Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of South Newstead
July 20, 2025
6th Week after Pentecost



Worship in the Park

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life

PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG:

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

L: ¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they

said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 15

L: ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

ALL: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

L:³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

ALL: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L:⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

- L: ¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
- ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.
- ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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:

Please stand as you are able



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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 so 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

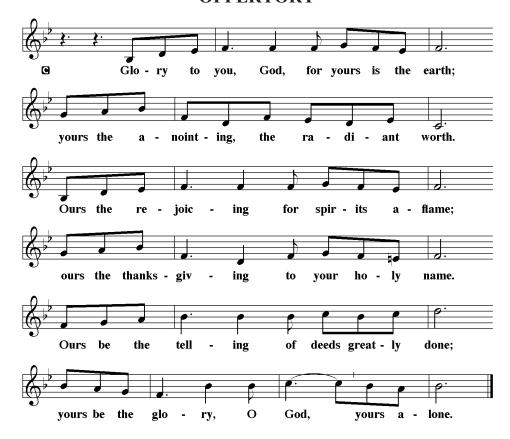


Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of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

CHOIR ANTHEM: What a Wonderful World

With musical accompaniment by Julie Conshafter

OFFERTORY



L: Let us pray together. 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.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. Inspire and equip the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport in their time of pastoral transition. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair (*especially*). Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. 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.

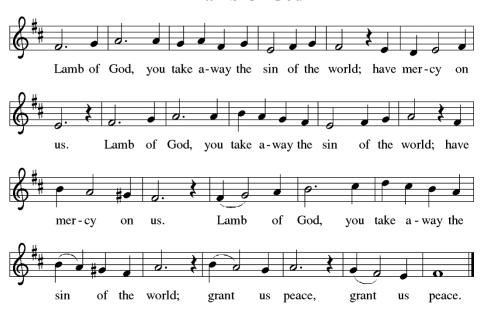
Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Lamb Of God



COMMUNION HYMNS:

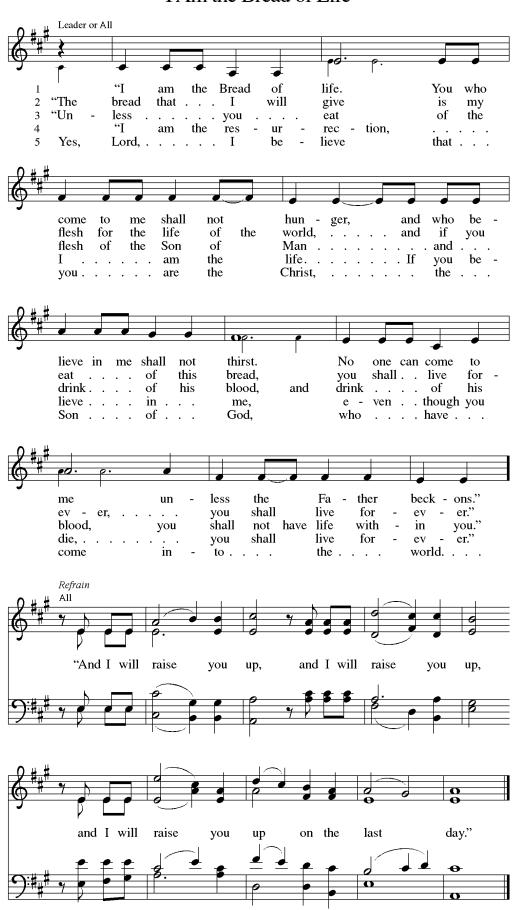
To be sung during the distribution of communion

O Savior, Precious Savior



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

I Am the Bread of Life



Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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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.

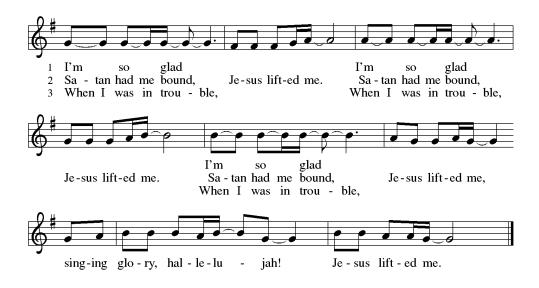
BLESSING

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit 中 bless you and give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Please Hold in Prayer:</u>

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.

Craig Sanderson – healing
Bob Koch – healing
Jim Styn- healing & patience
Janice Bruning – continued healing
Harold Gardner – healing and patience
All those affected by the Texas flash flood

The Family and Friends of: 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:

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

Tracy: Call, text or email any time.

July: 22, 29 (9:30-2:30.) August: 5, 12, 20, 26 – all 9:30-2:30

Upcoming

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 <u>please mark what you are donating it for.</u>
- 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 7**th.

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 1**st, 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 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
- August 21: Zion Lutheran Church, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport

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:
 - o Trinity, S Newstead (that's us!)
 - o Trinity, Wolcottsville (9 mi. away)
 - o Zion, Gasport (15 mi. away)
 - o St. Peter, Medina (17 mi. away)...Pr. Rick did his pastoral internship here!
 - o St. John's, Lyndonville (25 mi. away)
 - o 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).

THANK YOU

to everyone for your help today – setting up, donating food and drinks, games and planning!

<u>WI-FI:</u> To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:

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