



*"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "*

JUNE 27, 2021

5th Sunday of Pentecost

June 27, 2021

All Creation Sings — Holy Communion Setting 12

John the Baptist is a unique figure in Christian memory, a hinge between the Old Testament prophets and the first Christians. In the gospel stories he recognizes Jesus as one greater than himself, one for whose coming he prepares the way. But still from his prison he asks if Jesus is truly the Expected One. He is a figure of perpetual Advent and in that way stands for all of us who may be Christian believers but still wait and wonder, discern and doubt.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

C Blessed be God now and forever.

P By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

C Blessed be God now and forever.

P In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Blessed be God now and forever.

BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

P In Baptism, we have made a public profession of our faith.

P Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

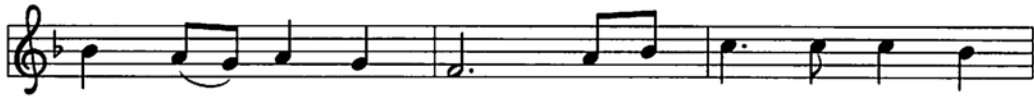
C And also with you.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



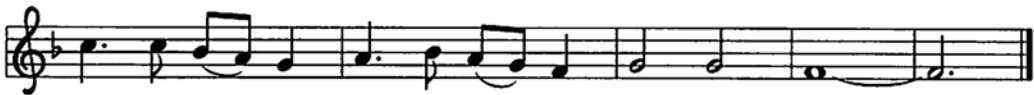
hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

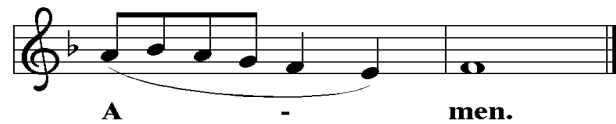
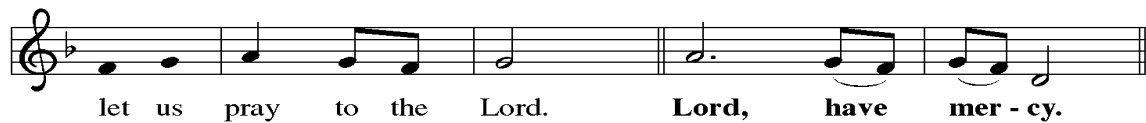
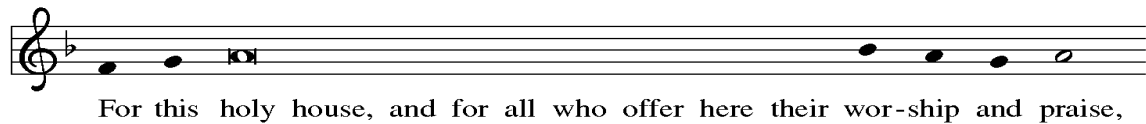
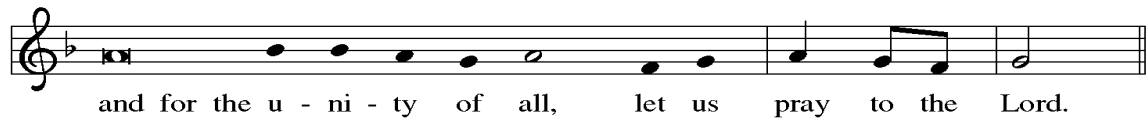
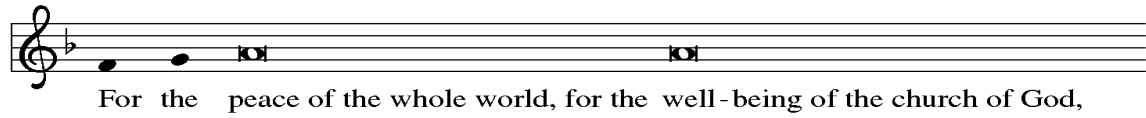
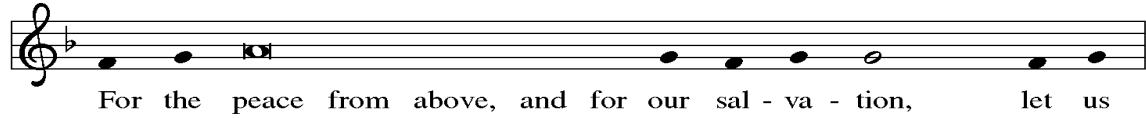


Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2ND CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

L Word of God, Work of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30

Spoken responsively

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

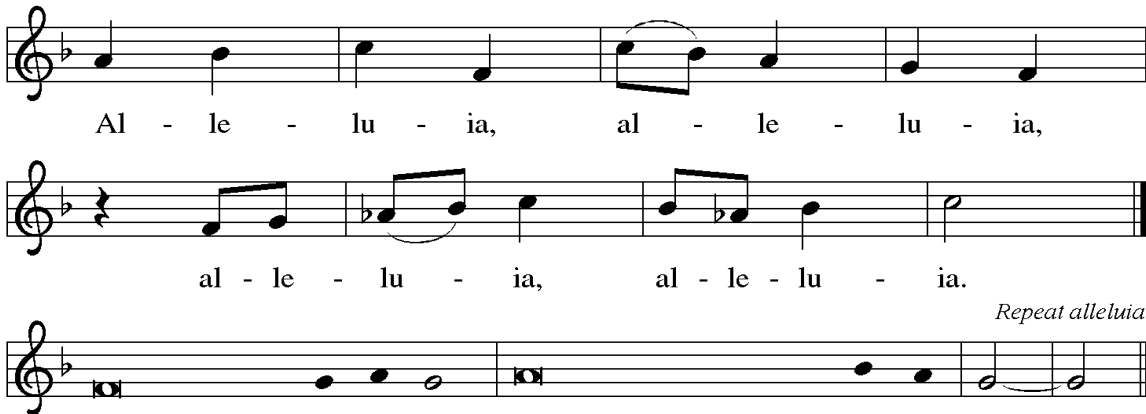
⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

RICK FRIEDSTROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.
- C 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 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.

THE PRAYERS

- A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.
A brief silence.
- A God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick, especially Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Linda Patty, and Martha Nemeth. Surround them with your unwavering presence. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**

- A God of life, we pray for Marsha Ridinger as she remembers her baptism and Josh & Heather Klamm as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A We pray for comfort for Andy & LaVell Winsor and their family as they mourn the death of Andy's father Russell Winsor. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Roy O'Neil that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of this saint as they celebrate his life. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P With John the Baptist and all your saints, shape us to be your prophets, people who speak and live your will. Make your holy presence known in and through us. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.**

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

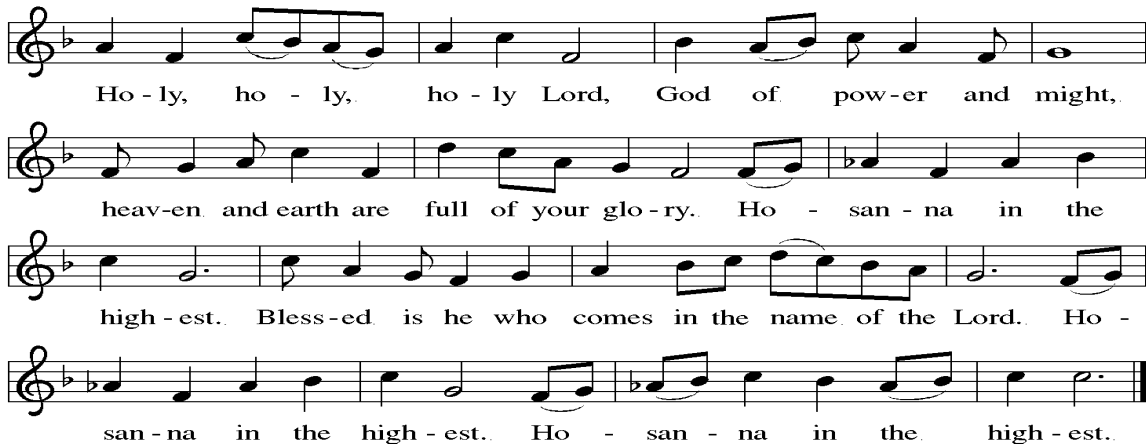
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
- C Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P By your promise, you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise, you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise, you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. With the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

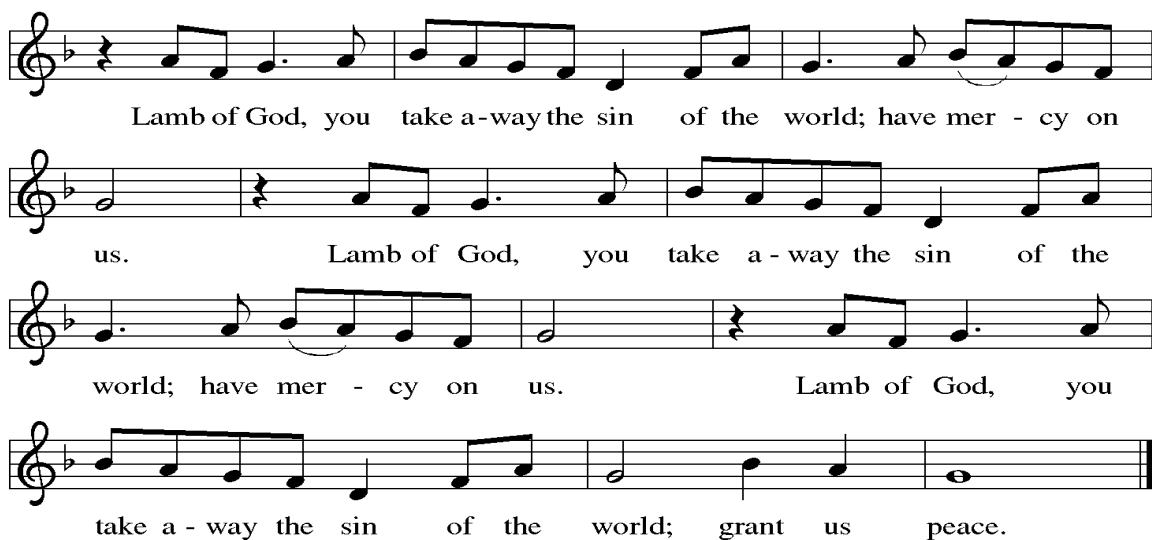
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

P God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth ✠ bless you all, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing


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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - jice, the humi - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Remember our shut-ins!

Peggy Buchholz Keith Springer
 Marlene Hassan Naomi Walker
 Ron Owensby




UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, June 27 Worship & Communion.....10:30 AM
 Swedish Midsummer Celebration after worship
 Tues., June 29..... Quilters9:00 AM
 Sunday, July 4..... Independence Day
 Worship & Communion.....10:30 AM

Congregational Life committee will meet July 11th and Spiritual Care committee will meet July 18th. Both meetings will occur immediately after worship.

Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
June 27, 2021	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty; Guest Preacher Rick Friedstrom
July 4, 2021	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
July 11, 2021	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Ted Murphy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
July 18, 2021	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
May 30	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,451.54	24
June 6	\$3,030.00	\$55.00	\$3,085.00	-\$2,211.54	\$873.46	30
June 13	\$2,150.00	\$540.00	\$2,690.00	-\$2,211.54	\$478.46	24
June 20	\$2,000.00	\$150.00	\$2,150.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$61.54	20
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		May 2021	\$7,597.04	-\$9,934.33	-\$2,337.29	
		Jan. - May	\$61,459.94	-\$55,528.38	\$5,931.56	



You are invited to attend

Doorstep's 55th Anniversary Year Kick-Off Reception

Sunday, June 27th ~ 2:00pm-3:00pm
1119 SW 10th Avenue ~ Topeka, Ks

Join us as we begin our year-long celebration of Doorstep as we seek to Invite, Involve, Include, and Inspire people to participate in Doorstep's mission.



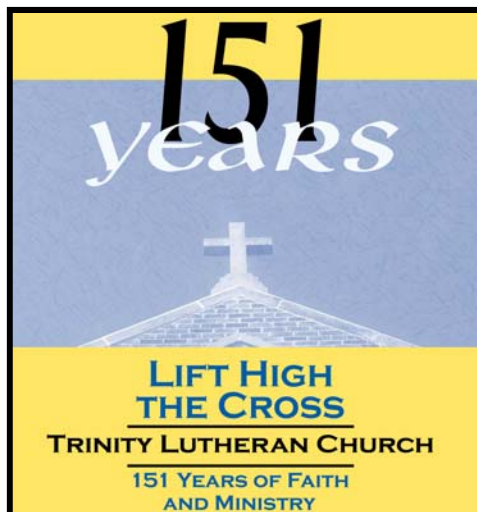
We will have light refreshments, share the story of how Doorstep began, take a tour our food & clothing rooms, learn more about Doorstep and how you can help!

As part of our 55th Anniversary year we have created an "Anniversary Fund" which we are asking our supporters to assist us in raising funds for a new HVAC system, to assist with client services, and other operating expenses. We are asking our supporters to donate a minimum of \$55 per person to help us reach our goal!

Rick Friedstrom is a son of Trinity Lutheran Church, being a member in his early life. His Grandfather, Pastor C.R.E Friedstrom, was Pastor from 1939 to 1948. His parents, John and Elna, were longtime members of Trinity Lutheran, as was his sister, Joan Barker. For the past 48 years he has been a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Topeka. He is an Ordained Elder serving on committees of both Session and Board of Deacons. Currently he is serving the Presbytery of Northern Kansas on two Presbytery committees and is approved for Temporary Pulpit Supply.

Rick is a graduate of Topeka High School and Washburn University. He currently is assisting in the celebration of THS's 150 year heritage of providing high school education to citizens of Topeka.

He is recently retired following a 43 year career with the New York Life Insurance Company. His daughter, Emily, and son-in-law, Chris, live in Topeka with their two sons, Ethan and Owen.



Our 151st Anniversary Celebration is planned for August 8, with a catered meal. Bishop Susan Candea will join us for worship.

Mark your calendars!



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

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