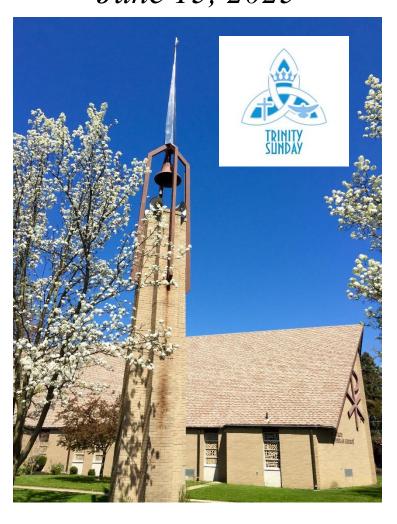
Welcome to Worship

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church June 15, 2025





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Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.

Assisting in Worship

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To the Glory of God

June Candles: Lois & Russ Heilman
June Bulletins: <u>available for signup</u>
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The North Baltimore Food Pantry

The requested donations for **JUNE** are <u>canned meats</u>. Please give joyously and generously so that no one goes without.

Happy Fathers' Day!

Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol

sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."

THE GREETING

<u>Leader</u>: 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.**

*GATHERING HYMN #413 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

<u>Leader</u>: In the name of the Father, and of the \(\mathbb{H}\) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

<u>Leader</u>: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Merciful God,

ALL: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

<u>Leader</u>: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \maltese Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

ALL: Amen.

*KYRIE

<u>Leader</u>: In Peace let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

<u>Leader</u>: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

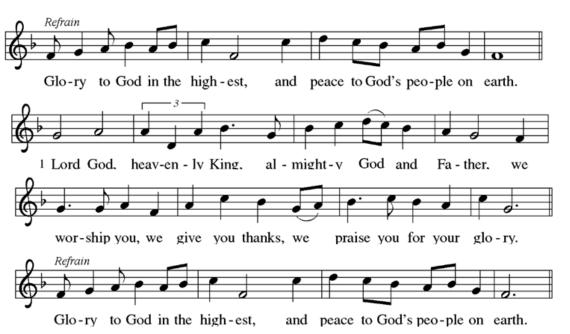
<u>Leader</u>: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

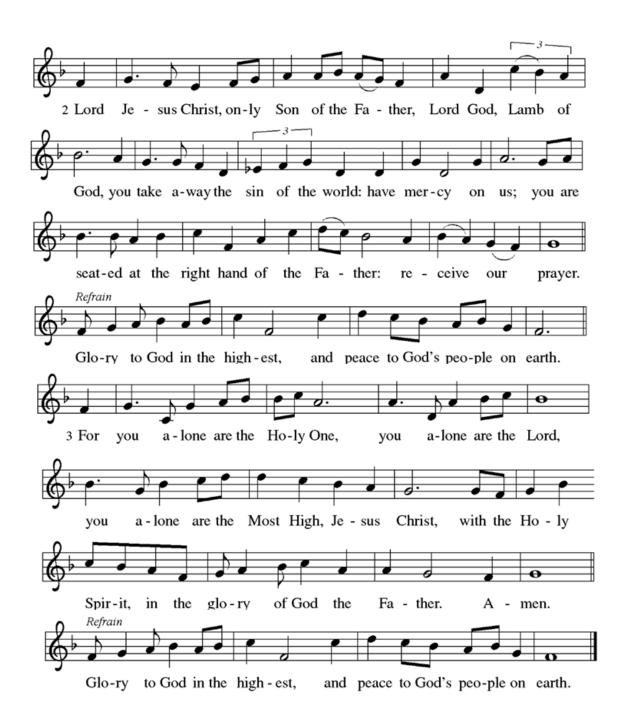
<u>Leader</u>: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. ALL: Amen.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

<u>Leader</u>: Let us join our hearts and voices together in the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

<u>Reader</u>: Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

- ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth 26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING (responsively) PSALM 8

Reader: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

<u>Reader</u>: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

ALL: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

<u>Reader</u>: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

ALL: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

Reader: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

ALL: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

Reader: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING ROMANS 5:1-5

<u>Reader</u>: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint

us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 3 #142



*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

<u>Leader</u>: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 16. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<u>Leader</u>: Jesus said, ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #408

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 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

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: God of Grace, **ALL**: hear our prayer.

We pray for Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Amy, Nickie, Jo, Eli, Riley, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

<u>Leader</u>: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

Invitation for Offerings

<u>Leader</u>: As we present our tithes and offerings today, let us open our eyes, ears and hearts to the mission of God's church in this community and worldwide. May we be empowered with the knowledge that our giving is an act of trust in God's unfailing promises.

OFFERTORY

*Offertory response #186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

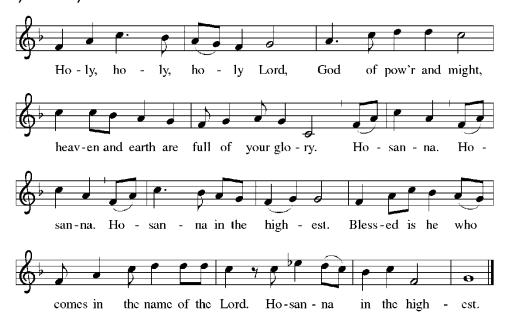
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<u>Leader</u>: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

<u>Leader</u>: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

<u>Leader</u>: Let us given thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL**: **it is right to give our thanks and praise**.

<u>Leader:</u> And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:



*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, ♣ Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

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

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

<u>Leader</u>: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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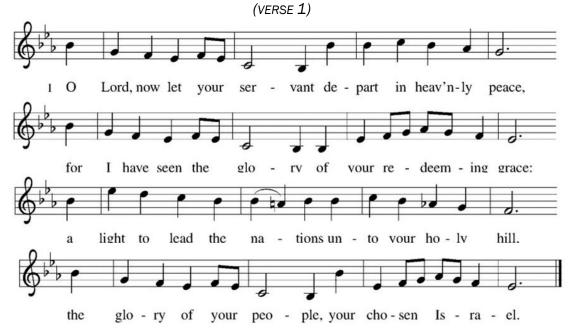
*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer.

ALL: Mothering God, 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.

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT



*BLESSING

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

*The Amen



*Sending Hymn #813

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Trinity Sunday is a Christian festival widely celebrated by Western Churches. It falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, which is the 50th day after Easter. Trinity Sunday, in its essence, celebrates the mystery of faith and unity on and of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.





Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for fathers. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

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MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

<u>WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS</u>: all ministries of the ELCA (<u>E</u>vangelical <u>Lutheran Church in America</u>), our presiding <u>Bishop Elizabeth Eaton</u>, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the <u>NWOS</u> (<u>Northwestern Ohio Synod</u>), <u>Bishop Daniel Beaudoin</u>, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

<u>COMPANION CHURCH</u>: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

<u>THE WORLD</u>: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



### Drawn into Relationship, Guided into Truth

The doctrine of the Trinity invites us to consider how a God constituted by relationship—the Father with the Son, the Son with the Spirit, the Spirit with the Father—draws us into that relationship with God and one another. Gradually or suddenly, through the work of the Spirit, we come to know our belonging to the Father and to Christ's body.

In such loving relationships, truth is discovered. But people cannot bear

the truth all at once, so formation are gradual the Spirit's voice. as worship, learning, and people of all ages to be practices are rooted in draws us into a lifelong grow into truth and love



discipleship and faith processes of listening for Christian practices such service are occasions for "guided into truth." Such baptism, in which God relationship in which we over time—guided by the

Spirit, accompanied by Jesus, and having peace with the Father.

In Romans, we hear the truth of how love originates and grows in us: Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God's love gives us a hope that will never disappoint. Christian community offers the delightful opportunity to experience one's own growth in hope, faith, and love, and to witness others' growth as they too are drawn more deeply into relationship with the triune God. Trinity Sunday offers the delightful opportunity to celebrate that growth.

## **Happy Fathers' Day!**

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