

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
July 13, 2025
5th Week after Pentecost*



To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: God Is Here! - Blue Book: 719

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!

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GREETING:

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: You are treasured people of the Lord,

ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.

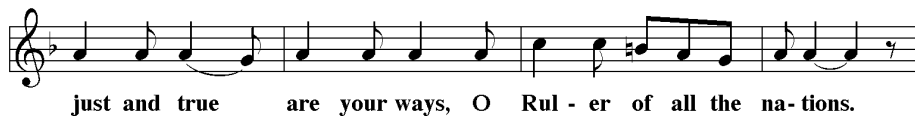
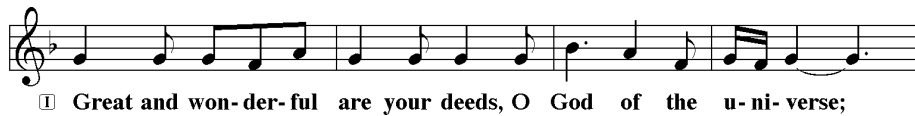
L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

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

L: One does not live by bread alone,

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

SCRIPTURE SONG:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you, **ALL: And also with you.**

L: 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. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

L: 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 25:1-10

L: ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

ALL:² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

ALL:⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

L: 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.

ALL:⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

ALL:⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

ALL: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

L: 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol. The lyrics are: "Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!". The second staff has the lyrics: "Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!". The third staff has the lyrics: "Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.". The fourth staff has the lyrics: "Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!". The fifth staff has the lyrics: "Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!".

☐ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S BACKPACK CHALLENGE

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

HYMN OF THE DAY: When the Poor Ones

Please stand as you are able

When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre



1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,
 cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,
 cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:
 Estribillo Estribillo

4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,
 cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
 cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

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Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

ALL: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

ALL: 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 power of 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 the 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.

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

ALL: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

ALL: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

ALL: Everything old has been passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

A moment for silent prayer.

Gracious God,

ALL: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit to that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Please be seated

OFFERING



SCAN ME

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

L: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

ALL: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: 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. Encourage also congregations that are in a time of transition, especially Zion Lutheran Church of Gasport. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: 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,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: 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,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: 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,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: 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,
ALL: hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: 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,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: And knowing that you hear our needs that are too deep for words to express, we share those needs with you now in this time of silent prayer.
A moment for silent prayer...

L: God of grace,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
ALL: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **ALL: 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.**

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart – Green Book: 486

To be sung during the distribution of communion

COMMUNION HYMN – if needed

– shout out your favorite hymn!

Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray together. Mothering God,

ALL: you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

L: 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.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult – Green Book: 494

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old St. 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! In 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
make us hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear 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.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

Tammy & Becky & Family— strength and comfort

Harold Gardner — strength

Joanne Goeseke Taylor — healing

Craig Sanderson — healing

Bob Koch — healing

All those affected by the Texas flash flood

LCLC — fun, patience and safety for all the campers and leaders

The Family and Friends of:

Jeanette McIntyre

Robert “Bob” Bergman

Kathy Uebler

Chris Cummings

Weekly: Sunday worship at 9:30

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Counters: July: Donna, August: Jane

Council: Summer meeting date: **July 29 at 7 pm**

Office Info:

Please take note of the new summer hours.

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Call, text or email any time.

July: 15, 22, 29 (9:30-2:30.)

August: 5, 12, 20, 26 – all 9:30-2:30

Upcoming

Thursday 7/17: Bible Study 10 am at Zion, Gasport

Sunday: 7/20: Summer Worship & Picnic at Akron Falls Park @ 10:30 am

Thursday 7/24: Bible Study 10 am at St. John's, Lyndonville

Thursday 7/24: 6-7:30 pm: Summer Campfire

Tuesday 7/29: 7 pm: July-August Council meeting

Thursday 7/31: Bible Study 10 am at St. John's, Lyndonville

Friday 8/1: 6-9:30 pm: Pies in the Park

Thursday 8/7: Bible Study 10 am at St. Peter, Medina

Sunday 8/10: Chowder planning meeting @ 10:45am

Thursday 8/14: Bible Study 10 am at Trinity, Wolcottsville

Thursday 8/21: Bible Study 10 am at Zion, Gasport

Thursday 8/21 6-7:30 pm: Summer Campfire

Thursday 8/28: Bible Study 10 am at St. John's, Lyndonville

Saturday 9/27: Chowder Sale



Tree of Giving

Happy July everyone! You will notice a festive Christmas tree in the back of the Sanctuary...our 'Christmas in July' drive is a fun new initiative to support Trinity throughout the year. Each ornament has an item that we need. Items range from \$0-\$1000 and can be free tasks you can perform (ie. cleaning or organizing) or an item you can purchase.

The back of the ornament will tell you how to proceed.

- Physical items can be purchased locally or on our amazon wish list and may be set by the tree. There is a QR code next to the tree for the wishlist.
- Monetary donations (like paying a bill) will go into the offering plate – please mark what you are donating it for.
- For services you perform, like cleaning, and the monetary donations, you can place your finished ornament below the tree so we have a visual of your awesome contribution!
- We are running the drive through **September 7th.**

Outdoor Worship & Picnic: July 20th

You are all invited to join us next week on July 20th in Akron Falls Park (the Brooklyn St. entrance) at 10:30am. There is a sign-up sheet for your registration to attend and your donation of a dish to share. Don't forget to bring your chair! We're also looking for another propane grill and yard games, and we will be doing a white elephant sale if you have an item(s) to bring.

Pies in the Park: August 1st

Our annual event will be here before you know it! We will be looking for both pies and volunteers for **August 1st**, so please mark your calendars. For pies – please have them to church by 4:00 pm, or to the park by 6:00. No cream pies, please. Disposable containers are welcomed but not mandatory, and please label the flavor of your pie. Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer for this fun event!

Party!

Good Morning Church Family,

Please mark your calendars and plan to join our “Out of Town” and Local Family Members, Friends, and Jim & I for a Celebratory Picnic/Get Together!

The idea began with my 80th Birthday and progressed to the many occasions (due to geography) we were unable to celebrate together; Others Important Birthdays, Weddings, Retirements, A Doctorate, Birth of a Great Grandson, Military Service, Purchase of Homes, Buying New Cars, etc., etc.! Since everyone will be here the first week in August, my children and some family members, thought this would be the perfect time for them to host a Celebrations Party for Jim & I!

Of course our Church Family Members are a big part of our lives so we would love to have you join us!

NO PRESENTS PLEASE! YOUR ATTENDANCE IS OUR PRESENT!

DATE: Saturday, August 2nd, 2025

TIME: Beginning at 1:30pm - Food served approximately 2:00pm

(Please RSVP (716 542-2095) with number attending)

PLACE: Our Home, 13115 Dorsch Road, Akron; Outdoors (Hopefully!)

Jim & Sue Kidder

Bible Study

Trinity's Bible Study is merging in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! The NOEL cluster has a very faithful, lively, and friendly Bible Study, just like ours, as they work through the Bible. Consider this your invitation to join in, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith. We are reading the book of 2 Samuel if you want to do some reading to get ready.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail will be leading this Bible Study, which will still be at 10 am Thursdays. But the location will rotate among the NOEL churches. We will get into

the rotation starting in September. For now, we will be at the following churches on the following dates:

- July 17 & August 21: Zion Lutheran Church, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- July 24 & 31, and August 28: St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville
- August 7: St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, 1355 West Ave, Medina
- August 14: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron

Bible Orders

We will be placing an order for the new Lutheran Study Bibles that were just released. It's a new translation with introductions, notes, and articles written by more than seventy Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. It includes solid background material, unique Lutheran insights and questions for reflection and discussion.

There are four types of study notes: 1. The World of the Bible notes which explore the historical, cultural and geographic background of a passage. 2. Biblical Concepts describe key words or themes in scripture. 3. Lutheran Perspectives highlight Lutheran theological insights and catechetical connections. 4. Faith Reflections encourage personal reflection as well as discussion with others. Bibles will be \$40, and orders are due on August 31st.

Welcome to Zion and the NOEL Cluster!

As we begin our shared journey with Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport on July 1st, here's some fun facts to know about our new siblings at Zion and the NOEL Cluster:

- Zion Lutheran Church is in Gasport, a hamlet on the Erie Canal in Niagara County. They're almost due north of us. Gasport is part of the Town of Royalton, the next town north of Tonawanda Creek from the Town of Newstead.
- Zion was founded in 1912. They have a food pantry, and hold a Vacation Bible School each August.
- Royalton Ravine Park (1 mi. away) and Becker Farms (3 mi. away) are nearby.
- **What is the NOEL cluster?:** NOEL stands for Niagara Orleans Evangelical Lutherans. It's an informal relationship among 5 smaller churches (now counting us!) that allows for collaboration on programs and worship opportunities. Bible Study, faith formation, special worship services and more are all possible thanks to this cluster that shares resources and pastors. The NOEL Cluster includes:
 - Trinity, S Newstead (that's us!)
 - Trinity, Wolcottsville (9 mi. away)
 - Zion, Gasport (15 mi. away)
 - St. Peter, Medina (17 mi. away)...Pr. Rick did his pastoral internship here!
 - St. John's, Lyndonville (25 mi. away)
 - There are three pastors that are part of the NOEL cluster: Pastor Rick (here and at Zion) joins Pastor Sohail Akhtar (St. Peter) and Pastor Craig Rhodenizer (Trinity, Wolcottsville & St. John's).

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