

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 22th, 2025 Second Sunday After Pentecost Service of Word and Prayer

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God.

you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

No. 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

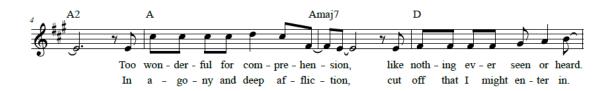
Hymn of the Month: I Stand in Awe of You No. 888



I Stand In Awe

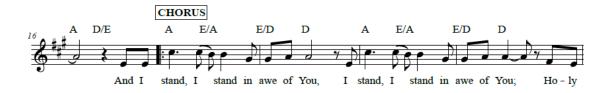
Words and Music by Mark Altrogge



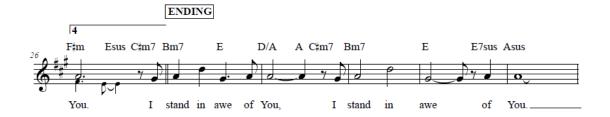












Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, savs the LORD: because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

- ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- ²² I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.
- ²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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Gospel Acclamation



8 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

The gospel according to Luke, Glory to you O God.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

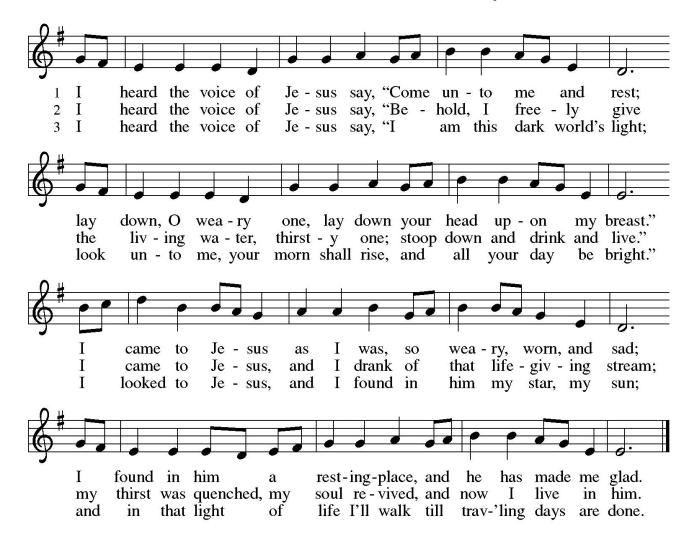
Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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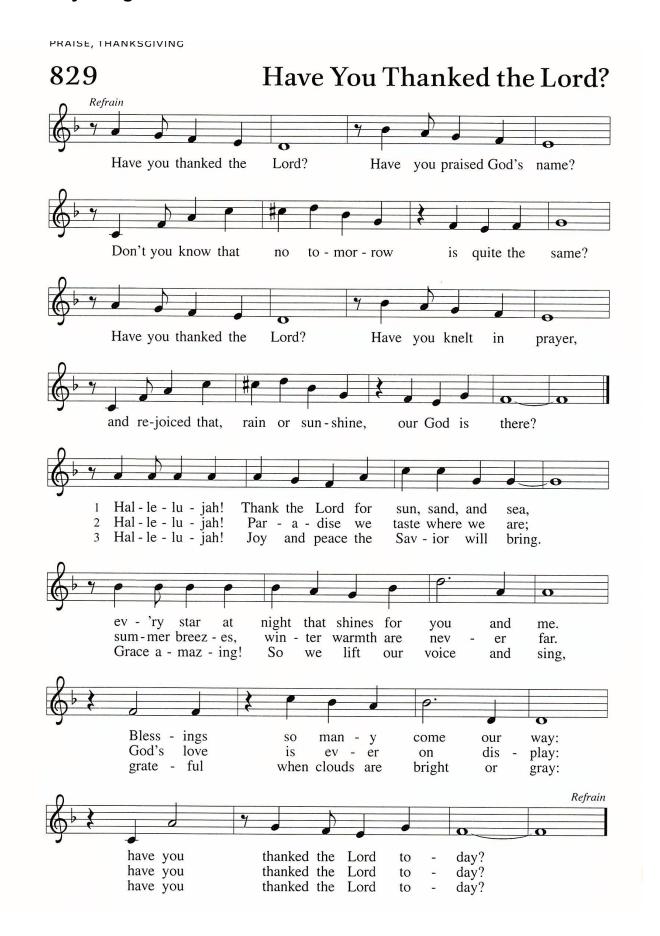
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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)



Prayer: The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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

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.

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

♣ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

WASH AWAY
all my iniquity and
CLEANSE ME
from my sin.
PSALM 51:2, NIV

Closing Hymn: Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

No. 445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir-it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann Lectors: Carrie Wiedenheft

Usher: Cindy Norman & Kent Miller

Acolyte: Tyler Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann Lectors: Natalie Thompson

Usher: David Wobser & Bob Troike

Acolyte:

June Altar Care: Cathy Wobser

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by conflict in Iran and political strife in the United States; FAITH members, including Mary Ann Niedler;

The students, faculties, and the staff of colleges, universities, and seminaries of the Evang. Lutheran Church of America; The ministry of Habitat for Humanity in providing housing for low-income working families in our area.

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 Linda Gantz in honor of her son Michael's birthday on June 18th.

ATTENDANCE

June 15th: 44+56=100

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

General Fund: \$3,166.43

Building Improvements: \$200.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 am & 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 7:00 pm

SATURDAY "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 11:00 am

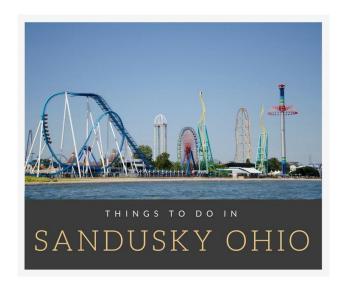
SUNDAY Communion Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia is hosting a free community dinner on **Wednesday**, **July 9**th from 5-6pm. The menu is turkey sandwich, cheesy potatoes, green beans, and strawberry shortcake. Delivery available for shut-ins; call 419-357-3672 for service.



Thank you **Amanda Reardon** for her beautiful piano accompaniment this morning!





The Young at Heart ministry is on summer vacation from planned events. There are, however, many other area events that you may enjoy. Please refer to the **upcoming**July newsletter for additional information. Have a great summer and see you in the fall!

Who doesn't love Texas Roadhouse's famous dinner rolls and honey butter? Stop by the upper gathering room to support the ELCA Youth Gathering by purchasing a bag of **Texas Roadhouse**

peanuts for \$5.00. Each bag also contains a coupon for a free blooming onion or fried pickle appetizer.

Trinity is sponsoring a "Diaper and Wipes" collection for The Campbell Christian Community Center. We wish to help those in our community who may need assistance. Collection dates are **Sunday**, **July 6th & Sunday**, **July 13th**.

The Mission Service Committee would like to start collecting Lutheran World Relief Kits due to possible supply interruptions. Kits consist of the following items:

Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 40") 3 soap bars
Fingernail clippers
Large toothbrush (in package)
Large sturdy comb

The collection goes through **Aug 31st**. Also, your help is needed to assemble kits on September 7th. Last year's goal of 100 was met!