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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.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Holy Spirit Gives Peace Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had directed. Rather, they exalted themselves. With *“one language and the same words”* (Genesis 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing *“the language of all the earth,”* dividing and dispersing the people. (Genesis 11:9) That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus to be preached in a multitude of languages. *“At this sound the multitude came together,”* (Acts 2:6) for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father Who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”* (John 14:27) (lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)

A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: According to Jesus, the purpose and work of the Holy Spirit is to “teach” and “bring to remembrance” everything He taught His disciples regarding His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. To be sure, this work will be accompanied by miracles as God sees fit. However, it is the proclamation of the Word of Christ by which men are saved and the Holy Spirit is known.

God the Holy Spirit, however, does not bring about conversion without means. For this purpose He uses the preaching and hearing of God's Word, as it is written in Romans 1:16, the Gospel *“is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”* Also Romans 10:17 says, *“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.”* It is God's will that His Word should be heard and that a person's ears should not be closed. (See Psalm 95:8) With this Word the Holy Spirit is present, and opens hearts, so that people (like Lydia in Acts 16:14) pay attention to it, and are converted only through the Holy Spirit's grace and power, Who alone does the work of converting a person. For without His grace, and if He do not grant the increase, our willing and running, our planting, sowing, and watering (1 Corinthians 3:5-7) are nothing. As Christ says in John 15:5, *“Apart from Me you can do nothing.”* With these brief words, the Spirit denies free will its powers and ascribes everything to God's grace, in order that no one may boast before God. (2 Corinthians 10:17; Jeremiah 9:23) (*Epitome of FC, Art. 3, Free Will*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 233

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: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

CONGREGATION: and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

P: O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all;

C: the earth is full of Your creatures.

P: These all look to You,

C: to give them their food in due season.

P: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

C: when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

P: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

C: and You renew the face of the ground. (*Liturgical Text; Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30*)

♪ 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 God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: FIRST LESSON – GENESIS 11:1-9

P: ^{11:1} Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 143: 1-2; 5-11

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

C: Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.

P: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

C: I ponder the work of Your hands.

P: I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

C: Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

P: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

C: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to You for refuge.

P: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

C: For Your Name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! 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.

HYMN: 231

SECOND LESSON – ACTS 2:1-21

P: ^{2:1} When the day of Pentecost arrived, [Jesus’ apostles and followers] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose,

since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – JOHN 14:23-31

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

^{14:23} Jesus [said], “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. And the Word that you hear is not Mine but the Father’s Who sent Me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things and bring to Your remembrance all that I have said to You. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on Me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 236

SERMON: REVEL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT – HIS GREAT LOVE AND WONDROUS WORK FOR YOU – JOHN 15:26

Jesus said: “[The Holy Spirit] will teach you all things and bring to Your remembrance all that I have said to You.” (Jn. 14:26)

Grace and peace to you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. “Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing for our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought and us unto the Bridegroom brought, made us His chosen nation. Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, bliss supernal; there is manna and an endless glad hosanna.” (TLH 23:3)

All praise, honor and thanksgiving be to God the Holy Spirit for regenerating us – bringing us from the stone-cold death of our sin, unbelief and divine judgment to God the Father through faith and new life in Jesus Christ. Ours is definitely a “*living hope*” (1 Pet. 1:3) in God since by His Spirit we’ve been born again, created anew in Christ in Baptismal waters. Glorify the Spirit of heaven, Who’s wrought or worked in us salvation in Jesus our Bridegroom!

On this day when we honor the Holy Spirit especially, let’s see what a precious blessing the Third Person of the Blessed Holy Trinity is to us – how much He’s done for us; how He’s had great mercy on us all. (See Mk. 5:19)

What’s most important to believe about the Holy Spirit is that He’s true God, together with the Father and the Son. He isn’t part of the Father or the Son, or their “essence” or anything like that. He’s a separate and distinct person from the Father and the Son in the Godhead. Yet as there’s only one God in three persons, the Spirit isn’t God apart from the Father and the Son, but God together with the Son and the Father from eternity. The divine mystery of the Trinity is great, it’s true, and it’s to be believed by us all – even though we can never fully grasp or understand it.

The Holy Spirit is routinely given divine names in the Bible, and is often mentioned in the immediate context of the Father and the Son. He also speaks numerous times in the pages of Scripture, such as when He directs St. Philip in Acts 8:29 to witness Jesus to the Ethiopian eunuch in his chariot – so that the man may believe in Jesus and be

saved by Him. The Spirit of holiness also instructs St. John the Apostle, in the *Book of Revelation*, to record words of comfort to all who grieve the deaths of loved ones in Jesus. He says to John, “*Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from this moment on!’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labors, for their good deeds will follow them.’*” (Rev. 14:13)

So always believe in and exalt the Holy Spirit as true God, together with the Father and the Son, for “*with the Father and the Son together [He’s to be] is worshiped and glorified.*” (Nicene Creed)

As God the Holy Spirit does the work of God. He’s the Giver of life at creation, “*hovering over the surface of the waters.*” (Gen. 1:2) He has fearfully and wonderfully formed each one of us. (See Ps. 139:14) He has raised Jesus from the dead. And He has given life to our mortal bodies. (See Rom. 8:11) On this last point, He’s given life to you now and forever by implanting His Word – faith in Jesus Christ – in you.

Know all about and love the Holy Spirit’s chief work of pointing you to your blessed Savior upon His holy cross; of bringing you to saving faith in Him. For the Holy Spirit has made God and His Son known to you and to all people by the Word of Truth, the Gospel of salvation. (See Eph. 1:13) Apart from the Word of the Lord, and that Word joined with water, the Holy Spirit doesn’t act on our behalf. How good of Him to always work good in you and for you through sacred Scripture – and It alone!

When our Lord Jesus says, “...[The] Spirit of Truth..., will guide you into all Truth,” (Jn. 16:13) He means that the Holy Spirit always brings us to He Who is our Way, our Truth and our Life. (See Jn. 14:6) He grants us a wonderful faith and confidence in Jesus our Savior – which we’d better not cast aside and so grieve the Spirit. Be assured that the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, His beloved Church, by setting us apart as holy unto our Holy God in His Holy Son! In John 17:17, our Lord prays these immortal words to His Father: “*Sanctify them in the Truth; Your Word is Truth.*” How does God sanctify you or make you holy, blameless, precious in His sight but through His Spirit and His Word of Truth.

Can you think of anything better than having been brought to Jesus by His Spirit; than being saved by-way-of your Savior’s holy, precious death for you? What’s more, the Spirit keeps you in Christ all your days. Don’t take any credit for being a Christian since the Holy Dove sent from heaven alone keeps your heart believing in Jesus. Opening the Bible to you, He brings to your remembrance Jesus as true God and true man; Jesus as your sacrificial Atonement before the Father. We see this in John 15:26, where Jesus says: “*The Spirit of Truth...will bear witness about Me.*” And in John 16:14: “*He will glorify Me by taking what is Mine and making it known to you.*” Therefore, you have faith in God, the forgiveness of your sins, Christ’s very own righteousness, eternal life and every blessing as your own since, thanks be to the Holy Spirit, all that your Lord Jesus has is also yours. (See Luke 15:31)

Armed with such faith, believe without a doubt; know for certain that you’re a Christian. You’re baptized in the blessed, saving, Triune Name of God! You can confidently, joyfully touch your forehead and say: “I am baptized! I am a child of God and an heir of salvation through my Lord Jesus and His Spirit!” you can announce to all. You sure can say: “I also confess together with all my fellow believers in Jesus the Biblical Christian faith by which we’re all redeemed forever!”

The beauty of our confession of faith in the words of the *Creeds of the Church* is that we’re saved by the Gospel content of our Christian confession, and never by our act of confessing itself. We’ll see heaven because we truly “*believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.... [We] believe in Jesus Christ, [God’s] only Son, our Lord,*” (Apostles’ Creed) Who became man for us; Who suffered, died, and was buried for us; Who rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and will return soon for us. “*[We] believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life,*” (Nicene Creed) Who has brought us into the one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, and in It daily washes us pure before God in our Baptism, remits or removes all our sin, and will raise us alive again from the dead on the *Last Day*, and will grant us eternal life to come.

The Holy Ghost also unites His one holy Church, joining us together as one in the Body of Christ. “*For...the Body [of Christ, His Church,] has many members, and all the members of the Body, though many, are one Body....*” (1 Cor. 12:12) So, according to the will and working of the Holy Spirit, “*there are many parts [of the Body of Christ,] yet one Body.*” (1 Cor. 12:20) St. Paul further stresses our unity in belief, teaching and confession of faith by declaring: “*There is one Body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.*” (Eph. 4:4-5) Since you’re all part of the one true Body of Christ, and so are like many grains of wheat which are joined together as one holy loaf, (see *Didache 9:4*) you enjoy “*the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*” (Eph. 4:3)

Speaking of the Church, the Holy Spirit gives living, abiding faith in Christ through God’s holy Church, as no one comes to faith apart from the Church. That is to say, there is no salvation outside of the Church, since this is where Jesus and His Spirit are and operate for our good.

The Holy Spirit is never to be resisted so that His saving gifts in Jesus are ignored or thrown back in His face. We're never to grieve the Holy Spirit since in Him we're sealed for the day of redemption. (*See Eph. 4:30*) All who resist, grieve, reject the Holy Spirit will be condemned forever, as this is the "unforgivable sin." (*See Mt. 12:31*)

How good it is to believe in, worship and glorify the Holy Spirit as true God, together with the Father and the Son! Adore Him for creating you, for recreating you through faith in Jesus Christ in the waters of Baptism, and for dwelling in your heart through faith. Rejoice in the strong, unbreakable link that Christ has with His Spirit, so that Jesus gives you the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit brings you to a living, saving faith in your Savior – and keeps you in it forever! Be more-than-confident that your faith in Jesus is genuine since you didn't conjure it up on your own, or make it what it is, but the Spirit of God has made you a Christian for keeps! Revel in the Spirit-given unity-of-faith that you share with your fellow believers in the Body of Christ! Remain always in Jesus and His Churchly Body, for the Holy Spirit has joined you together as one in the Church of God. Be very careful to never resist the Holy Spirit or drive Him from you. Instead, always pray: [*"O God,] cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit."*] (*Offertory, TLH 22-23*) 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 TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

P: O God the Father of Heaven, O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, O God the Holy Spirit, true Comforter, **C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lord God, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord; the Spirit of love, the Spirit of joy, the Spirit of peace, the Spirit of patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and discipline, and the Spirit of piety, humility and chastity. **C: Have mercy upon us.**

P: Lord God, the Holy Spirit, You are He Who tests the hearts of mankind, and You are the Giver of heavenly grace.

You are the Joy of the angels, the Comfort of the sorrowing, the Light of the prophets, the Wisdom of the apostles, the Victory of the holy martyrs, and You are the Anointing of the saints. **C: Have mercy upon us.**

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

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

P: From all evil; from all error; from all sin. From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from all false teaching that dishonors and blasphemes our Lord Jesus Christ, from envy and ill-will toward our fellow brethren in Christ, from impurity of body and soul, from a lack of care in the service of God, and from all evil spirits, **C: deliver us, good Lord.**

P: Lord God, the Holy Spirit: You Who proceed from the Father and the Son, You Who did overshadow the blessed virgin Mary, causing her to conceive in her womb the eternal Son of God, Jesus the Christ, You Who did descend upon the Son of God in the form of a dove at His Baptism, You Who were poured out upon the holy apostles, descending upon them in tongues of flame, enabling them to speak the Gospel in other languages, You Who have regenerated and saved us in Holy Baptism, And You Who dwell in us through Your Word and Sacraments, **C: help us, good Lord.**

P: O Holy Spirit, You intercede for us in groanings that cannot be uttered, **C: hear us, good Lord.**

P: Lord God, the Holy Spirit, we poor sinners implore You **C: to hear us, O Lord.**

P: And to cleanse and sanctify all the members of Your holy Church, to adorn the Bride of Christ, the Church, with Your many gifts, to bless and protect the Missouri Synod, together with all its ministers and institutions, to grant us all the spirit of prayer and reverent worship, to govern and sanctify our thoughts, words, and deeds, to adorn our lives with patience and humility, to kindle in us love and mercy, to clothe us with chastity, to work in us the peace of God, to keep us in Your grace, to watch over and help us in our infirmities, particularly all those for whom we implore God's mercy: _____, that You would bless and heal them, **C: We implore You to hear us, Good Lord!**

P: O Lord, have mercy. C: O Christ, have mercy. P: O Lord, have mercy. C: Amen.

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

PROPER PREFACE (LORD’S SUPPER OPENING PRAYER) FOR PENTECOST

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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: ♪ 235 & 234

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 224

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	57	50	18	\$2,272.00
St. James	48	37	2 10	\$3,173.00

	Operating	Sunday Offerings–Trinity, Fedor Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	32,758.00				
Actual	50,671.75		3,630.00		22
Last Week	1,387.00	300.00	585.00		

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	59,906.00			59,906.00	
Actual	41,797.56	590.00	865.00	43,252.56	22
Last Week	2,873.00	300.00		3,173.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY *Elders (Holy Trinity and St. James) following the services
+Reception for Dorothy Wachsmann (St. James) following the Service

TUESDAY 9:00AM: Circuit Pastors Meeting
6:30PM: Ladies Aid (Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY 9:00AM: LWML church cleaning

FRIDAY *Pastor’s Day Off

NEXT SUNDAY +The Festival of Holy Trinity will be celebrated at Holy Trinity and St. James

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++We remember in our prayers:...at Holy Trinity...Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;...at St. James...Clarence Symmank, 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*.

***We express our sympathy to **The Lois Turner Family** (St. James) on the death of her brother-in-law, Don Hurst, whom our Lord Jesus in His grace and mercy called out of this vale of tears unto Himself on Tuesday (6-3-25). His funeral service will be tomorrow (6-9-25) at Grace Lutheran Church in Elgin. We pray that our Lord Jesus would be with and comfort the surviving family.

*****Holy Trinity**...would like to **THANK** the Ladies Aid for their generous donation from their recent Turkey Dinner to the congregation's restoration/building fund!!! Many thanks!

+++**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 **TODAY**, 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!

+++**Sunday Morning Bible Class Study on the Divine Worship Service**...Our current Bible study is a unique one as it covers the divine, holy liturgy by which we worship the Lord our God on Sundays and all other holy days. Come learn about and grow in the rich Biblical theology of our Divine Worship as Lutheran Christians. As this study is concerned with how we, the Church of God, have worshiped Him faithfully for many centuries, copies of it will also be made available for all who wish to become better acquainted with our Lutheran worship, but who cannot attend the study.

*****St. James Cleaning Day**: The LWML is sponsoring a cleaning day this 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 8th 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-Crystal Iselt, 9; Cindy Popelka, 10;...St. James-

Clayton Brown, today; Avery Christian, today; Clarence Symmank, today; Donald Boettcher, 10; Emmett Lerche, 11; Sherryl Bohl, 12.

+++ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK...Holy Trinity-Scott & Sherri Iselt, 13; T. G. & Donna Moerbe, 13;...St. James-Gary & Kathy Dube, 9; Nathanael & Kynslie Clifford, 10; Michael & Diana Lerche, 11; Clayton & Victoria Brown, 14; Kenneth & Paulette Schulze, 14.