

***Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
August 10th, 2025
9th Week after Pentecost***



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: Wake, Awake for Night is Flying– Green Book: 31

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and in her
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, and saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
for her Lord comes down all glo - rious, the strong in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
with the choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your daz - zling light.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear,



Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your - selves to meet the
Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we
what joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -



Lord, whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.
view where you have bid us dine with you.
sound; ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

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.



① 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.



② 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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

L: ¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM: 33:12-22

L: ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

**ALL: ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

L: ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

**ALL: ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

L: ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**ALL: ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

L: ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**ALL: ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

L: ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

**ALL: ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

L: ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

L: ¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

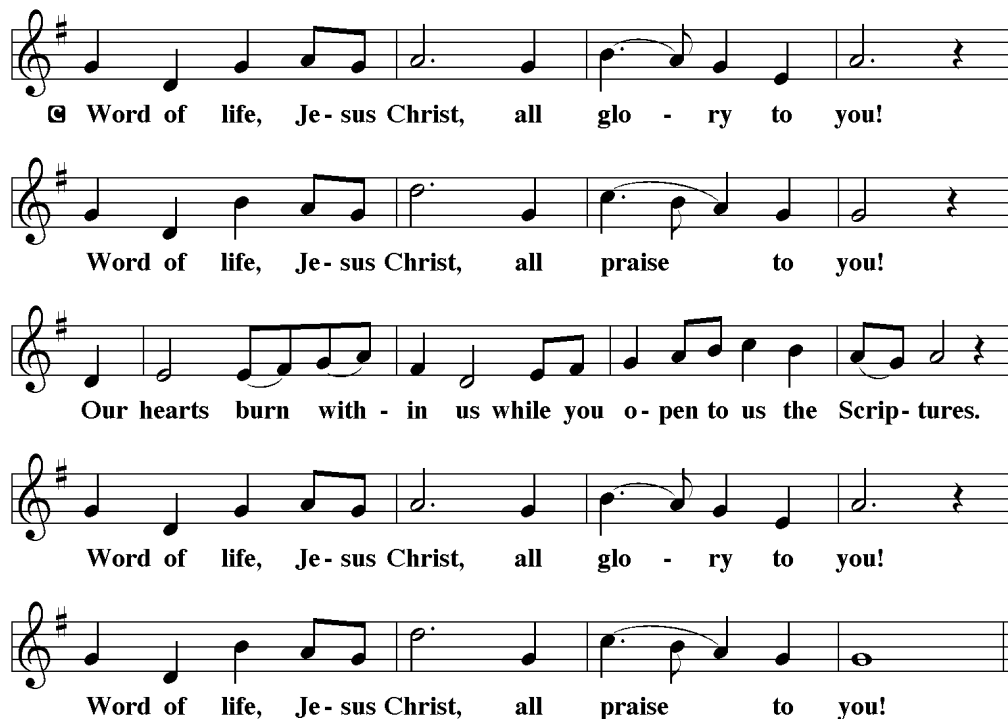
⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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!".

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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 12:32-40

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

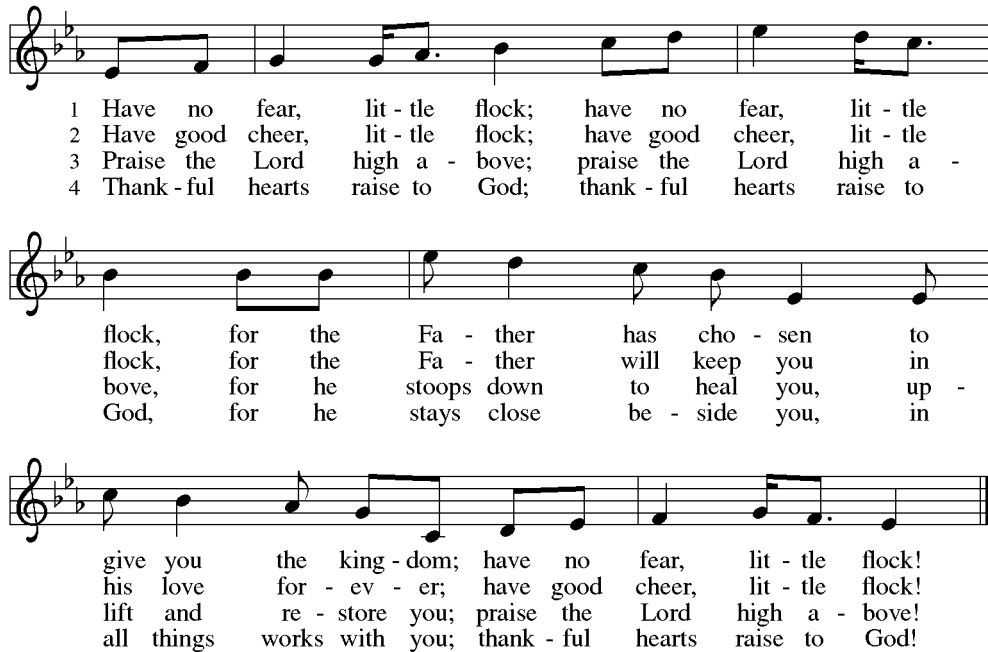
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CHILDREN’S BACKPACK CHALLENGE

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Have No Fear, Little Flock –
Green Book: 476**

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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



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 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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. Walk with congregations in transition, especially Zion Lutheran Church of Gasport. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Let your lovingkindness be on those in need (*especially those sick, injured or otherwise...*). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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...

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.**

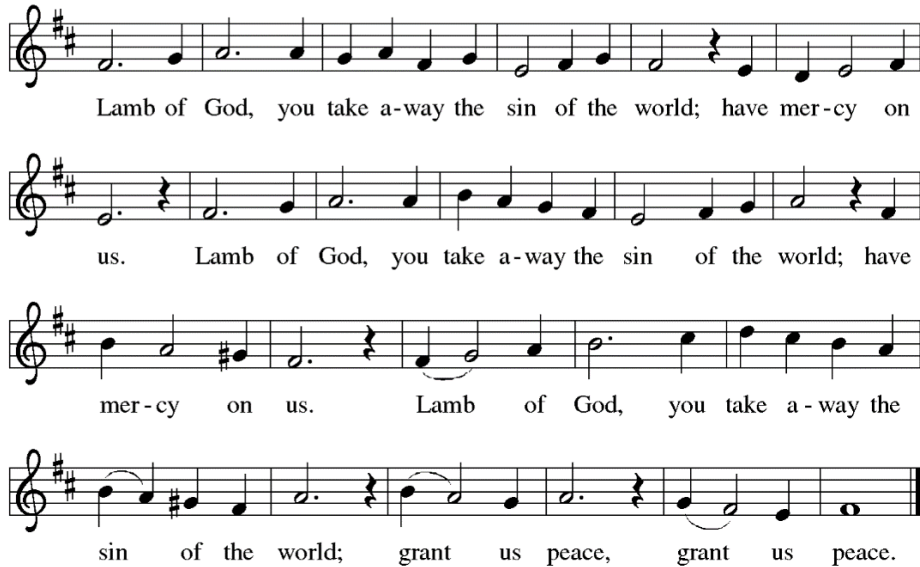
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THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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: O Master, let me Walk with You – Green Book: 492

To be sung during the distribution of communion

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

COMMUNION HYMN – *if needed* – *shout out your favorite hymn!*

Please stand as you are able

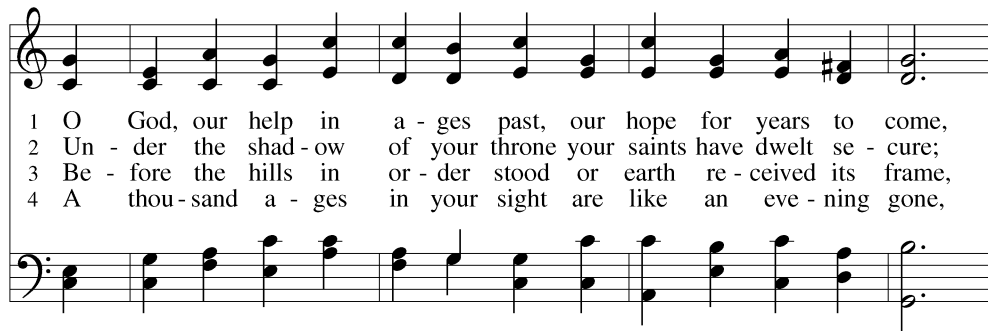
BLESSING

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.

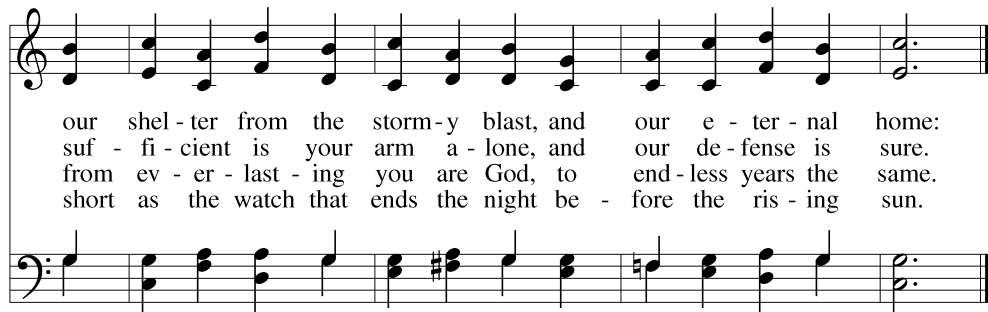
ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past – Green Book: 320

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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About Today's Readings:

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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
David Kennedy - strength

The Family and Friends of:

Chris Cummings
Bob Koch
Justin Blasko
Jurgen Arndt

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: August: Jane, September: Jennifer, October: Glenn

Council: September 9th @ 7pm

Office Info:

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

***Pastor will be out of the office Tues 8/19, then Mon 8/25-Wed 27th.*

Tracy: Call, text or email any time.

August: 12, 20, 26 – all 9:30-2:30

Upcoming

Sunday 8/10: Chowder Meeting following worship

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

Sunday 9/7: Rally Day for Sunday School! 10:45

Saturday 9/27: Chowder Sale

Tree of Giving Update

Thank you to everyone who's already taken an ornament and donated! We are doing well!

We are now fully stocked on tissues, glue sticks, binder clips, blue printer paper, regular sharpies, batteries, and we're doing well on toilet paper (though can one ever have enough toilet paper?)

Things we're still looking for that are of higher importance:

- We have one doorbell, but two would be ideal
- Rolls of tape for tape dispensers
- Chowder containers
- Paper towels

You can deliver your items through September 7th.

Bible Study

Trinity's Bible Study has merged in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! Consider this your invitation to join, 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 lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches. Trinity will get into the rotation in the fall. Our August locations and dates are:

- August 14: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron
- August 21: Zion Lutheran Church, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- August 28: St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville

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.

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.

Sunday School Returns

Sunday School will be back before you know it - Starting September 7th from 10:45-11:30. Join us for a day of FUN! New this year: We will have TWO classes - one for elementary kiddos and one for Junior high for more advanced studies. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Old Church Ornament Orders

Orders for your ornaments will be due by September 7th, please. Put them in the offering plate, thanks!

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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