# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service Four Worship Service Thursday, June 12, 2025 @ 7PM Sunday, June 15, 2025 @ 8AM & 10:45AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127
Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM
Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Thursday Evening Service at 7PM
Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

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# The Holy Trinity

# Father's Day

#### As We Gather

Lutheranism is not a new faith, but the continuation of the historic, Christian faith of all times and places. In this sense Lutheranism is *catholic*, a word that comes from two Greek words, meaning "according to the whole." With Christians of all times, and all places, we confess what God's Word teaches—nothing more, and nothing less. For this reason we confess the ancient creeds of the Church: the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds.

The Athanasian Creed: Early in the fourth century, a North African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God but rather the first of creation. The Church responded decisively in A.D. 325 with a statement of faith (*The Nicene Creed*), which confesses what the Bible says that Jesus is, in fact, truly God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that describes further the mystery of the Trinity. This creed is named for Athanasius, who stood up for Christ against the attack of Arius upon Jesus' divinity.

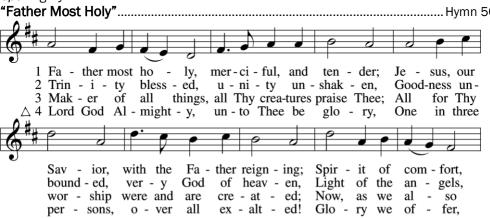
The Athanasian Creed proclaims the teachings of the Bible and the universal Christian or catholic faith concerning God as He has revealed Himself to us as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the One we know as the Holy Trinity. The true church of all times and all places has confessed this faith. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

#### Prelude

"Komm, O Komm".....

Come, oh come, O quick'ning Spirit, God before the dawn of time! Fire ourhearts with holy ardor, Blessed Comforter sublime! Let your radiance fill our night, Turning darkness into light.







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## Confession and Absolution

Stand

#### 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.
- C Amen.

Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

  John 20:19-23

C Amen.

## Service of the Word

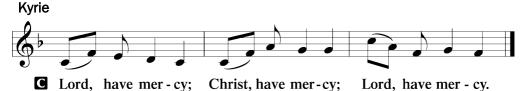


- Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

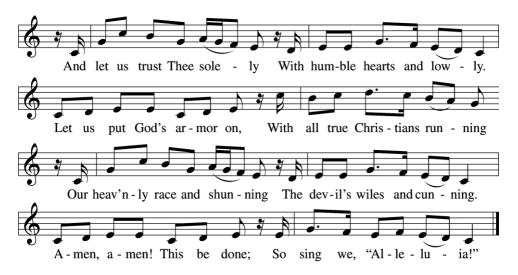
  Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.
- I have set the Lord always be- | fore me;\* because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\* my flesh also | dwells secure.
- For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\* or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
- You make known to me the | path of life;\*
  in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

  Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Ps. 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text







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#### Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

### Collect of the Day

- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

### Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

The Augsburg Confession, Article I, God, 1-4.

Our churches teach with common consent the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are of the same essence and power. Our churches use the term *person* as the Fathers have used it. We use it to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

## First Lesson Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

4"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

- <sup>22</sup> The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.
- <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup>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.

<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

- <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord
- Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

- P The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,\*
- **C** the word of faith that | we proclaim.
- **P** For with the heart one believes and is | justified,\*
- and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Rom. 10:8b, 10

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . <sup>22</sup>"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— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"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. <sup>30</sup>Being 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, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being 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. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

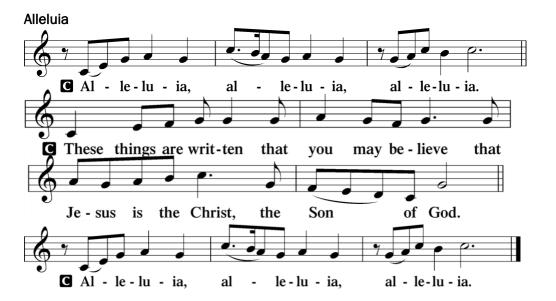
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'

 $^{36}$ Let 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.

Stand



Holy Gospel John 8:48-59

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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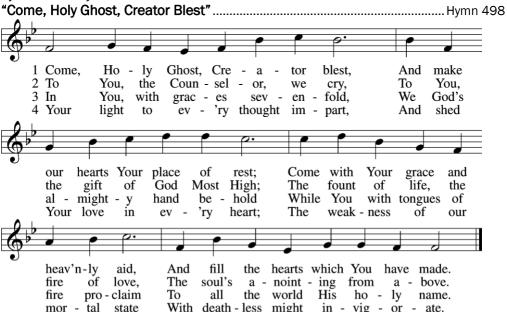
Athanasian Creed Part 1

- **P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the \*catholic faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **P** And the catholic faith is this,
- 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.
- 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:
- the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- 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;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- 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;
- 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.

Sit

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The word *catholic* here does not indicate The Roman Catholic Church which is written with an uppercase "C". Here *catholic* is used in its original sense of "universal "or "the whole Christian Church."





- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

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Sermon
"ME or WE"

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Praise we the Father and the Son

And Holy Spirit, with them One,

The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

And may the Son on us bestow

Stand

Athanasian Creed Part 2

- **P** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- P The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- P And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- 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.
- P Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P 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.
- 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:
- **P** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- P Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- **P** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- **P** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.
- 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.
- P At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- **P** This is the \*catholic faith;
- whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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Orfine Giving

### Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.



**Prayer of the Church** | You may be seated if necessary

### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Benedicamus and Benediction

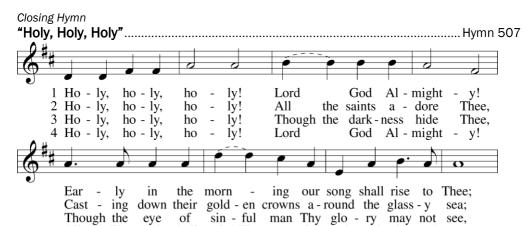
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

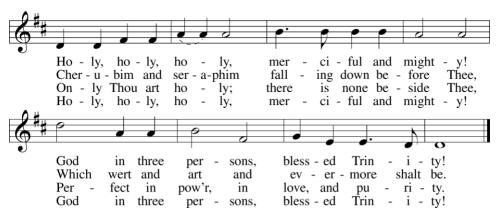
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

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Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



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### + Silent Prayer +

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USHERS (8AM)	Mike Smith, Sr. – Captain, Bob Brunke,
	Chuck Schwanger, Dave Radtke, Tom Watson
USHERS (10:45AM)	Jeff Oeseburg – Captain, Isaiah Webb, Jacob Webb

From the Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels in Isaiah 6 cry out: "Holy, Holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are baptized into. We have been made a part of God's family. And so we are now called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind, and generous, so are we called to be.

Welcome, and Happy Father's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, God our heavenly Father loves us and cares for us without fail. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the welcome center desk.

FLOWER CHART – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the 2025 chart in the commons. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. The cost is \$40.00 for all sponsorships. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God, In honor of Nate & Roxanne Gerken's 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Given by Andrew & Terri Gerken.

In honor of Jerry & Laura Schornhorst's 92<sup>nd</sup> June Birthdays.

Given by Jerry & Laura Schornhorst.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are now on **WSJM 94.9 FM** on **Sunday mornings** from **8AM** – **9AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

# Radio Broadcast

Our service was recorded last Sunday and today.
This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,
In loving memory of Ken & Mike Reschke.
Given by Sally Reschke.

### THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



The Rev. Dr. Tom Park serves the Lord through LCMS Taiwan. As a theological educator, he teaches theology to laypeople as well as to those studying to become pastors, deaconesses and other church workers. In this role, he also is helping to start a new Lutheran seminary on the island. Tom was born in Seoul, South Korea, and his home congregation is Jesus' Love Korean Lutheran Church in Irvine, Calif. He holds degrees from Martin

Luther College, New Ulm, MN (B.A.); Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI (M.Div.); and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN (Ph.D. in Missiology). He previously served congregations in Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin and California, as well as at Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, Calif., where he was an assistant professor. In his free time, he enjoys learning about languages and cultures, reading, watching movies and traveling. Pray for Tom as he serves in Taiwan. Ask God to give good health to him and to his mother, who still lives in South Korea, so that Tom can carry out his responsibilities without distraction. Pray for Tom as he studies Mandarin, so he may speak fluently as he shares the Gospel. Pray also that God

would open the hearts of the Taiwanese people to heed Tom's preaching and teaching so that all might come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Let us give thanks to God that Tom is serving His children in this part of the world.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** – Feeling worn out or spiritually dry? Elijah was too. Join us for a 3-part video bible study, **Sunday at 9:30**, on 1 Kings 19 and find out how God nourishes Elijah and you as well.

**SUMMER MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRAVIS!** – Learn about 1 Corinthians with Pastor Travis on Wednesdays @ 9:30am.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS** - Pastor Quardokus hosts a **Bible study** about the *Book of Ephesians* on **Thursdays at 10AM.** See you there!

**SUMMER HOURS** – *Now though Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>*, the office is open from **9am to 2pm Monday** – **Thursday**, *closed Fridays*. Due to vacations and summer projects we advise everyone to call (269-429-7222) ahead to be sure someone is here to help you!

**TASTE AND SEE** – The LWML banner, *Taste and See*, was displayed at the Michigan District Convention in 2024. This banner was created by Jenny Bischoff from St. Paul's in Cassopolis and Janet Luazier from Trinity, St. Joseph, reflects the theme of that convention. The banner has been traveling through the zone and will find a permanent home at the end of summer. We are reminded through God's gifts that He is indeed good.

**NURSERY DURING THE SUMMER** – The nursery will be open over the summer, but childcare will not be provided. Thank you!

**FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL MEETING** – Join us **Wednesday, June 18**<sup>th</sup> **at 6:30pm** in the *all purpose room* as we continue discussing and planning for the upcoming Family Fun Festival happening August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see you there!

**MEN'S NETWORK – YOU'RE INVITED!** – Join us for food, fellowship and discussion of issues affecting today's men from a Lutheran Christian perspective. We meet the third Saturday of the month, so join us this Saturday morning, **June 21**st at **8:30AM** at Dino's Restaurant in St. Joseph. Contact Fred Pieplow (269-369-2081) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE! CAR SHOW** – Christ Lutheran will be hosting a car show **Sunday June 22**<sup>nd</sup> from **2-4PM.** If you, or someone you know, have a classic car, antique car, hot rod, or any type of specialty car – please come to show off your car! The show is free and open to the public so don't forget to tell your friends!

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B	Thursday 06/04/2	5	7PM	19	
Ш	Sunday 06/08/2	5	8AM	113	
	Online Attendees: 15 10:4		5AM	92	
5.>	Wednesday Bible Class	06/04/	25	17	
	Thursday Bible Class	06/05/	25	22	
Щ	Week of <b>06/08/25</b> total budgeted receipts		\$6,810.00		
U	YTD Contributions			\$789,838.82	
	YTD Budget			\$810,384.62	
YTD Over (Under)				\$-20,545.80	
	Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$16,538.46		
	Over (Under)		\$-9,728.46		



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Sunday, June 15 Holy Trinity	8AM <b>9:30AM</b>	Worship Service Bible Class
Father's Day	10:45AM	Worship Service
Monday, June 16		AD
Tuesday, June 17		
Wednesday, June 18	9:30AM	Bible Class
Thursday, June 19	10AM 1pm 4-8pm 7PM	Bible Class Rummage Volunteer Meeting Rummage Donation Drop-Off Communion Worship Service
Friday, <b>June 20</b> Office Closed	10-12pm 1-6pm	Rummage Donation Drop-Off Rummage Donation Drop-Off
Saturday, June 21	10-12pm 1-6pm	Rummage Donation Drop-Off Rummage Donation Drop-Off
Sunday, June 22	8AM	Communion Worship Service
Second Sunday after Pentecost	9:30AM	Bible Class
	10:45AM	Worship Service
	1-6pm	Rummage Donation Drop-Off
	2-4pm	Car Show