



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 5th, 2026

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

No. 888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

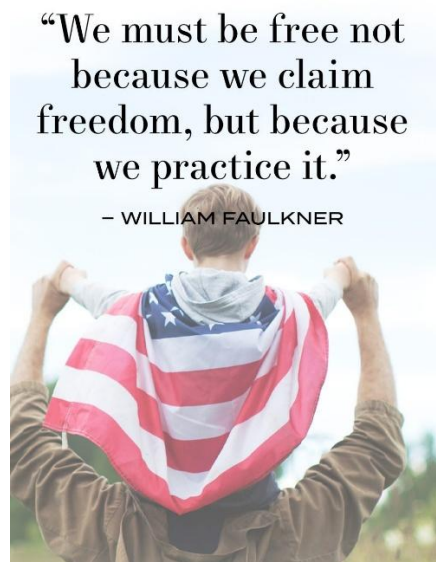
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

Let us bring every burden to God.
God of all mercy,
**we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.**
**Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.**
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
**We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**
**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of ✝ Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing

No. 841



Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Month: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

No. 1024

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain



Kwa - ke *Ye - su* *na - si - ma - ma,* *ndi - ye*
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni *sa - la - ma.* *Ndi - ye* *mwam - ba ni* *sa - la -*
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, *ndi - ye* *mwam - ba ni* *sa - la - ma.*
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

- ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**
- ¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**
- You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Light Dawns on a Weary World

No. 726



Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Apostles' Creed

**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 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory Song: God is Love (sing two or three times)

No. 1041

God Is Love

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

God is love. God is love.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'God is love. God is love; let us love one another as God first loved us. God is love. God is love.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last line.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

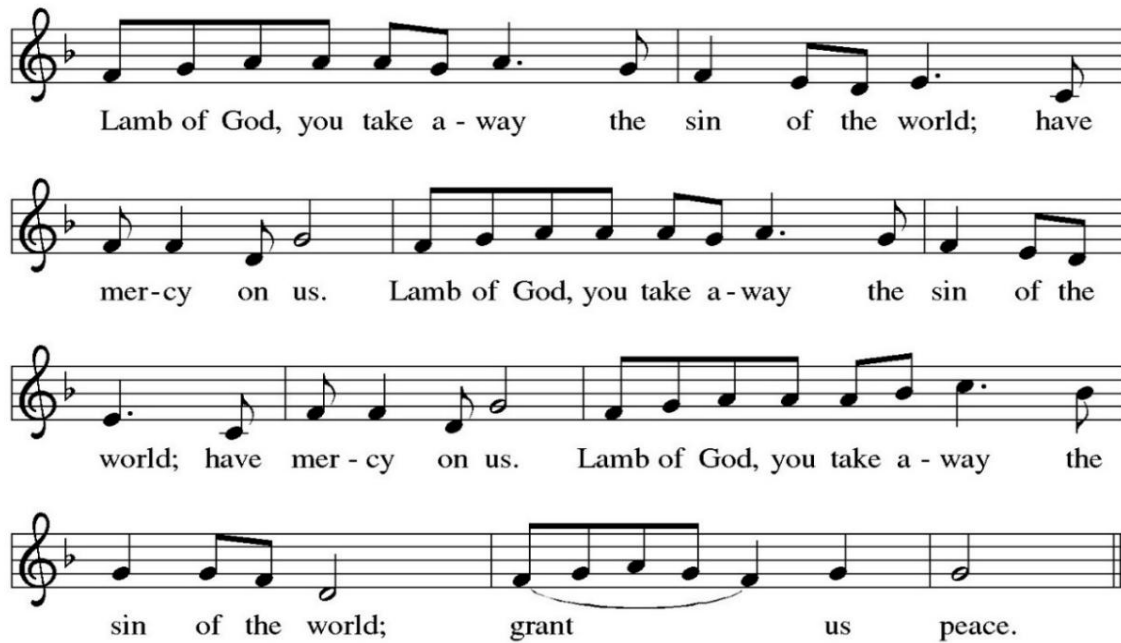
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: Loaves Were Broken

No. 966



*You were
ransomed ...
with the precious
blood of
Christ
like that of a lamb
without defect or
blemish.*

1 Peter 1:18-19, NRSV

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Author of life, the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth, ✝ one God,
bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

No. 765

Lord of All Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Dismissal.

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Greg Norman & Rich Miller
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Acolyte:	Zane Warner

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Mason Russell
Usher:	Barb Sessler & Denny Sessler
Communion Assistant:	Gayle Thompson
Acolyte:	Mason Russell

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

For victims and families of recent earthquakes in Venezuela; FAITH members, including Mary Ann Neidler; Sandusky area congregations; the staff and those served by Volunteers of America Crossroads Shelter.

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

Offering plates are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

ATTENDANCE: June 28th 50 + 27 = 77

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God from Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the 250th Independence Day of the USA.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS given to the Glory of God by Greg Norman and Cindy Norman in memory of their mother Mabel Norman, who entered her rest in Christ sixteen years ago on July 6, 2010.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

General Fund: \$3,412.00

Building Improvements: \$115.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service JAM & JAM	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15am
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer Chimes Practice	8:00 am & 10:30am

Please join us after each service for a red, white, & blue treat sponsored by Congregation Life!

TODAY is JAM & JAM! Pick up your homemade jam today after each service. Donation based; proceeds are directed towards the parking lot maintenance.



Doing God's work with our hands! On, **Sunday, July 12th**, after early service, please help us assemble sack lunches for Care and Share.

Next Sunday, July 12th, will be chime practice following the sack lunch assembly. Practice will be approximately 45 minutes. The next practice will be **Sunday, July 19th** from 9:10 – 10:10am.

Hygiene Kit Report for June

Soap: 101

Toothbrush: 31

Towels: 5

Nail Clippers: 85



This year's hygiene kit goal is 100+ kits. Soap contributions require 3 bars per kit; need 300+ soap. Any of the following donations are greatly appreciated:

1. One light weight bath sized towel, (20"X40" to 52"X 27").
2. Two or three bath sized bars of soap (8-9 oz.) individually wrapped, no minis or hotel size bars.
3. One adult sized toothbrush in original package.
4. One sturdy comb, no picks or fine toothed.

The Mission Team needs help on **September 6th at 9:15am**, to assemble kits. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness in this large mission project.