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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter/The Ascension of Our Lord      Color-WHITE [Holiness, innocence, and purity]  
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The Flowers – To the glory of God by The Lorine Jatzlau Family in loving remembrance of her on her birthday today.

**TO OUR VISITORS** - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless you, together with us, as we give our attention to the Word of God this morning. \*\*\* Please sign the GUEST REGISTER [*please also include your address*] in the NARTHEX as you leave the church.

**HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT AND POLICY**: It is our expressed belief, confidence and joy that the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, present under the bread and wine, are distributed in the Lord's Supper. All who commune at His altar are to be in complete confessional agreement with the other communicants. This practice of Closed Communion is an evangelical expression of our love for the communicant and for Christ's Holy Supper. In accordance with the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:27-29, we only permit members of this congregation, as well as members of fellow Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregations, to commune today. If your membership is with a different faith group, so that you have a belief which differs from our belief and confession on Holy Communion, then we kindly ask you in love to refrain from communing today and first speak with Pastor or an Elder. Members of our congregation who wish to commune are asked to sign the communion registration sheet in the Narthex.

### **OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - PAGE 15 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.**

(Our visitors are asked to please read and honor our communion statement above.)

**SILENT PRAYER** upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

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**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent** On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. But although Jesus is hidden from our eyes, He is not absent from us. For He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues *“to do and to teach,”* (*Acts 1:1*) preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His Name (*Luke 24:44-53*), giving us His true body and blood in His Holy Supper. Jesus is your great Elijah Who pours out on you a double portion of His Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments. (*2 Kings 2:5-15*) He is Lord over all things for the sake of the Church. He Whom heaven cannot contain has raised your human nature to share fully in the glory of God. You who believe and are baptized into Christ's body, the Church, are already sitting in the heavenly places; for you are in Him Who is at the Father's right hand. When He comes again in the clouds on the Last Day, you also will appear with Him in glory. (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

**A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: Jesus' Ascension to “the right hand of God” was not about leaving His people behind. It was about departing from sight to fill the whole world while remaining hidden in it amidst His holy Christian Church. There He rules over His people as His Holy Spirit works amongst baptized believers to keep them with Him through His Word and Sacraments.*

Our Churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God (*ref. John 1:14*), assumed the human nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary. So there are two natures – the divine and the human – inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, Who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind. (*Ref. John 1:29*) He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed. (*Augsburg Confession, Article 3; The Son of God*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** ♪ 212

**PREPARATORY SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION AND SERVICE OF THE WORD  
[PAGE 15 TO 23, FRONT OF HYMNAL]**

**INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)**

**PASTOR:** Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.

**CONGREGATION:** This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven. Alleluia.

**P:** Clap your hands, all peoples!

**C:** Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**P:** For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

**C:** a great King over all the earth.

**P:** He subdued peoples under us,  
**C: and nations under our feet.**

**P:** He chose our heritage for us,  
**C: the pride of Jacob whom He loves.**

**P:** God has gone up with a shout,  
**C: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

**P:** Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**P:** For God is the King of all the earth;  
**C: sing praises with a psalm!**

**P:** God reigns over the nations;  
**C: God sits on His holy throne.**

**P:** The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**C: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!** (*Acts 1:11; Psalm 47:1-9*)

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** O Almighty God, Whose blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with us, His Church on earth, even to the end of the age; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS: FIRST LESSON – 2 KINGS 2:5-15**

**P:** <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup>Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 110**

**P:** The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

**C: The Lord sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!**

**P:** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of Your power,

**C:** in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of Your youth will be Yours.

**P:** The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**C:** The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.

**P:** He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; He will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

**C:** He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore He will lift up His head.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **SECOND LESSON – ACTS 1:1-11**

**P:** [St. Luke the Evangelist writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book [St. Luke’s Gospel account], O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – LUKE 24:36-53**

**C:** ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** <sup>24:44</sup> Then [Jesus] said to [His apostles,] “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**C:** ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 22]**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: 218**

## **SERMON: GOD THE SON HAS GONE UP TO ABIDE WITH YOU AND BLESS YOU FOREVER – LUKE 24:44-53**

*“While [Jesus] blessed [His followers,] He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.” (Lk. 24:51) Amen.*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Savior Jesus Christ, Who's risen and ascended; Who'll "come in the same way as [His apostles] saw Him go into heaven."* (Acts 1:11) Amen. Forty days following His resurrection from the dead, Christ Jesus ascended into heaven. Since He's our almighty, eternal God, and also the Lord of life, His tomb couldn't possibly hold Him for very long. (See Acts 2:24) Neither will ours be able to hold us, ultimately. And since it wasn't His Father's will for our Lord to remain on this earth always, but to ascend to Him on high after vanquishing sin and death, Satan and all evil for us, this earth couldn't contain Christ on-and-on. As we sing: *"From the Father forth He came and returneth to the same, captive leading death and hell – high the song of triumph swell!"* (TLH 95:4)

Just as Jesus had foretold His death and resurrection beforehand, so did our Lord also foretell His ascension, saying, *"I came from the Father and entered the world. In turn, I will leave the world and go to the Father."* (Jn. 16:28) The Psalmist before Him also prophesied: *"God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet."* (Ps. 47:5)

Christ the Lord rose for you in glory to the right hand of His heavenly Father – to the position of all *"blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever."* (Rev. 5:13) He ascended *"far above the heavens, that He might fill all things."* (Eph. 4:10) Our forefather-in-the-faith, Rev. Luther, explains Jesus filling all things to mean that He's now glorified in His body according to His divine nature, and so is able to be bodily-present everywhere He wishes according to His deity.

This glorious truth makes all the difference in the world! Your Redeemer departed this world *"not to leave you as orphans"* but to *"come to you."* (Jn. 14:18) How good of Him to ascend to heaven in order to be more present with you, and for you, than ever! He comes to you and is present in your very midst as your Immanuel, God-with-you (see Mt. 1:23) in His blessed Word. Speaking of you and of all His faithful, dear Christians; His holy Church here on earth, your Savior says, *"For where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am among them."* (Mt. 18:20) This is the very definition of the Church of the living God: Saints of God gathered around our precious Savior, abiding in Him in Word and Sacrament. Rev. C.F.W. Walther, first President of our *Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*, wrote: *"The Church...is the congregation of saints, that is, the entirety of all those who, called out of the lost and condemned human race by the Holy Spirit through the Word, truly believe in Christ and by faith are sanctified and incorporated in Christ."* (Thesis I on the Church)

That the Lord Jesus is truly present with us in His Word and Sacraments is evident as well in His closing words to His disciples and to us in the *Gospel of Matthew*. In His *Great Commission* to His Church, Christ declares: *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Mt. 28:19-20) Did you hear it? Your beloved Jesus is with you always, here – to the very end of your lives; of the world. Yes, He's present with you in the proclamation of His precious Word – which always makes you clean in Christ. (See Jn. 15:3) He's with you, for you in His Baptismal grace, daily washing away your unbelief, sin and death from you with Baptismal waters as with His precious, shed blood.

Our Lord is also able to be present, and is truly present for your life-long and eternal well-being in His own body and blood upon His holy altar. We believe and confess, according to our *Lutheran Confession* in the *Epitome of the Formula of Concord*: *"[Christ gives] His true body and blood in the Holy Supper, as One Who is present – and it is very easy for Him to do so. He does not do this according to the mode or ability of the human nature, but according to the mode or ability of God's right hand,"* (Article 8: *The Person of Christ*, 17) that is, His divine nature. So when He speaks over bread and wine, *"This is My body; this is My blood,"* (Mt. 26:26-28) Jesus Christ, according to His divinity, causes to be present His saving, enlivening body and blood under the elements.

So you bet your Jesus is with you when you eat and drink of His body and blood by faith in His saving Name! For in His Supper Christ goes into you, so that you can say as you return from His altar, *"My Jesus is with me, in me, since I've partaken of His true body and blood for my life and salvation!"*

Not only did our Savior Jesus have to ascend into heaven for us all; not only is He ever-present with us and for us in the Word of His Truth and in His body and blood, He also ascended in victory for us! Christ's ascension is His taking His death-and-resurrection triumph into heaven, since on the cross and from the empty tomb He has conquered and vanquish all our enemies for us, including sin, death, the devil and all the forces of hell. This is evident in St. Paul's words to the Ephesian Church: *"When He ascended on high, He led a host of captives away, and gave gifts to men."* (Eph. 4:8) The Apostle is referencing a practice in the ancient world where a king, victorious in battle, would lead his army in a triumphant procession – with their conquered enemy being dragged along as captives at

the rear. Not only did this demonstrate the king's glory in his conquest, it also deeply humiliated and devastated his captive foes.

So see all your sins, which would condemn you; see death, which stalks you, Satan, who accuses you, temptation and every evil, which wish to swallow you whole in all their vile abominations – see them all as they really are: led captive for you in utter defeat and degradation behind the ascending Christ, Who's triumphant over them all!

Praise God, since His own dear Son *“suffered, died and was buried, that He might make satisfaction for [us] and pay what [we] owe, not with silver nor gold, but with His own precious blood. And all this [He did,] in order to become [our] Lord; for He did none of these for Himself, nor had He any need of it. And after that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand, so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet, until finally, at the last day, He will completely part and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc.”* (Large Catechism, Part 2: The Apostles' Creed, Article 2, 31)

Give all glory to God the Son for ascending for us, for He's to be worshiped and extolled, honored and praised for rising *“high in the heavens to reign.”* (Hail Thee Festival Day [For Ascension]: 1) Rejoice; shout for joy that your Redeemer was taken up in order for Him to *“sit at the right hand of the Father, and forever reign there and have dominion over all creatures, sanctify [us and all who] believe in Him by sending the Holy Spirit into [our] hearts to rule, comfort, and make [us] alive, and to defend [us] against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead..., according to the Apostles' Creed.”* (Augsburg Confession, Article 3) Amen. *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – LITANY FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**P:** O Lord, have mercy.

**C: O Christ, have mercy.**

**P:** O Lord, have mercy.

**P:** God the Father in heaven, **C: have mercy.**

**P:** God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C: have mercy.**

**P:** God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, **C: have mercy.**

**P:** Holy Trinity, one God, **C: have mercy.**

**P:** Be gracious to us. **C: Spare us, good Lord.**

**P:** Be gracious to us. **C: Help us, good Lord.**

**P:** From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from disease and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and storm; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death: **C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

**P:** O Jesus, King of Glory, Jesus, Lord and Christ, Jesus, God and Savior, Jesus, blessed and mighty One, Jesus, incarnate, crucified, risen Lord, Jesus, Who ascended into heaven, Jesus, Who ascended far above the heavens to fill all things, now present everywhere, Jesus, Who ascended to Your Father and our Father, to Your God and our God, Jesus, Who led a host of captives, Jesus, Who plundered principalities and powers, triumphing over them. Jesus, You Who are exalted at the right hand of God, Jesus, You Who are exalted far above all principalities and powers, Jesus, to Whom all power is given in heaven and on earth, Jesus, You Who are crowned with glory and honor, Jesus, You Who are glorified with the glory which You had with the Father from eternity, Jesus, You Who are glorified in Your humanity at the right hand of the Majesty on high, Jesus, Who must reign until You have put all things under Your feet, Jesus, Whose throne and Kingdom is forever and ever, Jesus, You Who are adored by all the angelic host, Jesus, You Who are anointed with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions, Jesus, You Who are the Joy of the blessed, Jesus, in Whose presence is life, Jesus, Who has entered into heaven itself for us, Jesus, Who has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers, Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament, Jesus, our High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek, Jesus, Who always lives to make intercession for us before the Father, Jesus, You Who are able to save forever those who come unto the Father by You, Jesus, Who gives gifts to men, Jesus, Head over Your Body, the Church, Jesus, Who sent down the Holy Spirit upon Your Apostles and Your Church, Jesus, Who promises that whatever we ask the Father in Your Name He will grant us,

Jesus, Who has gone up into heaven and yet is present with us in Your Holy Word, Your Baptismal grace and in Your body and blood upon Your altar, Jesus, Who has gone to prepare a place for us, Jesus, Who will come again for us in the same manner in which You departed, Jesus, Who has promised us a new heaven and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells, Jesus, Who lives forever, Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Father, **C: we poor sinners implore You to hear us, O Lord.**

**P:** That we may seek the things that are above and not the things that are on earth, that You would cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God, that we would live the rest of our days seeking to accomplish the will of God rather than pursuing the vain desires of men, that You would always make Your home with us, dwelling in our hearts through faith, that we would hold resolutely to the confession of our hope without wavering, that You would pour down Your blessings upon Your Church, that You would order all things for the good of all those who love You, that You would draw all people unto You, that You would come again and take us to Yourself, so that where You are, we are also, that when You appear, we would receive a never-fading crown of glory, that we behold Your glory, that in Your light we see light, that You would speed the day of Your appearing, and that You would hear us from Your holy throne above. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **C: we implore You to hear us.**

**P:** That Your healing mercies would be extended to those for whom we pray – \_\_\_\_\_ – and that You would bless them all. **C: we implore You to hear us.**

**P:** O Christ, hear us.  
**C: O Lord, have mercy.**  
**P:** O Christ, have mercy.  
**C: O Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR [PAGES 24-31]**

**PROPER PREFACE (LORD’S SUPPER OPENING PRAYER) FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**P:** It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who after His resurrection appeared openly to His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven, that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**COMMUNION HYMNS: ♪ 214, 215 & 213**  
**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 216**

**† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †**

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	<u>OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY</u>			
	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	41	--	16	\$2,918.00
St. James	52	--	3 6	\$1,595.00

	Sunday Offerings–Trinity, Fedor				
	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	31,269.00				
Actual	49,284.75		3,045.00		21
Last Week	1,753.00	1,140.00	25.00		

	Sunday Offerings–St. James, Lexington				
	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	57,183.00			57,183.00	
Actual	38,924.56	290.00	865.00	40,079.56	21
Last Week	1,595.00			1,595.00	

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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY

+Pastor's Day Off

NEXT SUNDAY

\*Elders (Holy Trinity and St. James) following the service

+Reception for Dorothy Wachsmann (at St. James) following the service

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

\*\*\*We remember in our prayers:...at Holy Trinity...*Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche*;...at St. James...*Curtis Yurk, Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Gloria Evans* [mother-in-law of Randall Sullivan (St. James)], *Diane Sommers* [sister of Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++**St. James** ...the congregation and LWML will be hosting a dinner honoring *Dorothy Wachsmann* who has retired after 40+ years of dedicated and faithful service as one of our congregation's organist! We encourage everyone to join in coming and celebrating with us next Sunday, June 8, following the service at the parish hall. We are asking members to bring a dessert. There will be a basket available for anyone who would like to personally give her a card, etc. to show their appreciation to her for many years of service!

+++**Baby Bottle Campaign:** It's time for the annual baby bottle campaign fundraiser for Place of Hope Pregnancy Center in Rockdale. This fundraiser runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Be sure to pick up a bottle from the narthex and fill it over the next weeks. Thank you for supporting life!

\*\*\*St. James Cleaning Day: The LWML is sponsoring a cleaning day on Thursday, June 12, starting at 9:00am. We will clean the kitchen and classrooms in preparation for VBS. All help is welcomed and appreciated! See you there!

+++VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...our joint VBS will be held the week of June 23 thru 27 from 9am-11:30am!!! We encourage our children from 3 years through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to come join in! We are needing and asking for volunteers to HELP...how about you?!!! Our theme this year will be "Hero Hotline...Called Together to Serve God"! Please contact the church office to volunteer!!!

\*\*\***Disciples of the Way handmade items available:** Please see the display in the narthex of St. James that features handmade zipper pouches sewn by the women in the program "Sewing Seeds of Faith." This program is hosted by Disciples of the Way, the ministry of Pastor Karim Baidaoui, who has been our mission speaker before. Your gift of \$10 per purse will support the refugee women who make them. These pouches make great gifts and are helping support the ministry of Disciples of the Way as they reach out to Muslim immigrants with the Word of Christ!

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's "**Truth Notes**." This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

\*\*\*BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK...Holy Trinity-Tiffany Albrecht, 5;...St. James-Brandon Drosche,



today; Sherwood Frosch, today; Renee Hall, today; Laurie Hobbs, today; B. J. Kirkpatrick, 2; James Clifford, 3; Clay Brockenbush, 4; Nina Seifert, 4; Blayke Kirkpatrick, 5; Peggy Raines, 5; Eugene Jenke, 6; Rebel Lay, 6.

+++ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK...Holy Trinity-Norman & Cindy Popelka, 6;...St. James-Ferman Jr. & Vickie Iselt, 3.