

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28th, 2026

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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## **\*GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

A reading from Jeremiah:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

A Word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4,15-18**

*Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, forever <sup>1</sup> will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- <sup>1</sup> claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- <sup>1</sup> lished forever;**

**you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **“I will establish your | line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all | generations.”** R

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!  
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily | in your name;  
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;  
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

A reading from Romans:

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have

leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!". The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, likely for a church service.

**\*GOSPEL – Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

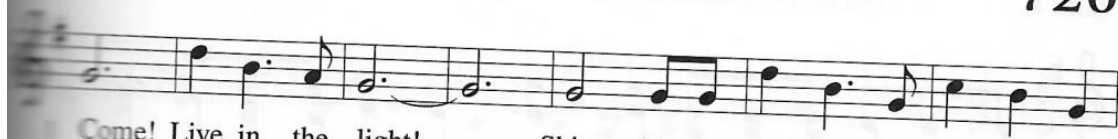
**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

JUSTICE, PEACE

# We Are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light!	Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart!	Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song!	Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called	to be light for the king - dom,
fear! We are called	to be hope for the hope - less
one! God will reign,	and we'll walk with each oth - er as

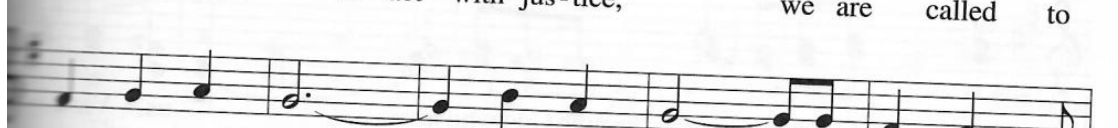


live in the free - dom	of the cit - y	of God.
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sis - ters and broth - ers	. . . u - nit - ed	in love.

*Refrain*



We are called	to act with jus - tice,	we are called to
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love ten - der - ly;	we are called	to serve one an -
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oth - er,	to walk	hum - bly with God.
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## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

**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.**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

## Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. The following responses will be used after each petition: **Hear our prayer.***

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.  
*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire our congregation, our sister congregation Spruce Lutheran in Spruce with their pastor Rev. Leslie Nye and First Congregational Church to find new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**You are invited to share your offering as you enter the sanctuary. An offering plate is located in the center aisle near the back the sanctuary.**

#### **OFFERING PERFORMANCE:**

# Eat This Bread

## *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

*Refrain*

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.' The second system contains the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.' Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.'

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### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Loving God,**

**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,**

**so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,**

**through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

**Amen**

## **\* WORDS TO LOVE BY**

John 15: 5 – 16

I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit;  
For you can do nothing without me ...  
If you remain in me, and my words remain in you,  
then you will ask for anything you wish,  
and you shall have it ...

This is my commandment: Love one another, just as I love you.  
The greatest love a man can have for his friends  
is to give his life for them.  
And you are my friends, if you do what I command.  
I do not call you servants any longer,  
because a servant does not know what his master is doing.  
Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you  
everything I heard from my Father.  
You did not choose me; I chose you,  
and appointed you to go and bear much fruit,  
the kind of fruit that endures.

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

# Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## \*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome! We believe God created all of humanity in God's image. Since every person is made in the image of God, every person is part of God's family. Whatever your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, income, mental or physical ability, age, religious background, nationality, or political ideology, you are welcome here. Diversity of skills, gifts, talents, opinions, and experiences are strengthened in the body of Christ. "For all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28b).*

The Council has a goal of better advertising Trinity and all the things going on in our congregation. One way to reach this goal is to increase our presence on Facebook by having more folks see our posts. If you are on Facebook and you have not already followed Trinity, please do so and then "Like", "Comment" and "Share" our weekly service and any other happenings. THANKS!!



**Mark Your Calendars:** Saturday, July 18, is the date of the annual Battle Creek Pride Fest at Leila Arboretum. The event runs from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and Trinity has a table. Please see Gloria Kolodizieyck to sign up for a two-hour block of time to volunteer manning our table and sharing the good news that everyone is safe here!

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Our thanks to all those who give of their time, talent, and prayers for our church and God's work in the world.

Assisting in worship today:

Preaching: Gloria Kolodizieyck

Assisting Minister: Chase Lehman

Sound Board: Ellis Cutler

Streaming: John Kolodizieyck

Music Director: Ronnie Cung

## **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**June 28 – July 5, 2026**

**TODAY: 11:00 am** Worship, Coffee Hour

**MONDAY:**

**TUESDAY: 2 – 4, Freeze Pop Tuesday**

**WEDNESDAY:**

**THURSDAY:**

**FRIDAY:**

**SATURDAY:**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 11:00 am,** Worship, Coffee Hour

**Readings for next Sunday: Zechariah 9: 9 – 12; Psalm 145: 8 – 14; Romans 7: 15 – 25a; Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Prayer requests are gathered from the spoken prayer requests during worship and can also be added by calling or emailing to [office@tlcbattlecreek.org](mailto:office@tlcbattlecreek.org). Prayer requests will stay on the list for three weeks and can be renewed:

**June 21: Janelle:** Tina Gale, Jerry Woody; **Tresa:** Jeff & Diane, Eddie; **Christine:** Aubrey

**June 14: Connie:** Linda; **Janelle:** Jerry Woody, Jennifer Lockmiller; **Mary:** Tish; **Eileen:** Jennifer; **Doug:** Eileen; **Tresa:** Thanksgiving for Daniel and Trinity; **Kendra:** Zander

**June 7: Connie:** Family of Jim Ledbetter, Todd; **Doug:** Eileen; **Janelle:** Kris Leiter & Dan Leiter; **Tish:** Roseann; **Tresa:** Jim, Shawn Michael, Alyssa, Morgan, Daniel

**The Franklin Food Pantry desperately needs to have its shelves restocked. The items needed are: Canned goods, soups, fruits, vegetables; also, cereal, juice, boxed milk, toilet paper and soap. Cash donations are also appreciated. Please drop off any donations at church placing them in the wagon in the narthex. Thanks!!**