.

**KYRIE:**


*Refrain*




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray...O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

**PSALM:** *The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*..... Howard Goodall  
*(Sung by Susquehanna Chorale Quartet)*

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22**

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined

together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, Praise the Gracious Power ..... ELW 651**



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.  
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
 with faith's bright songful voice!  
 Announce the gospel to the world  
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Mackenzie Elizabeth Brown)**

**PRESENTATION**

*The candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:*

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*The presiding minister addresses the parents of the child:*

P: Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized?

**R: I do and I present *Mackenzie Elizabeth Brown* for baptism.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help *Mackenzie* grow in the Christian faith and life?

**R: I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:*

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Mackenzie* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**R: I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *Mackenzie* in her new life in Christ?

**All: We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**All: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**All: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**All: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

#### **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

P: *Mackenzie*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

P: and of the Son,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

P: and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**



*The presiding minister continues:*

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

P: Sustain *Mackenzie* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P: *Mackenzie*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming  
word to all the world.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Please respond after each petition.*

P: In Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**TABLE SETTING SONG:** *Christ Our, Peace* ..... Marty Haugen  
(Sung by Susquehanna Chorale Quartet)

*Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plates at the entrance to worship or in the narthex.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A: Let us pray . . . Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

All: **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

P: ....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:

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

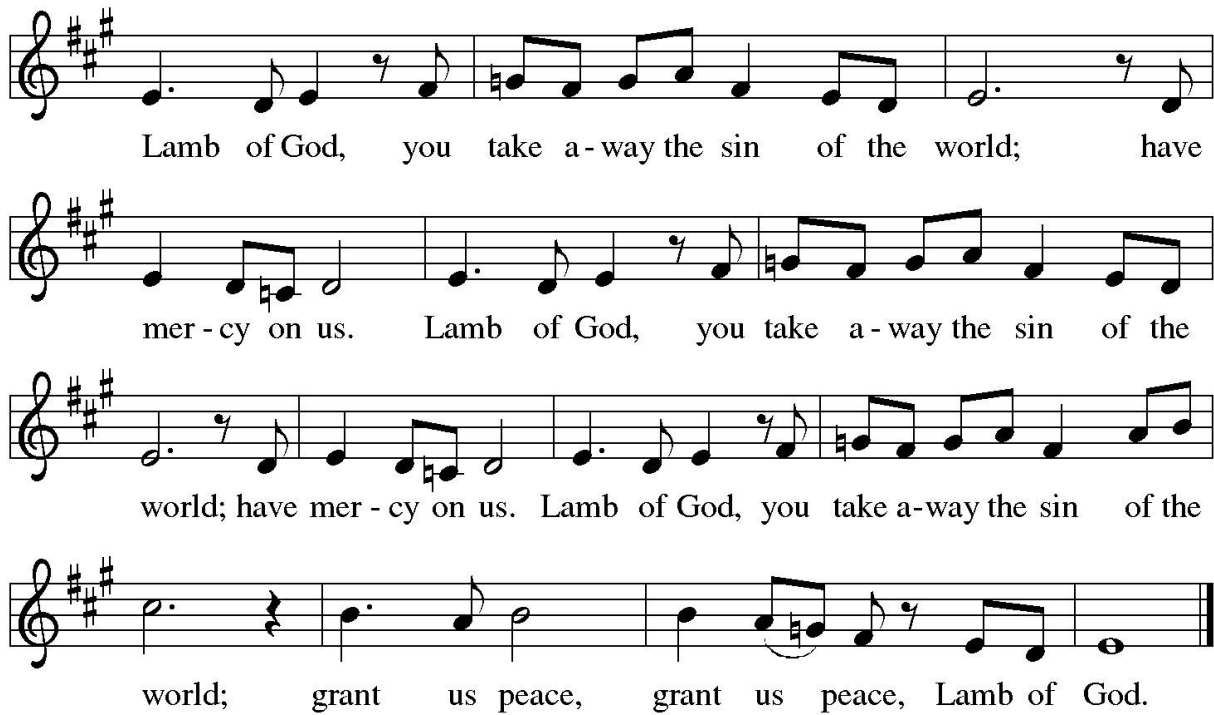
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
All: Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION SONG: *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, Lamb of God.

**COMMUNION MUSIC: *If Ye Love Me* .....Thomas Tallis  
(Sung by Susquehanna Choral Quartet.)**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P: The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
All: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray . . . Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in  $\text{†}$  Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**..... **ELW 544**



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.  
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**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*..... Dale Wood

**FLOWERS AND BULLETIN IN THE CHURCH**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and the beauty of our service by Mike and Sherry Welty.

**SERVING TODAY**

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Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You in behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name's sake. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

**Bereaved:** The Family of George Bell (husband of Beverly Bell)

**Prayer Concerns:** Roberta Anderson, Jim Bomberger (friend of Jim and Peg Huebner), Carole Bowman, Dennis Buchanan (Mary Ann Kelly's cousin), Bruce Bunting (brother of Susan Bianchi), Lou Bushman (friend of Linda Ott), Eric Chubb (brother-in-law of Susan Bianchi), Kinleigh Connelly (friend of the Eby family), Donna Dixon, Suzy Epler, Bill Fosnacht, Janice Geiling, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Bonnie Hess (friend of the Weavers), Glenn Hoffa, Ben Housman (husband of Anita Housman), Mary Huebner, Fred Isaacson (father of Heidi Eby), Luke Kauffman (relative of Pastor Brommer), Marilyn Keeler (Jonathan Keeler's mother), Nancy Miller, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Dona Pastuck, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Tom Rieger, Chris Ruff, Georgie Sibert, Pete Stone, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), and Mike Welty.

### DAILY PRAYERS

Alex Chubb, Elaine Chubb, Theo Epitropoulos, Virginia Frank, Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunhams), Jennifer Johnson (cousin of Derek Dunham), Dennis Lubold, Ed Schaeffer, Irene Turzai, Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

**Members of Armed Forces and their families:** Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Patrick Stewart, Tory Young

*We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) or leave a message on the office phone (717-533-2467) if you have any changes to the prayer list.*

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### *You are Welcome Here!*

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God's love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ's teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.*



**Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.**

**All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. Please ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free option. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by his gracious love.* Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

**Holy Communion distribution today:** The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If your preference is regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver trays. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant on either side with regular wine. There will also be one assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

**Consecrated Communion Elements are available for “Live Stream” worship at home.** Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

**Summer Office Hours** The office will be open this week, Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and closed on Friday (the staff will no longer be working remotely on Fridays). To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net); Holy Trinity website: [htluth.org](http://htluth.org). **In case of emergency** please call the church office and follow the prompts for emergency contact information.

**Welcome members of the Susquehanna Chorale today!** Shana Casey (soprano), Anna Goss (alto), Alan Hair (tenor), and Bobby Titus (bass) share their talent of music with Holy Trinity. The SC calls Holy Trinity "home" for rehearsals and meetings and is grateful for Holy Trinity's hospitality! Hear the entire Chorale in Mount Gretna on August 18, 7 p.m., in the Tabernacle, as part of the Mount Gretna Bible Festival. Freewill offering.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism-** Being received into the Child/God relationship this morning is Mackenzie Elizabeth Brown. Mackenzie is the daughter of Ryan and Erika (Krueger) Brown and granddaughter of Mary Krueger. Her sponsors are Jesse Hynes and Katharine Mauro. Please welcome this new member of the Holy Trinity family.

**Love INC Sneaker Drive & Distribution-** Sneaker collection for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lace Up with Love INC Sneaker Drive will run through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Donate new, name-brand athletic sneakers to area students in need. Donations will be accepted at Holy Trinity and the Love INC office, 245 E. Derry Road, Hershey. Distribution of sneakers to qualifying school-aged students in Derry Township and Lower Dauphin school districts will be August 1-3, by appointment only. Call (717)835-0101 to register or volunteer. A collection bin has been placed in the main vestibule. A list of requested sizes is available on the bulletin board above the collection bin.

**Our Kids can be Menders of the Universe!** But, you think, they're just kids! How can they be menders of the whole universe? At Operation Restoration, they will practice being universe menders, because that's exactly how God made all of us. Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest- essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their mending powers at Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School! All kids who have completed grades in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing and work to be menders of God's creation. **Join us TOMORROW, Monday, July 22 thru Friday, 26, 2024 at 5:00pm for dinner and at 5:30pm-7:30pm for bible school.** To sign up visit our website at <https://htluth.org>, email us at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) or call us at 717-533-2467. See you at Operation Restoration VBS!

**It's Time to Make School Kits!** In August we will be collecting for school kits. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children, and in some cases, adults, continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Holy Trinity will supply the backpacks and we need your help to provide the supplies to go inside. Several stores in the area will have school supplies on sale soon or you can order supplies online. Please bring your items to the **collection site in the Narthex (coming on July 28th)** or put the following items into a plastic bag and drop them off in the bin on the back porch of the office. You can also support the project by making a monetary donation. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and write "school kits" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the office, put in the offering or put through the mail slot by the front door of the office. Thank you for your generosity!

***Items needed for each School Kit:***

- ☒ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ☒ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☒ One pencil sharpener
- ☒ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☒ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☒ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☒ One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is preferred because they don't melt as easily)
- ☒ One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long

**Altar flowers** are a beautiful way to support our weekly worship service. We currently are seeking sponsors for several dates this fall. Please contact the church office for more information if you'd like to sponsor the altar flowers on September 8<sup>th</sup> or September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Please send articles and announcements for the Newsletter to Anita Housman, our Communications/IT Specialist.** Please send articles to her at [aahousman2@gmail.com](mailto:aahousman2@gmail.com). She is always gathering announcements and articles for the monthly newsletter. Just a reminder – submit articles for the newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Readers, Greeters and Flower Deliverers for July and August** are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.