



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

We ponder today the great mystery of God—that God is one and that this one God is three persons. The liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be understood as it is truth to be confessed. We confess the Father from whom all things come, the Son who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church, the confession of the Holy Trinity has been a hallmark of faithful believers. We sing of the Trinity and, with the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, we confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

THE HOLY TRINITY

MAY 26, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

P = Pastor * = Stand Δ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza **C** = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 507 Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

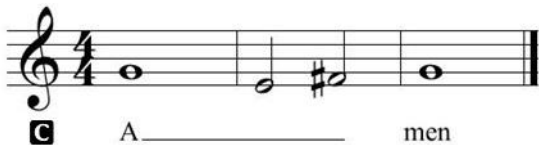


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***Invocation**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



***Opening Sentences**

Revelation 4:8b, 11

P Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

C **Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,**

P For You created all things,

C **And by Your will they existed and were created.**

***Confession and Absolution**

P Almighty God, we are called to confess You as the God who has no equal;

C **You are three distinct persons, yet one God.**

P You are holy, we are not; You are righteous, we are not.

C **Yet in Your foreknowledge, You knew this would be our state, and You made a distinct and definite plan for a way to redeem us from our sins: the sins of thought, which creep into our minds daily; our words, which deserve death because of the evil that comes from our tongues; and our deeds, which we know go against Your holiness. Forgive us, Lord, for these and all sins, not because we are deserving, but for Your definite plan of mercy and grace shown to us at the cross.**

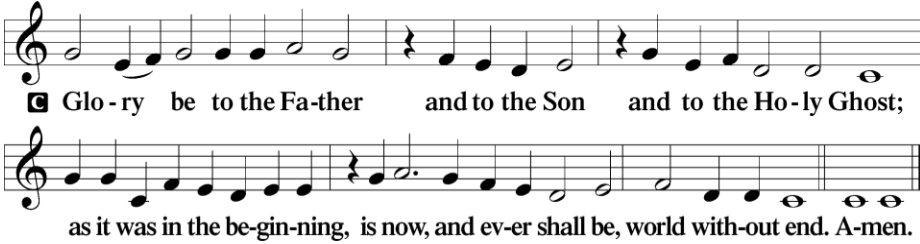
P I ask you before God, who searches all hearts, and one another, is this your sincere confession? If so, answer yes.

C **Yes, this is my sincere confession before God and before my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

P Hear the good news on this day! God has forgiven you all your sins because of the blood of Jesus shed at the cross. In the stead and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

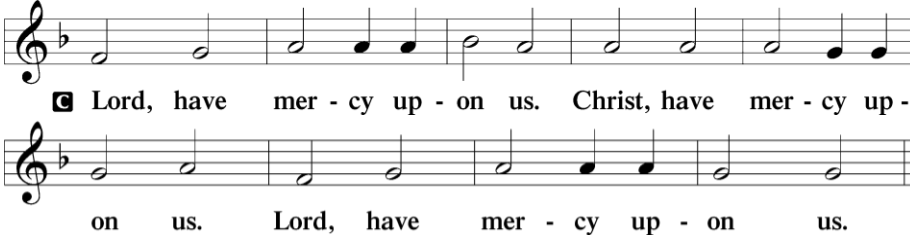
C **Amen! Thanks be to God for His mercy and grace!**

***Gloria Patri**



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***Kyrie**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

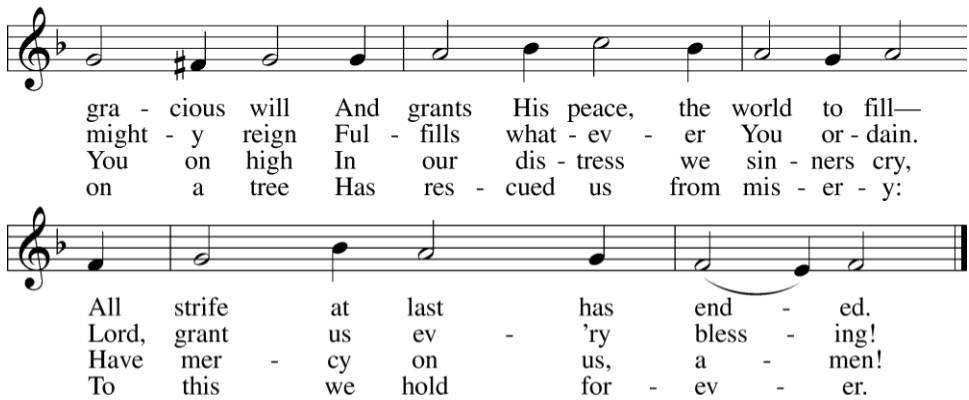
***Hymn of Praise**

LSB 947 All Glory Be to God on High

(At the 10:30 am service there will be a short interlude following each verse. The choir will sing verse 3)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through
child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:

All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

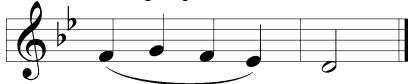
***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***Creed**

Athanasian Creed

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

- P** And the catholic* faith is this,
- C** **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C **And yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C **And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C **And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic* religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

P But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

- P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age;
- C** **Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P** Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P** One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P** Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic* faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

[*catholic = universal]

Children's Message (8:00 & 10:30)

Christina Stackle
Director of Christian Education

*Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*

Mark 10:14

Hymn of The Day

LSB 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon

“The Triune God...For You”

(John 3:1-17)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

Offertory Anthem (10:30)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

***Offertory**



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

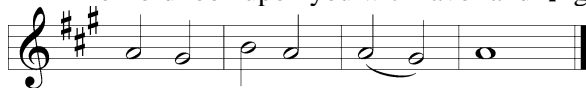
***Prayer of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

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.

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

*Taps

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir: Chancel Choir

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: M. Thiel/A. Hopfer/W. Schuessler

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Bob Wolff; 8:00: Rick Goodman, Kyle Hopfer;

9:20: John Roesch, Steve Shawcross; 10:30: Erik Lunsford, Mark Maloy

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke

9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, Malvin Mubonani, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague,

Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Lyla McCarty, Grace Robinson; 10:30: Aleah Jacobsmeyer, Erick Jacobsmeyer

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Eaton; 9:20: Eric & Stephanie Holler; 10:30: Steve & Kelly Pfund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING? Vanco, Peace's online giving provider, allows you to set up one time or recurring gifts to Peace. For more information, see the flyer on the Commons Counter or the graphic on page 15 of this bulletin.

SUMMER OF PRAYER – JUNE PRAYER JOURNAL is available on the Commons Counter. For the month of June, our focus will be on praying for the families of our church. Please pick up your copy this weekend and see the back of the bulletin for details about our Summer of Prayer.

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO PASTOR FURGESON and his family as he begins his sabbatical tomorrow. Just a reminder, he will be on his sabbatical all summer and will return to the church office the week after Labor Day. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, please contact Pastor Brown or the church office.

THANK YOU FROM THE JURCHEN FAMILY Rev. Dr. Pete Jurchen, a member of Peace, has taken a call to serve as Assistant Professor of Lutheran Education and Faith Formation at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. His family will be moving to Nebraska in early June. He and his wife Deb, along with their children Lydia, Hannah, Abigail, Josiah, and Ellie, want to thank the congregation for their warm welcome and faithful worshipping community they have experienced over the years. Peace will continue to be in their thoughts and prayers during this time of transition, and in the years to come.

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY IS HIRING Openings are available at St. Trinity Cemetery at Lemay Ferry and Reavis Barracks for a Superintendent, a full-time groundskeeper, and a part-time groundskeeper. The part-time groundskeeper position would be on an as-needed basis. Job descriptions are posted on the Commons bulletin board. For more information, contact Glenn Brinkmann or Marilyn Schuessler.

PEACE MARRIED COUPLES CLUB JUNE ACTIVITY will be the Gateway Grizzlies game on Saturday, June 22. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Price per person is \$16.00. Paid reservations must be made no later than June 2. Contact Tammy Goodman for tickets. This is a family event, children are welcome!

CELEBRATE SUMMER! IS AFTER THE 5:00 P.M. SERVICE THIS WEEKEND, May 25. Join us at the West Parking Lot for free food, games, bounce house, fellowship, and more, along with a wonderful concert featuring Special Guest Tenor Scott Kennebeck. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Due to the loud cicadas that have recently emerged, the concert will be held in the gymnasium. All other activities will still be outside. In case of rain, all activities will be moved into the gym. We give thanks to the Lutheran Foundation for awarding Peace a grant for our celebration.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD is seeking a Preschool Teacher. A job description is on the bulletin board in the Commons. Interested, contact Sue Velten, (314)892-8844.

KIDS SUMMER CAMP AT GREEN PARK will be held July 22-26 for Kindergarten through 4th grade boys and girls. Tons of outdoor activities, a treasure hunt, adventure games, story time, interactive games, creative sessions, and more! This camp is powered by St. Louis Steamers Soccer Club in partnership with Green Park Lutheran School. See the flyer in the Commons to register.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS MILITARY FOOD DRIVE will be held at Peace June 1-13 to benefit our Veterans and Military personnel in the St. Louis area. Look for the patriotic box located in the Commons for your donations. We thank you and appreciate your continued generosity and support. Look for the list of suggested items on the flyer in your mailbox or the June/July newsletter.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2024

- Sunday, May 26: 6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, May 27: MEMORIAL DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday, May 28: 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball
6:00pm – Men’s Club
- Wednesday, May 29: 6:30pm – High School Youth Group
7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- Thursday, May 30: 7:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study
8:30am – Mary/Martha Bible Study
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
- Sunday, June 2: 11:30am – Life Ministry Team
12:00pm – New Member Class
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play



Join us as we look at the topic of “Prayer” all Summer long. The following are opportunities we all will have as we focus on this important issue and learn more about our conversations with God.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

Led by Pastor Gadeken beginning next Sunday, June 2

The first part of the Summer will be a study of prayer itself: what it is and isn't, how to make prayer a conversation, what to pray for, special issues like healing, praying in tongue, obstacles to prayer, etc., and most importantly, how to make time for it and develop a practice you are comfortable with. The second half of the Summer, we will get to know this God of prayer with a study of some of the famous prayers in the Bible, and then move into a study of some of the most famous Psalms (Scripture's prayer book).

Sunday School

Preschool through 7th Grade

Each grade will be focusing on aspects of prayer, including studying prayers from the Bible, including learning about the Lord's Prayer.

Prayer Journals

Each month of summer, we will have prayer journals available on the Commons Counter for congregation members to use. The journals will help with daily prayers, guiding us in our prayer life. The first journal is available this weekend!

Pick up your copy on the Commons Counter.