



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 13th, 2025
Fifth 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: God is here!

No. 452

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Month: Make a Joyful Noise

No. R284



Make a Joyful Noise

Refrain

Make a joy - ful noise all the earth!

Wor - ship your God with glad - ness.

Make a joy - ful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

1 Know that your God has made you.
 2 En - ter these gates, thanks giv - ing.
 3 A - ges through end - less a - ges,

Know it's to God we be - long. And
 En - ter these courts with praise. Sing
 sea - sons of end - less years, the

come to this place with joy - ful - ness and praise.
 thanks to your God and bless the ho - ly name.
 love of our mak - er ev - er shall en - dure.

Wor - ship your God with a song!

Word

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’
¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’
¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**
⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good-ness, O LORD.
⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you
have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have
heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to
you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been
bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly
comprehended the grace of God.

⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke,
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he

saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Children's Message

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you

Sermon

Chris Sommers

Hymn of the Day: Spirit, Open My Heart

No. 1043

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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)

Offertory Song: Let All Things Now Living

No. 881

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church
and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love.
Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they
seek to learn your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers
and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands
that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to
govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable,
especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our
prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially*). Provide
protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on
summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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.

Closing Hymn: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

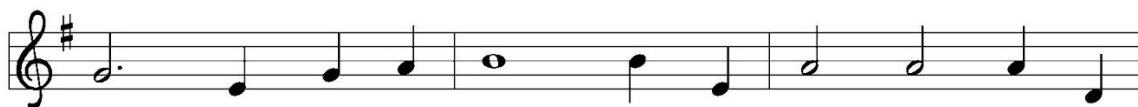
No. 696



Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing, all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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:	Russ Stephens
Usher:	Greg Norman & Rich Miller
Acolyte:	Emma Killingsworth

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Denny Sessler

July Altar Care:	Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty
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PRAYER CONCERNS

To families and first responders affected by the flood disaster in Texas & New Mexico; FAITH members, including, Patsy Troike; the people of Zion, Huron and their interim pastor Kathleen Suggitt; the teachers, administrators, and staff of the schools of the greater Sandusky area.

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

OFFERING PLATES are in both entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to put your offering as you came in, an usher or pastor can help you find the plates after service.

ATTENDANCE: July 6th

53 + 24 = 77

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS: General Fund -- \$3,550.00
Building Improvements -- \$50.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only	9:00 am
	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council meeting	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am



A **special thank you** to Chris Sommers for preaching today. Chris Sommers has served as Executive Director of The Center since December 2020. He holds a Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership and Community Development and is passionate about creating safe spaces where youth and families can thrive.



The Center is a faith-based nonprofit located in Sandusky, Ohio, committed to encouraging, empowering, and educating children and families through programs such as after school tutoring, teen outreach, Breakfast Buddies, community meals, summer activities, and family support initiatives. Learn more at thecentersandusky@gmail.com or follow on Facebook @thecentersandusky.

The following items have been collected for the Lutheran World Relief Kits:

Soap	Goal: 300	Collected: 71
Fingernail clippers	Goal: 100	Collected: 17
Towels:	Goal: 100	Collected: 51

The goal has been met for combs and toothbrushes. The collection goes through **August 31st**. Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 40"); 3 soap bars; fingernail clippers. Check Wal-mart or Dollar General for economical pricing. Also, your help is needed on September 7th to assemble kits!

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. **TODAY, Sunday, July 13th, is the last day for collection.**

