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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 21 & 22, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need ***communed in the pew***.

A ***large print copy*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available in the front narthex.



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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 4)

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

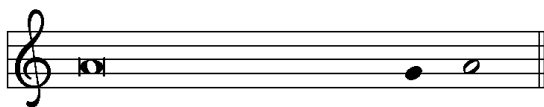
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Greeting

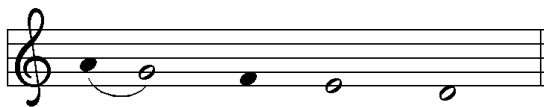
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

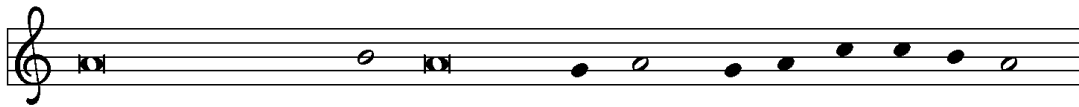
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



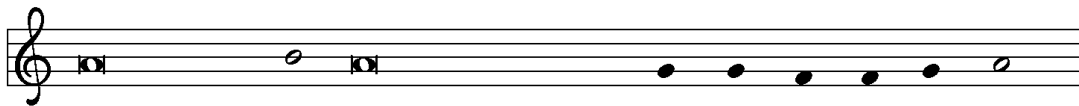
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

After 70 years of exile in Babylon, the Israelites were allowed to return home and to rebuild both Jerusalem and the Temple. One would think that such a miraculous rescue would bring about a golden age of faithfulness, filled with gratitude to God. Such, however, was not the case.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:19-28 (Leader/Assembly: Spoken)

This psalm begins “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” and may be seen as the cry of those – like God’s servants in the first reading and Jesus from the cross -- who remain faithful but suffer the consequences of their neighbors’ faithlessness.

- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- ²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**
- ²¹ Save me from the lion’s mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- ²² **I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly
I will praise you.**
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give
glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For the next several weeks we will be reading through Paul’s letter to the churches in Galatia. Traveling preachers had visited those churches and convinced them that Christians must obey the Jewish law in order to be truly Christian. Paul rejected that preaching forcefully and completely, affirming that God’s grace grasped by our faith provided our salvation.

- ²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

After spending Lent and Easter primarily listening to readings from the Gospel of John, we return to Luke for the rest of the year, picking up where we left off in Epiphany. Immediately before this reading, Jesus has saved the disciples' lives by stilling a storm which had threatened to capsize their boat on the Sea of Galilee. The Gerasenes, who lived on the eastern side of the Jordan River, were ethnically and culturally Greek, rather than Jewish.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

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³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jason Felici

Hymn of the Day *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW #843

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sunday, 10:45am)

ELW page 227

(at the end of the Baptism, please sing “You Have Put on Christ” to welcome the newly Baptized)



Apostles' Creed (Saturday, 5:30pm and Sunday, 8:15am)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*please kneel or sit as you are comfortable*)

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Peace *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

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

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gathering of Gifts

◆ *As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Hearts and Hands Helping Seniors, formerly known as Laurel Area Faith in Action. Their mission is "to enhance the quality of life for persons 60 years and older who reside in Latrobe, Unity Township, Ligonier, Ligonier Township, Derry and Derry Township by providing companionship and assistance".*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online.
You may then place a giving card from the pew
in the offering plate as it passes by.*

Offertory *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“We Are an Offering” ELW #692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.'

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(please be seated)

Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Table Blessing (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Mothering God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW #445

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEKEND is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of those who continue to support our recycling efforts, and especially for those who organize the recyclables and transport them to Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of daughter, Heather Wirick, on her birthday, and also in memory of mothers, Betty Lou Sipe and Nannie Morgan, on their birthdays, given by Cheryl Morgan.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Organist: Christina Andrae

Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Margaret Conrad

Sunday 8:15am: Gail McDonald

Sunday 10:45am: Sandy Redinger

Liturgical Deacons: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Darlene Hoffmann

Sunday 8:15am: Nancy McHenry, Evan Stemler

Sunday 10:45am: Lindsay Deemer, Sandy Redinger

Ushers: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kasha & Don Loveridge, Jay Elder, John Elder

Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Herb Harris, Kathy & Mark Jones

Sunday 10:45am: Jill & Mike Macey, Becky Tomlinson,
Susan Vargo

Acolytes: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Mallory Hudson

Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola

Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Sandy Kisick, Candace Bungard, Mark Jones,
BJ Hebenthal

10:45am: Linda McDowell, Christina Andrae, Mike Macey,
Darlene Schultz

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend June 28 & 29

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am:

Sunday 10:45am:

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³² A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission,³³ and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

Luke 8:32-33

Common English Bible