

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
July 27, 2025
7th Week after Pentecost*



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**We invite everyone to please join us downstairs after worship for a light reception to
celebrate Pastor Rick's 5th year with us!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: Come and Fill Our hearts (sing 4x)

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community
Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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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:



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All



na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,



for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

L: ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the

outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

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

PSALM: 138

L: ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

ALL: ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

L: ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

ALL: ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

ALL: ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

L: ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

ALL: ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

L: ⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

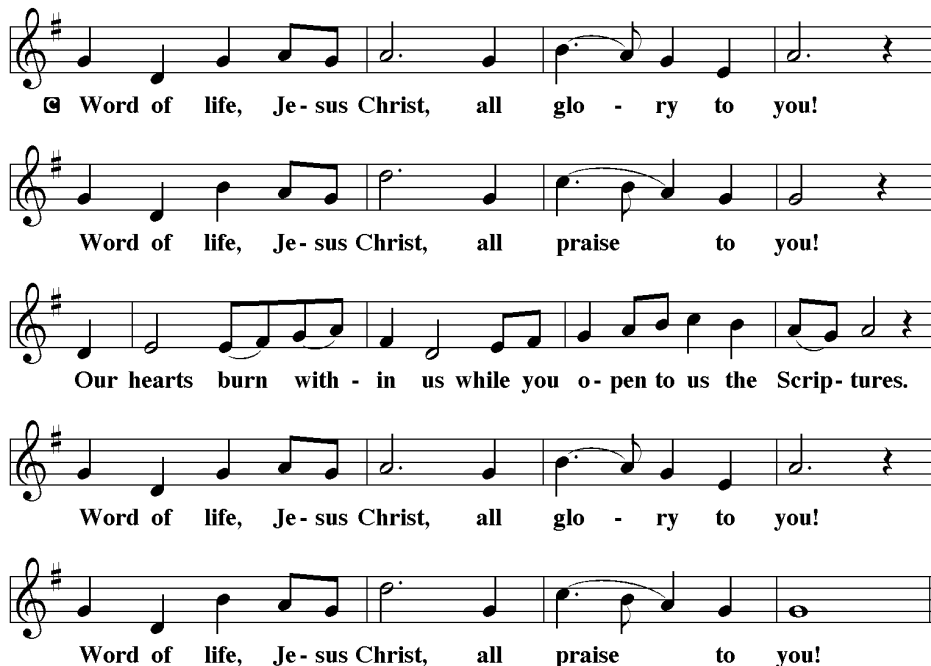
¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 11:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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: Seek Ye First

Blue Book: 783

Please stand as you are able

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

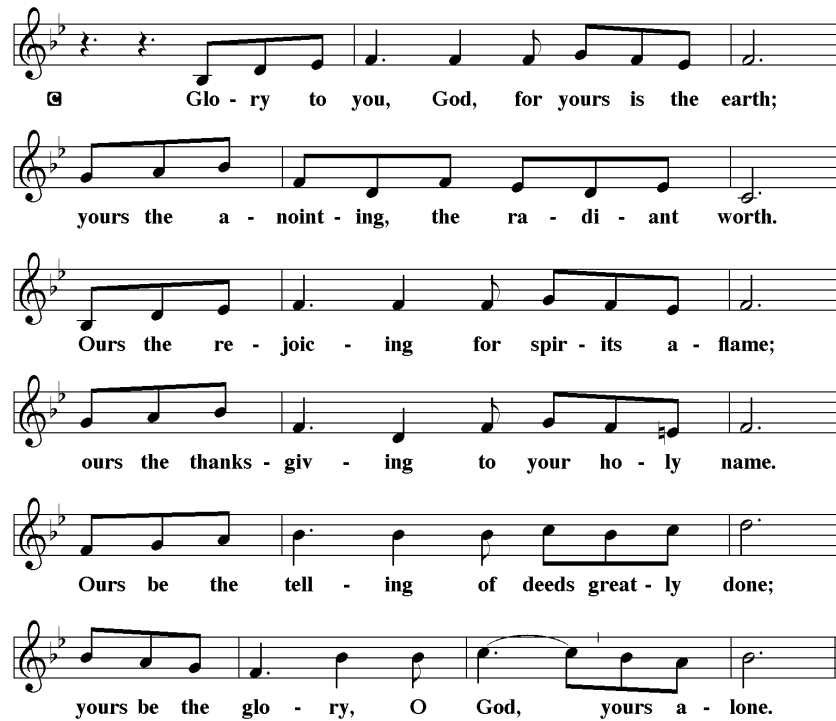


SCAN ME

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



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.

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

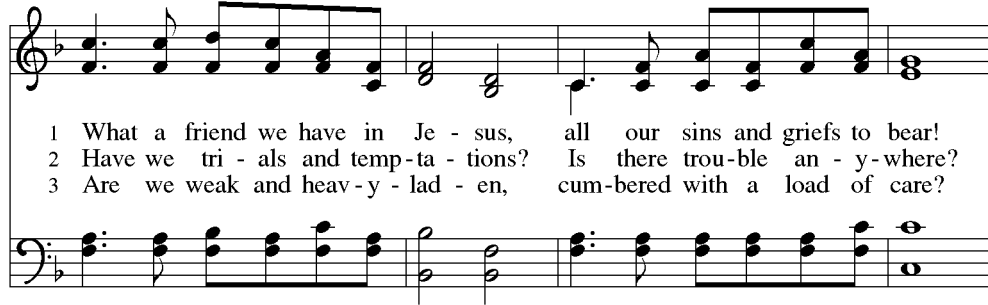
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN:

To be sung during the distribution of communion

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – Green Book: 439

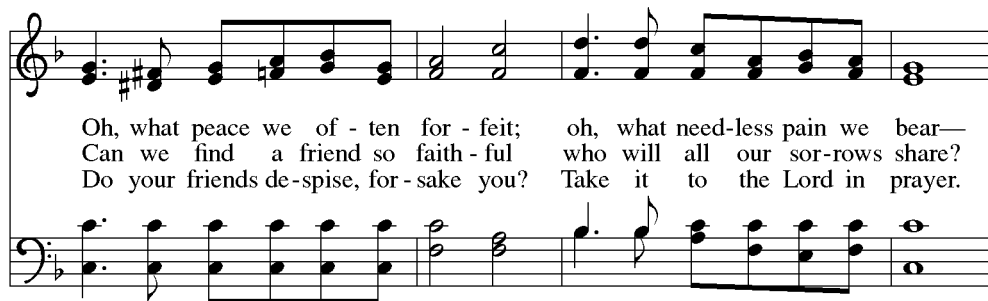
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

COMMUNION HYMN: *by request, if needed*

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: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing – Green Book: 196

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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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 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

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.

Craig Sanderson – healing

Jim Styn- healing & patience

Janice Bruning – continued healing

Harold Gardner – healing and patience

Mark Habermehl – healing

Jerry Hinsken – diagnosed with cancer

Dale Kruschke – diagnosis and healing

Ray Francis – healing

The Family and Friends of:

Chris Cummings

Bob Koch

Justin Glasgow

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: 29 (9:30-2:30.)

August: 5, 12, 20, 26 – all 9:30-2:30

Upcoming

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**.

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 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.

OneCall Update

Some of you that are on our One Call Now phone list aren't getting the calls, and/or they are being flagged as spam.

It's beyond our control at Trinity to do anything about this. But here's what you can do that might help:

- One Call Now calls always come from 877-698-3261. Knowing this, you could:
 - 1) Simply look for this number and pick the call up regardless of if it's labeled as 'Potential Spam'.
 - 2) Add this number to your Contacts list and label it as something you'll recognize for future calls.
 - 3) Go into your spam filter (this could be in your phone app or another app placed on your phone by your service provider), find the above number and either unblock it, allow it, report it as not spam.

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