

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 26, 2024 Holy Trinity

Service of Word and Prayer

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

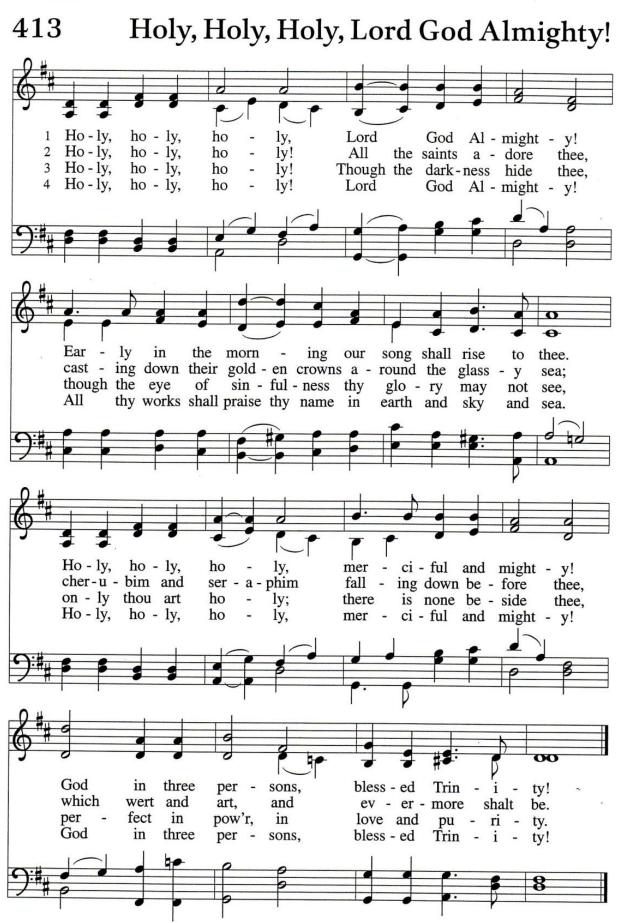
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, I the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

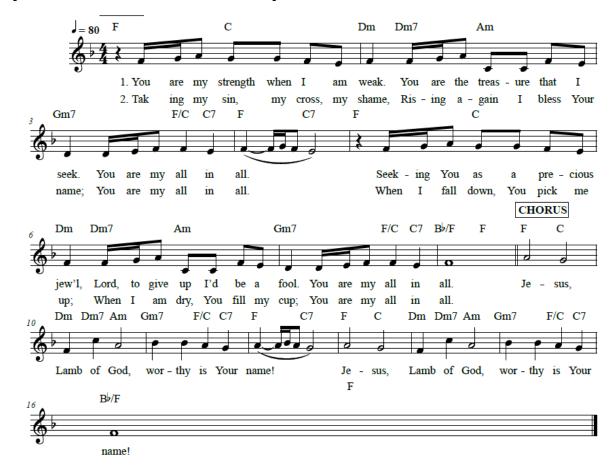
One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Hymn of the Month: You Are My All in All

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their faces, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

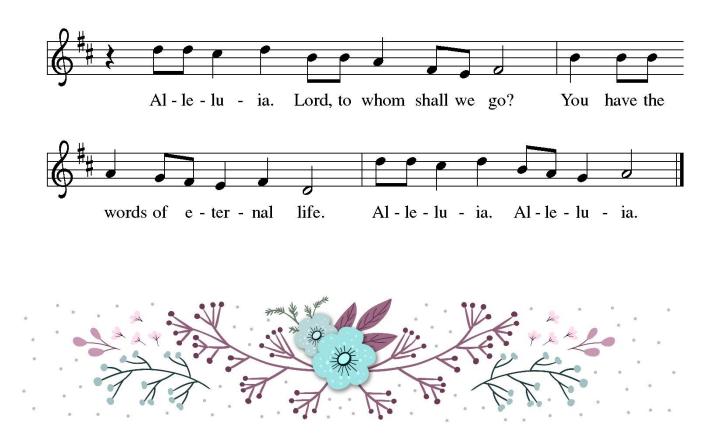
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

No. 412

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)



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Prayer:

The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 was 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 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.

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,

trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (*especially*). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Sending

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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: How Majestic is Your Name

No. 66





Dismissal.

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor: Lectors: Usher:	Pastor Jen Herrmann Russ Stephens Sally Warner & Roy Patterson Emma Killingsworth	
Acolyte: At 10:30		
Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann	

Lectors:	Jim Bertsch
Usher:	Gary Lieb & Ken Schenk
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson
May Altar Care:	Pat Wiedenheft & Carrie Killingsworth

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, tornadoes, and flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide; FAITH members, including, Mary Ann Neidler; the students, faculties, and staff of the colleges, universities, and seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the participants in the Narcotics Anonymous groups that meet at Trinity.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Gary & Bonnie Lieb in gratitude for their children and grandchildren.

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 am & 10:30 am Celebrate Memorial Day around the flagpole at 9:15 am Place flags at Venice Cemetary	
MONDAY	Memorial Day	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	P. Jen to Synod Assembly "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service Celebrate our Graduates.	8:00 am & 10:30 am

ATTENDANCE

May 19 = 55 + 62 = 117

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

General Fund – \$3,579.00 Building Improvements – \$300.00

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW if you have discontinued your home phone or have a new address or phone number.

THE YOUNG AT HEART are scheduled for a "cruise" on The Mystic Belle in Vermilion, Ohio on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 pm. They will meet at the church at 1:00 pm on that day and carpool to Vermilion. The cruise is limited to 22 people. The cost is \$15 per person.

USHER NEEDED for second service in June and October to cover these months that Sonny would have served. Please let Mark Wiedenheft, Nancy Vollmer, or the church office know if you can do this.

JUST A REMINDER that the offering plate is not passed during the service. You can find the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary as you come in from the hall on the table or at the back of the church on the table. Thank you for your donations.

REMINDER that there is a phone in the First Aid room if needed for emergencies and the church address is posted there along with being on the front of your bulletin each week. There is also an AED in the cabinet along with other various first aid items.





THE YOUNG AT HEART are collecting donations for Cancer Bags for the Cancer Services in Sandusky. Below is a list of items being collected for the bags. We will be collecting through June and July. Bags will be assembled in early August. Items may be placed in the baskets in the upstairs hall. Monetary donations to the Young At Heart will be used to purchase needed items. Thank you very much.

Chapstick Water Bottles Individually Wrapped Hard Candies/Lemon Drops Hand Sanitizer Tissues Individually Wrapped Chocolates Gum Hats **Unscented Hand Lotion** Comfy Socks Face Masks Adult Coloring Books Small Devotions **Puzzle Books** Notebook and Pen/Journal and Pen Pencils, Crayons, Markers Fleece Blanket (used during treatment)



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION!

We will be celebrating Memorial Day in 2 different ways at Trinity. First, we will hold a short service outside around the flagpole at 9:15 am today. Then when this is finished, we will head over to the Venice Cemetery to place flags at gravesites of all those who served our country. There will be 57 flags to place, so the more

help we have, the faster we will get done. Please consider coming over and helping with this community and church project to honor all who served, died, and now rest in Peace.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!

Margaretta Township and the surrounding community is once again participating in Wreaths Across America this year where we'll place a remembrance wreath on every veteran's grave in our four township cemeteries. Our goal is to honor, remember, and teach others about the sacrifice that our 980+ veterans and their families have made so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms we have today.



Last year, our community ranked #17 in Ohio with over 200 groups participating and #288 nationally with over 2300 groups participating. The ranking was based on the number of wreaths sponsored. Margaretta Township proudly placed a wreath on every veteran's grave last year at Castalia, Graves, Sand Hill, and Venice. We even had a few extra that were donated to the Ohio Veterans' Cemetery on Columbus Ave in Sandusky.

This great success never would have happened without the support of folks like you. A \$17.00 donation will sponsor a wreath again this year and you may do it specifically for a veteran of your choosing or a general donation of any amount.

Starting on Sunday, May 26^{th,} the Memorial Day weekend, we will have the paper wreaths for you to fill out again this year by the tree outside the office in the educational wing. Please follow the instructions on the wall for filling out your wreath. We will do this during the month of June and end on the Fourth of July. We have chosen to do this earlier this year to stay away from the busy time of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Once again, Thank You for your past support and Thank You again this year for your continued support!



OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 203 S. WASHINGTON ST. CASTALIA, OH 44824

MENU: BBQ PORK SANDWICH, POTATO SALAD, FRESH VEGETABLES & ICE CREAM



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH 5:00 - 6:00 PM (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT) FREE DRIVE-THRU PICKUP IN BACK OF CHURCH

PSALM 107:9 "FOR HE SATISFIES THE THIRSTY AND FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS."

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70th Strawberry Festival





5 –7 pm



Join us at St. Stephen UCC 905 E. Perkins Ave. Sandusky OH





Sandwiches: Shredded Chicken, Sloppy Joe, Hot Dog/Chili Dog includes a drink and chips Strawberries, shortcake and ice cream

Eat in or carry-out











