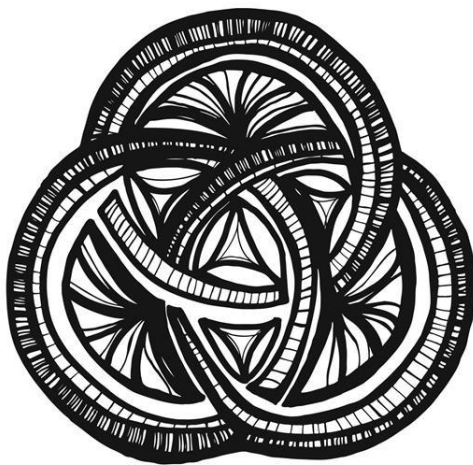




# APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE HOLY TRINITY

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Our Mission is to be a Caring Inclusive Christian Community responding to God's grace through Worship, Service, and Sharing the Gospel.



RECONCILING *in* CHRIST



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

# WELCOME TO APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH!

It is an honor to worship God with you this morning. We pray you experience the Spirit's loving presence as we share our words, our actions, and the Holy Meal.

**If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a card in the pew rack with your contact info.** A restroom can be found by exiting the rear door of the worship space. It is directly in front of you to the right. Additional restrooms can be found in the back corner of the fellowship area, near the Pastor's office.

## RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

We, the people of Apostles Lutheran Church, follow Paul's message to the Galatians (3:28): "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." Believing that because we are all one in Christ, and created in God's image, all are welcome as beloved children of God. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. **Rejoicing in God's amazing diversity, we welcome people of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, and physical and mental abilities.** Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where all are beloved.

## FOR PASTORAL CARE

The Reverend Jay Serafin is serving as our part-time interim pastor. Pastor Jay's **schedule is noted in the calendar on the back of this bulletin.** Call Pastor Jay at 570-205-7506 or email him at [j80j84@msn.com](mailto:j80j84@msn.com) (preferred) or [pastor.apostles@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.apostles@gmail.com). Messages can also be left on the Apostles answering machine 804-693-9098.

## PRAYGROUND

Welcome to our youngest members! The area in the front of our sanctuary is for families and young children. There are quiet toys, books and drawing materials. **We ask two things: 1) sit in the front pews near your children and 2) please sit with your children in the pews during the sermon.** They may return immediately after. Thank you and welcome!

## NAME TAGS

**Please wear your nametag!** Guests: please fill out and put on a name tag before worship today. Blank nametags are in the baskets located in the pews.

## GATHERING

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

### CHOIR

**Dona nobis pacem**

*Martin Luther said of music: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." Please take a moment to **silence all cell phones.***

*Please rise in body or in spirit. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

**ELW #415**

**"Father Most Holy"**



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy  
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.  
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.  
wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.  
praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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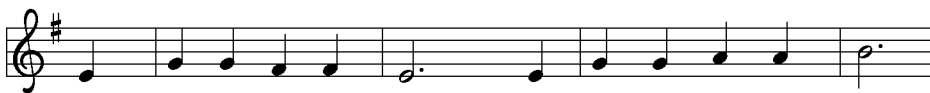
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Sit*

### **FIRST READING**

### **GENESIS 1:1-2:4A**

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from

all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Response after the First Lesson*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## PSALM 8



Psalm 8:1

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<sup>1</sup>O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of  
in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R



## SECOND READING

## 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Response after the Second Lesson*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*The gospel is announced.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 28:16-20

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*The gospel concludes:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON

**DR. PETER LILJEBERG**

*Silence is kept after the reflection.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**ELW #413**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

## NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share a sign of Peace with our neighbors saying **Peace be with you** to which we respond **And also with you.***

# THANKSGIVING

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## OFFERING

## CHOIR ANTHEM Praise To The Trinity

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. To give online:

- ✝ Visit [apostles-elca.org/contributions](http://apostles-elca.org/contributions)
- ✝ From your mobile phone, text the word GIVE to 844-215-5453

Please rise in body or in spirit

## DOXOLOGY

### ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois;  
setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Psalm 150; Is. 6:1-4; Rev. 4:8*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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 back into 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.

## SENDING HYMN

**ELW #665**

**"Rise, Shine, You People!"**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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## 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.**

## POSTLUDE

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Serving Next Week</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b> .....	Dr. Peter Liljeberg .....	Ingrid Peterson
<b>Accompanist</b> .....	Janet Gomez .....	Janet Gomez
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Ray Scholz .....	Ray Scholz
<b>Cantor</b> .....	Daniel Gomez .....	
<b>Choir Director</b> .....	Sue Turner .....	
<b>Greeter/Usher</b> .....	Jennie Hawkins .....	Heinz Albert
<b>Lay Assisting Minister</b> .....	Sue Turner .....	Sue Turner
<b>Lector</b> .....	Margaret Grimes .....	Judy Wright
<b>Technology</b> .....	Chris Hawkins .....	Doug Dalager

### SERVANTS FOR THE WEEK

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Serving Next Week</b>
<b>Cleaning Team</b> .....	Gomez/Grimes .....	Albert/Runk
<b>Tellers</b> .....	Ben Grimes/Nate Peterson .....	Barbara Runk/Ray Scholz

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6**  
*God desires steadfast love*

**Psalm 50:7-15**  
*Call upon me in the day of trouble,  
says your God*

**Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**  
*The promise to those who share Abraham's faith*

**Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**  
*Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue  
leader's daughter*



**REFLECTION:**  
**CELEBRATING OUR GOD BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING**

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshipping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Please make plans to attend a special congregation meeting after the Agape worship meal on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – the meeting will have the sole purpose of voting on calling of Pastor Jay and voting on his compensation package. Please join us and be a part of the vital meeting in the life of Apostles.

**COURTHOUSE PLAYERS THIS AFTERNOON**

Please join us for the Courthouse Players production of Moana, Jr. this afternoon at Mathews High School at 3:00 PM – tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and children – tickets can be purchased at the door – we will be going to dinner after the play which will be about an hour.

## **SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP**

### **SPRING 2023: WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

#### ***Agape Meal Worship***

On Sunday, June 25th, our Worship Ministry Team here at Apostles invites you to join us in celebrating the conclusion of our Seasons of Stewardship effort as we gather for an Agape Meal worship service. The earliest church, after Pentecost, gathered to worship and share in a meal together each week, and on June 25 we will try to create a similar type of atmosphere as we meet in the Fellowship Hall, gather around tables and share a meal and worship. You are encouraged to bring a dish to share (brunch theme) and join us for this communion worship service and meal. It will be different, and a new experience for all of us. All are welcome and we hope that you will be a part of this experience as we connect with our ancient roots, celebrate our worship ministry here at Apostles, worship God who blesses us abundantly and commune in fellowship with each other. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jay or any member of the Worship Team.

#### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

Pastor Jay invites you to invite him to visit you at your home and lead your family in a House Blessing. All you need is a candle and a way to light it. **Call Pastor Jay at (570) 205-7506 or email him at [j80j84@msn.com](mailto:j80j84@msn.com) to plan this special service of asking God's blessings and grace to remain in the place which you call "home."**

#### **JOINING OUR CONGREGATION**

We are accepting new members into our congregation! If you are interested in joining our fellowship here at Apostles, please let Pastor Jay know. We'll begin the process leading to membership in the near future. We want you to feel welcome and would be happy to have you as a member and include you in all aspects of our congregational life or to welcome and enjoy your presence in any of our gatherings.

#### **PASTOR JAY ON VACATION**

Pastor Jay is on vacation this week – if you need pastoral assistance, please contact Dr. Pete Liljeberg at 518-222-0528 or [p.liljeberg58@gmail.com](mailto:p.liljeberg58@gmail.com).

## **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Eddie Freeman, Manning Freeman, Don Garfield, Linda Hodges, Michael Schlemmer, George Thomas, Jewel Thomas, Sue and George Turner, and Jerry and Lena Woodlief**

## **OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Patricia Armentor, family of Sharon Bagley** (friends of Judy Wright), **Paul Bauer, Karen Bell** (Pam Moore's sister), **Jim Bible** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Patricia Boyd and Brad Zelmer, Gisela Broughton** (Karen Stark's mother), **Sally Burkholder, Amy Carter, the Clements family, Laura Clodfelter, Family of Kimberly Conine, Ben Davis** (friend of Donna Ambrose), **Tommy and Kathie Davis, Mary Divelbiss, Colton Elliot** (Michael Schlemmer's cousin), **Melissa Ethan, Sara Falk** (Sue Turner's sister), **Laura Fleige** (Janet Gomez's sister), **Teresa Floersheim- Miller** (Ingrid Peterson's mother), **Trudy Gies** (Betsy Liljeberg's niece), **Steven Godwin** (Juanita Sturdy's grandson), **Jimmy and Fay Gray** (Chris Hawkins' family), **Shirley Grimes** (Ben Grimes' mother), **Mike Hall, Chaneice Hayden** (Daniel Hayden), **Carl and Kaleb Hess, Adam Hewko** (nephew of the Hansons), **Aris Hibbs** (friend of Ray Scholz), **Diane Hill** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Suzanne Kinkade** (friend of Ellen Quirk), **the Little Family, Marion Lucier, Lorraine Malkemus, Lotte Mathias, Wayne Mathews, Jean McKee** (Lilly Frost's grandmother), **Sylvia Midgette** (grandmother of Krystle M<sup>c</sup>Mahan), **Keith Morgan, Carol Pascale** (Lynn Jaeger's mother), **Patricia Patel** (Spencer Hodges' daughter), **Brad Person** (Lilly Frost's uncle), **Dick Peterson and his brother, Joan Ritter, Carol Schlemmer, James Schollian** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Michael Scholz** (nephew of Ray Scholz), **Erin Seamonson** (Lara Jaeger), **Joseph Serafin** (Pastor Jay's father), **Kathy Shackelford, Fred Smith, Tammy Smith, Dave Wagner** (husband of Nancy), **Cathy Walker** (friend of Linda Hodges), **Jake McWaters** (son of Teresa and Dan Grantham), **Chuck Webb** (Tina Britt's father), **Makenzie Webb** (niece of Tina Britt), **Elizabeth and Steven White, Kitty Witty, Cory Woodlief, Jim and Carol Wolf, Jim Wright** (Judy Wright's husband), **Logan Wymer, Greg Yvonovich** (friend of Margaret and Ben Grimes), **Derek Zwiers** (friend of CK Ambrose)

## **OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA**

**Amayra, Hugolino and Manuela**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

There is a book located at the rear of the worship space for you to write any prayer requests you have for today. Fill out a "Prayer Request" (on the back of each pew) and place it in the offering plate to add a prayer request to the "Prayer List" included in the bulletin and the newsletter. **Please print legibly!**

# **THIS WEEK AT APOSTLES**

## **JUNE 4, 2023 – JUNE 11, 2023**

<b>TODAY</b>	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	3:00 PM	Courthouse Players Outing
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 PM	“Looking to Love”
	7:00 PM	Men’s AA
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	Faith Based Breakfast
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00 PM	Film Screening of Native Nations
<b>FRIDAY-SUNDAY</b>	<b>2023 Virginia Synod Assembly</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:30 PM	Young and Sober
<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**Preston Higgins – June 6th**