



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

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**Sunday, June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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.

GATHERING

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

Let us prepare for Worship.

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Sonne der Gerechtigkeit (Rise, O Sun of Righteousness) Werner Grams
One Bread, One Body (Sanctuary Choir) John B. Foley/Jack Schrader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The congregation stands.

All may make the sign of the cross †, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,
 we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
 waters that make a people your own,
 that restore to wholeness,
 and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
 Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
 waters that strengthen believers
 and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
 waters that extend your boundless love
 and cross barriers of our own making.
 Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
 waters that open the hearts of believers
 and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
 waters that set your people on a new path,
 rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
 Baptized into you, O Living One,

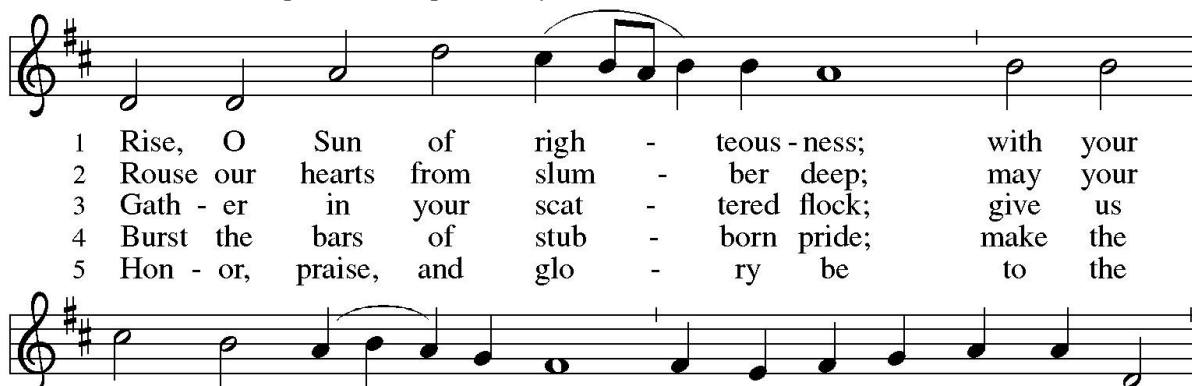
All: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
 that our every day is shaped by these waters
 that give us our very lives in you.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness..... ELW 657

Follow the cross as the procession passes by.



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

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Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

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.

(Continued)

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

P: Let us pray... 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.

All: Amen.

The congregation sits.

WORD

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

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 Jews ²¹ 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.

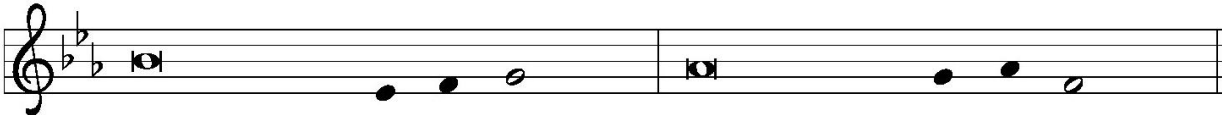
²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the 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.

PSALM 97 (*Congregation sings the refrain and **bold** verses.*)

Refrain:



Verse:



¹ The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.

³ Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light | up the world;**
the earth | sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,**

and all the peoples | see your glory. R

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,**

because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the | LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns | for the righteous,

and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,**

and give thanks to God's | 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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

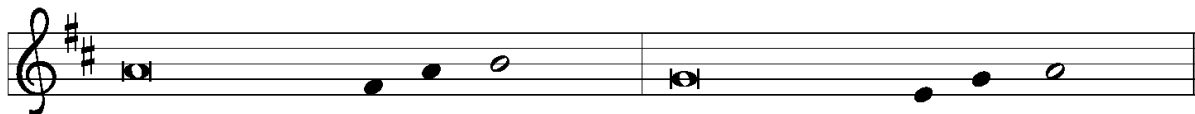
Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia*

Refrain:



Verse:



I will not leave you orphaned, [†]says the Lord.* I am com- [†]ing to you.
Repeat Refrain. (John 14:18)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

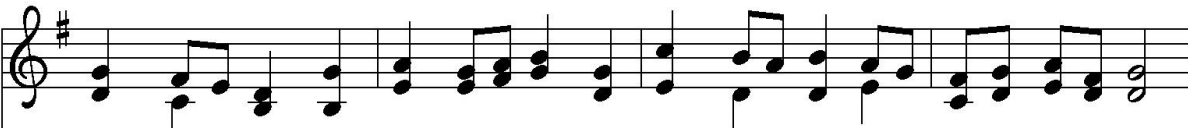
The congregation sits.

SERMON


Silence for reflection.

The congregation stands.


HYMN OF THE DAY: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* ELW 655




1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The congregation sits.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF 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.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plate at the entrance to worship or in the Offering Box on the table with the bulletins.

TABLE SETTING SONG: *Eat This Bread/Jesus Christ, Bread of Life* **ELW 472**
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew...both verses.)

The congregation stands.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Let us pray . . . 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.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

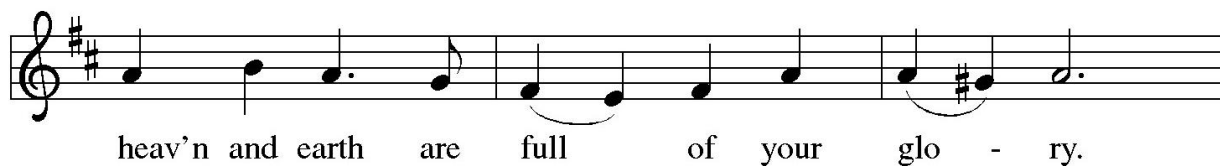
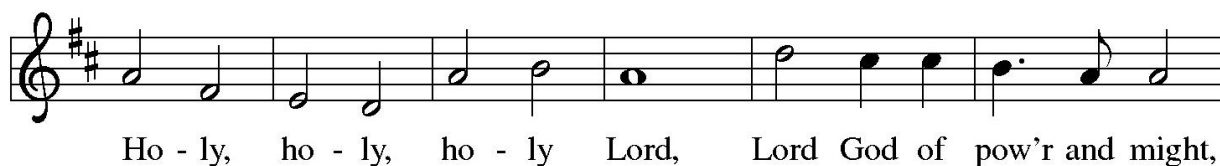
All: We lift them to the Lord.

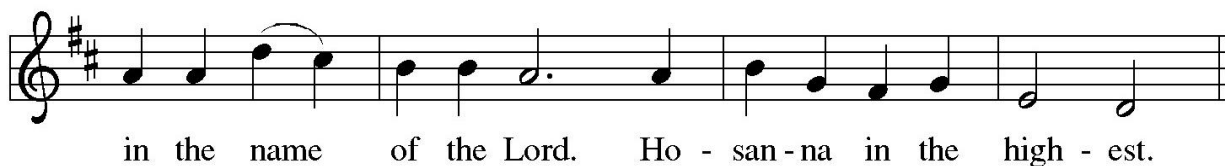
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:





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.

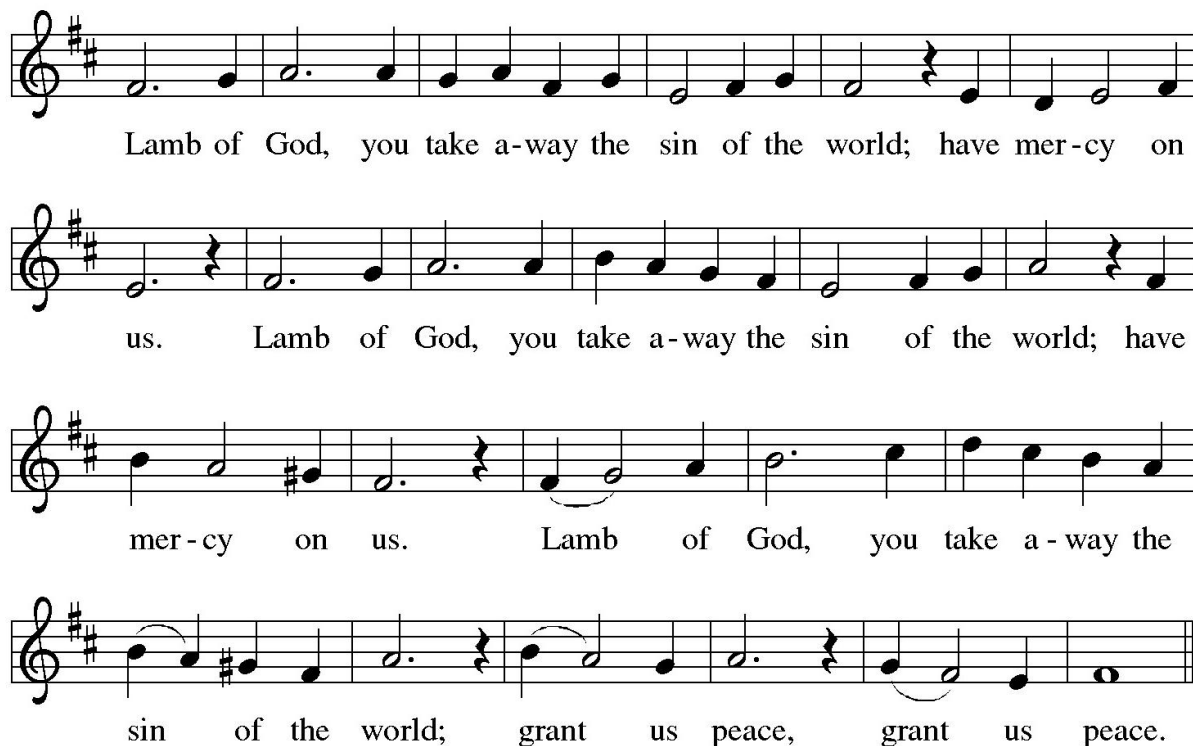
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation sits.

LAMB OF GOD:



COMMUNION MUSIC:

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness **ELW 488**

(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew)

The congregation stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . 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.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Christ is the King!* **ELW 662**

Follow the cross as the procession passes by.



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Christ Is the King!* Frederick Frahm

IN THE CHURCH TODAY

The bulletin is given in celebration of Stephanie Gross' birthday this week by her family. The altar flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Ralph and Dorothy McNaughton and sister, Marie Halladay by Harold, Joyce and Carol.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister: Rev. Larry Hummer

Assisting Minister: Donna Artley

Reader: Izanne Haak-Leonard

Communion Assistants: Deb Brooks and Mark Mariano

Crucifer: Anderson Rossetti

Torchbearers: Kiva Fox and Sydney Keeler

Livestream: Kirk Sponaugle

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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 on 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 Terry Longenecker

Prayer Concerns: Rasheed Banks (family member of Pastor Mills) Susan Bianchi, Jack Bishop, Lucy Campbell (daughter of Jacob and Sarah Campbell), Barbie (Hocker) Colestock (friend of Kendra Ruhl), Donna Dixon, Bill Fosnacht, Abigail Gansor (Great granddaughter of Barb Trump), Carol Longenecker, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Wanda Oliver (friend of the Lechleitner's), Julia Padgett, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Chris Ruff, Joyce Schroeder, Nicolle Zambrana (daughter of Marilyn Layman), and Ed Zaenglein.

DAILY PRAYERS

Virginia Frank, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunham's), Dennis Lubold, Nancy Miller, Ed Schaeffer, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), 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, Tory Young

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 God's 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 to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

Office Hours The office will be open this week Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: htluth@comcast.net; Holy Trinity website: htluth.org. **In case of emergency** please call the church office and follow the prompts for emergency contact information.

Welcome Pastor Hummer! Please welcome Pastor Larry Hummer as he presides over worship with us today. Thank you, Pastor Hummer for leading us and sharing your wisdom.

Thank You! Lucy & Jordan Paul (French Horn) and Adam Gardner & Nathan Paul (Trombone) for supporting and enhancing our worship music this morning!

Blood Pressure screenings will be offered today! Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of every month in the front of the sanctuary after the worship service. Screenings will be available today, Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Thanks to all those who have completed the Call Committee Survey. Your feedback is important and will allow us to create the Ministry Site Profile for Holy Trinity. If life got in the way or you are still prayerfully considering your answers, please complete the survey as soon as possible. We've decided to extend the deadline for a couple more weeks but, after which, we will need to start working on the data and the survey will be closed. So please act now. A link to the survey can be found on the church website and you may have rec'd an email with a link to the survey. If you have any questions or need help, please see a Call Committee member.

Update-Interim Pastor & Supply Pastors-

June 8th -Pastor Beth Martini, Assistant to the Synod Bishop, will join us to lead worship on Pentecost and “Affirmation of Baptism” (Confirmation) for five of our youth.

June 15th -Pastor Pamela Carnes will lead worship

Birthday Blessings! Dennis Schwenk will celebrate a 90+ birthday on June 8th. Cards can be sent to Dennis in care of Traditions of Hershey, 100 North Larkspur Drive, Apt 321, Palmyra, PA 17078. Happy birthday, Dennis!

Many thanks for your generous donations! We continuously express our thanks to all for your faithfulness and generosity in giving which allows us to continue to operate valuable ministries and pay for the ongoing bills at Holy Trinity. The Simply Giving program offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account or charges to a credit card; donated through our website (htluth.org) by clicking on the ‘Give Now’ button; donated by downloading the Mobile App “GivePlus Church” (be sure to select Ev. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity) or by taking a picture of the QR code.



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

Readers, Greeters and Flower Deliverers for June and July are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers need to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025



Place: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hershey

Dates: July 21-25, 2025

All kids who have completed grades PreK – 4 are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to be menders of God's creation. 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 mending powers at Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School! You'll be able to register online or on paper starting in June. Please see Colleen Nielsen for more info!

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.