# THE HOLY TRINITY

June 15, 2025

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Invocation



# **AS WE GATHER**

The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith's assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works—creating; the Son works—redeeming; and the Spirit works—sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works—all the time—with us, for us, and alongside us!

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



#### **№ PREPARATION №**



# INVOCATION(stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who endlessly creates and re-creates all

living things;

People: Glory to God the Father.

Pastor: and of the Son, who forever redeems, restores, and forgives;

People: Glory to God the Son.

Pastor: and of the Spirit, who continually sanctifies and calls us by name.

People: Glory to God the Spirit.

**OPENING SENTENCES** based on Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Pastor: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the

very work of creation.

People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.

Pastor: Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the

incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's

story.

People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.

Pastor: Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things

created and redeemed.

People: Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**Acts 2:38–39

Pastor: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Pastor: By God's work of mercy, we are granted forgiveness. By Christ's work

of suffering, crucifixion, and death, we are granted eternal life. By the work of the Spirit, we are continually sanctified in the glory of God's holy triune name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by the work of the Holy Trinity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit.

# **₩ WORD ₩**

**KYRIE** "Kyrie! God, Father" *LSB* 942

Spoken responsively as indicated below.

Pastor: Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,

People: You abound in gracious love,

Pastor: Of all things the maker and preserver.

People: Eleison! Eleison!

Pastor: Kyrie! O Christ, our king,

People: Salvation for all You came to bring.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

**People:** Our mediator at the heav'nly throne: Pastor: Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

People: Eleison! Eleison!

Pastor: Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,

People: Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,

Pastor: And bless our life's last hour,

People: That we leave this sinful world with gladness.

Eleison! Eleison!



## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

God of all wisdom, temporal and eternal, keep us attentive to all things rich and congruent in the fear and love of Christ. By Your Holy Word, enable us to grasp the wisdom of salvation, mercy, and resurrection. Grant that the wisdom of the Spirit immerse us in the memory of our Baptism where You have eternally claimed us as Your very own, in the name of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING(sit)** Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

4"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

<sup>22</sup>"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# **SECOND READING** Acts 2:14a, 22–36

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

35until I make your enemies your footstool."

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE(stand) Isaiah 6:3b

Pastor: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; **People:** the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:48–59

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

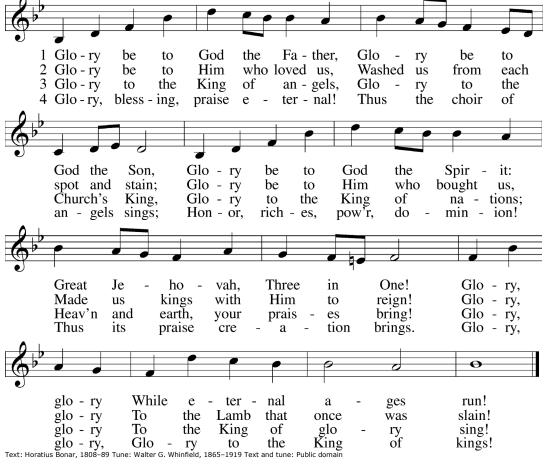
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.





SERMON John 8:48–59

# ATHANASIAN CREED(stand)

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt

perish eternally.

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither

confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is

another.

People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit

uncreated:

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy

Spirit almighty;

People: and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each

distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the

catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Pastor: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father

alone.

People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor

created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater

or less than another;

Pastor: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and

coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in

Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about

the Trinity.

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully

believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our

Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God

and man.

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and

human flesh;

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father

with respect to His humanity.

People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by

the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of

person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one

Christ,

People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again

the third day from the dead,

Pastor: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the

dead.

People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give

an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those

who have done evil into eternal fire.

People: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully

and firmly cannot be saved.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Blessed Father, from You comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to Your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know You by faith and to be adopted as Your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, Your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and Your grace still preserves all that You have made. You did not abandon Your people, but have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, You have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Give to parent and child the courage to love as You have loved us. Unite them in their common life by Your Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan and defend the helpless. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, you give all authority to Your Son, Jesus Christ, yet You call us to honor our worldly rulers. Give wisdom to Your people to render rulers their due, always under Christ, by whom all kings reign. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, grant healing and patience in every affliction to the ailing, the dying and those in need *especially Vicki, Carol, Jim, Teresa, Jack, Ron, Vivian, Michele, and Nita*. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, You give us Your Son's body and blood, that we may taste and see that You are good. Grant that we may use Your gifts faithfully and frequently draw near to Your table in true repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, reform and renew us by Your Word and Spirit. Where we lack love, build us up in Christ, and where we are distracted, give us a single focus upon our Lord Jesus, that at last we may be found faithful, be reunited with those who have gone before us to Your nearer presence, and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

# **▼ SACRAMENT**

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

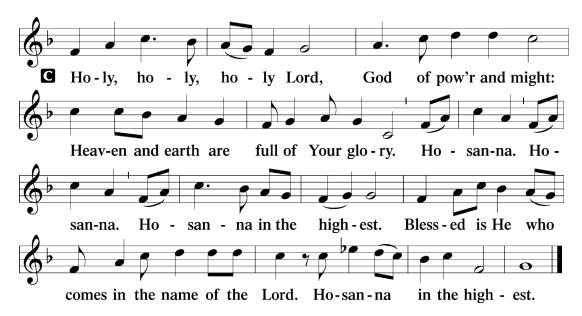
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Blessed are You, O Holy Trinity, the Lord of all things created, redeemed, and sanctified in this temporal and eternal life. We give You thanks that by faith we can believe, receive, and boldly confess the inseparable, unique, and cohesive work of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So also, this day, by faith we eat and drink bread and wine, that is the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ, who is our source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ♣ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My № blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the

Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body

and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your

kingdom and teach us to pray:

# LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

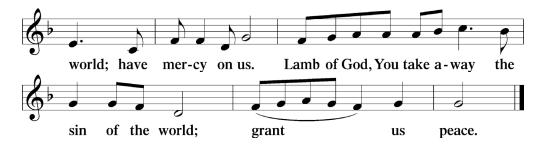
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



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# **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS(sit)**

### 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

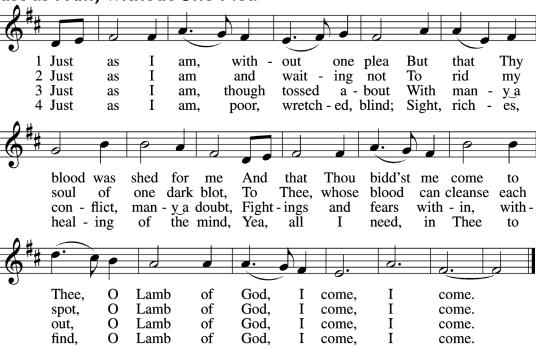


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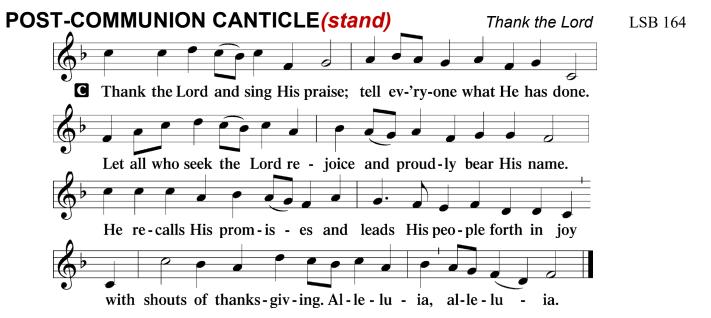
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#### 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Trinity, by faith we acknowledge Your unending, seamless, and inseparable work in our lives through Word and Sacrament. Father, we thank You for Your relentless commitment to re-create our weary souls; Jesus, we thank You for suffering, dying, and rising, so that we too may rise; Holy Spirit, we thank You for calling us by name at our Baptism, making us the holy, forgiven people of God.

People: All praise be to the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

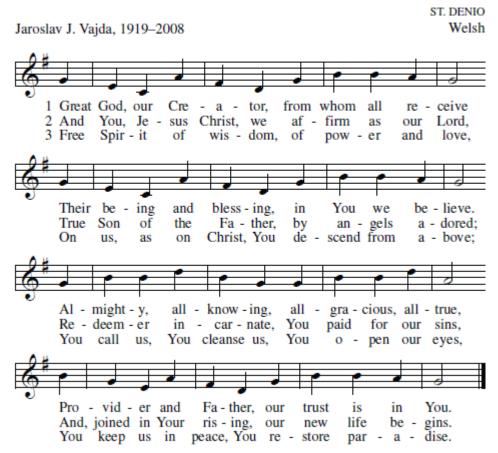
**BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

People: Amen.

# Great God, Our Creator



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# IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues: Vicki Ackerman, Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Jim Clark, Teresa Groth, Jack Humphrey, Ron Moyer, Vivian Oestmann, Michele Tanderup, Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses: Amber Albrecht (Romelle Humphrey's great niece), Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling, Glen Hogue, Lynn LaBalle, Melissa Pierpoint, and Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother)
- For all inactive members of Trinity: that they will feel God's love and his call to worship, and return to church.

# **THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Birthdays: 6/15: Wendy Oltrogge; 6/18: Ava Crotty

**Baptisms:** 6/15: Tim Becker; 6/17: Amelia Anglesey, Michael Curry; 6/20: Ray Price **Anniversaries:** 6/15: Kurt and Gina Stutheit; 6/16: Richard and Michael Tanderup;

6/20: John and Vicki Ackerman

6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School	<b>7:00 PM</b> Directors Meeting	<b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study & Prayer			Pastor out of town at District Convention	9:00 AM Trustees tentative as needed  Pastor out of town at District Convention	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School

#### Scripture reading for next week:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Acts 3:11-26; Matthew 28:16-20

#### Weekday Bible Study:

Lessons for discussion 6/17: Mt. 14:1-Mt. 25:46

Lessons for discussion 6/24: class will not meet, due to VBS

Organist ..... Sandy Wilson Pianist.... Vicki Ackerman

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See the VBS Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall! The 2025
Theme is "Army Bootcamp/Armor of God." We are seeking troops to accomplish the mission of spreading the Word of Christ. There are assignments for warriors of every age, strength and ability! Questions, please contact Todd Flick or a member of the Board of Education. <u>VBS needs to borrow tennis-style rackets! If you can loan one (or even 2!)</u>, please contact Todd Flick!

Due to ongoing interest in submitting pictures, the Youth Group's cute baby picture fundraiser has been extended!!! We will vote until 06JUL25 and then announce the winner/s on 13JUL25. Were you, or did you know, a cute baby? Would you like to share God's blessing of cuteness with the congregation AND/OR would you like a lovely gift basket? Boy, do the Trinity Youth have a deal for you! See light blue flyers posted around the church for a Cute Baby Picture Contest fundraiser! Pictures can be of any baby that you know/knew (does not have to be you - could be a kid, grandkid, etc.). Bring pictures (no sentimental originals, please) to a Youth, or leave them on the table where the jars are (under the congregation pictures). Voting will take place via donations put in the jars, so bring your pictures ASAP to have the best chance of coming away with the gift basket/s!

Even if you don't submit a picture, please stop by to vote! (All donations/votes will go toward the Trinity Youth Group's 2028 trip to the National Youth Gathering.)



**Meals on Wheels during July!** July is Trinity's month to deliver Meals on Wheels in Auburn. A sign-up sheet will be available during June. Sign up for a day, a week, whatever. Questions? Contact Merri Johnson, 402-274-7011.