Trinity Sunday / Fathers' Day One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit June 15, 2025

Ascension Lutheran Church • El Paso, Texas

As We Gather:

A triangle is a single geometric figure, but it has three sides. Water (a single thing) can exist as a solid (ice), a liquid (water) or a gas (water vapor). The world is full of examples of things that are three-in-one. And yet none of them is completely adequate to explain the reality of God.



The Bible is very clear: there is only one God. And yet our God exists in three distinct persons: the Father (who made us and chose us), the Son (Jesus, who died and rose for us), and the Holy Spirit (who calls us to faith and leads us). Our human minds can only partially, dimly, comprehend this. But we can understand this: God is infinitely greater than we are, and his love for us is equally great.

Today is Fathers' Day; we thank God for our earthly fathers and with his help we forgive them and acknowledge and celebrate them.

But at the same time, this is Trinity Sunday; we stand in awe of our great God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and of his incredible love for us.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: Glory be to God the Father

(Lutheran Service Book 506)



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Invocation

- P God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Q** Yet these three persons are just one God.
- P We begin our worship in the name of the Father,
- Who created us and keeps us.
- **P** In the name of the Son,
- **Who died and rose to save us.**
- P In the name of the Holy Spirit,
- Who calls us to faith and guides us.
- P Together with Christians from every race and nation, we worship the only true God.
- **■** Lord, help us to worship you today with all our heart!

Prayer of Confession

- P We begin our worship by confessing our sins and failures before the Lord, because he loves us and forgives us!
- Almighty God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on this Fathers' Day we remember that you are indeed our loving heavenly Father. Yet in spite of your love, we have not always been obedient children nor have we always followed the Spirit's leading. In the world, in our homes, and even in the church, often we have lost our patience with each other. We have spoken harsh words and we have acted without love. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and give us more love toward others, particularly in our own families. Amen.

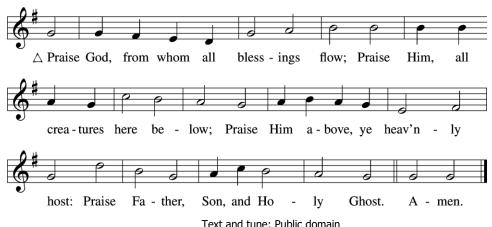
Assurance of Forgiveness

- P Although we have often failed, our heavenly Father still loves us and sent his only Son Jesus to save us. The Son died for our sins and rose victorious over death. The Holy Spirit calls us to faith and guides us. God himself wipes away our sins, and by his command I announce to you that because of your faith, you are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Hymn of Praise: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C Lord God, you are greater than we can comprehend. You are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and yet only one God! Your nature is beyond our human understanding; but your love for us is crystal clear. Help us to leave behind every false god and trust firmly in you, the only true God. We ask it in Jesus' name, as you have taught us. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(There is but one God, and we are to teach our children of his love.)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:14-17

(The Spirit leads us and shows us that we are children of God the Father and co-heirs with Christ through faith.)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia (Melody: Unser Herrscher LSB 901)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving Word. Let it burn like fire within us. Speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

Reading from the Holy Gospel

Luke 11:9-13

(Our heavenly Father provides what we need.)

- ealso P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11^{th} chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who

seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Song: My God is So Great

(Little Ones Sing Praise # 64)

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
The mountains are his, the rivers are his.
The stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.

Children's Message

Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Lutheran Service Book 940, stanzas 1,4, 5



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Sermon: Beyond Our Comprehension (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Athanasian Creed (edited)

All: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the Christian faith...

Men: And the Christian faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

Women: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

Men: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

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

Men: The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal...

Women: 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.

Men: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Women: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Men: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

Women: So also are we prohibited by the Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords...

Men: 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,

Women: So that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped...

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

Women: For 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.

Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

Women: And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: perfect God and perfect man...

Men: Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Women: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ...

Men: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell,

Women: Rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven,

Men: And is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Women: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds...

All: This is the Christian faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Acknowledgement of Fathers (Proverbs 23)

- P Listen to your father, who gave you life,
- And do not despise your mother when she is old.
- P Buy the truth and do not sell it;
- **G** Get wisdom, discipline and understanding.
- The father of a righteous man has great joy;
- He who has a wise son delights in him.
- P May your father and mother be glad!
- May she who gave you birth rejoice!
- Those who are fathers here on earth face a difficult challenge. God calls them to teach their children how to follow Jesus. God wants fathers to have patience, love, courage and perseverance, just like our heavenly Father. It is only with God's help that fathers can begin to meet this challenge. Today we pray for all the fathers in our congregation and in the world around us. We pray that God would bless them, forgive them, correct them, and help them to live up to their calling.

Video: Happy Fathers' Day

(The fathers – and those who have been like a father to us – who are present are recognized.)

Prayer for Fathers

A Heavenly Father, bless all our earthly fathers today. Help us to appreciate them — and to forgive their faults. Help all fathers to follow your example and to be good and loving parents. Help them to follow your ways, Lord, and to teach their children your Word. Above all, give them faith in you and abundant love for their families. Thank you, Lord, for our fathers here on earth and for being our loving heavenly Father! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Jesus has all power and authority! According to the Bible, he is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us. For that reason we draw near to God in prayer, without fear, in the name of Jesus, asking for what we need and giving him thanks for his great love.

- Lord, we pray for unity and love in the church, asking you to open the minds and hearts of your people to Jesus and his love and forgiveness. In Jesus' name,
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list who are close to our hearts. Let them know your healing touch. In Jesus' name,
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for all those who are suffering or struggling or grieving, especially our friends and relatives and fellow Christians on our prayer list. Comfort them and help them. In Jesus' name,
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for peace in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in the world, especially in Israel and in the Ukraine and places where violence or persecution threaten. In Jesus' name,
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for those who have not yet believed in you as their Savior. Help us to show them your love and give us words to tell them about your salvation. In Jesus' name,
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for the soldiers, the policemen and firemen, and all who risk their lives to defend us and help us. In Jesus' name,
- **O** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for our teachers and leaders, that you would guide them and encourage them. In Jesus' name,
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, we pray for all the needs, physical and spiritual, in the world around us. In Jesus' name,
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- P We trust in you, Lord, for you have power over death itself, and you have promised to hear us.
- C Amen.

Offering

The Bible says, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV) Our offerings are part of our worship, part of our response to God's love.

Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

On-line Banking donations: You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

Other Electronic donation option: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.alconnect.faith or by scanning the QR code below. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofit organizations. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate through the app.

The ministries of Ascension are supported by the love, generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. As a guest, please do not feel obligated in any way to make a contribution. We believe that any gift to the Lord should be uncoerced and from the heart — as a loving response to God's grace.



Special Music during the Offering: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

(Ron Seiders and Richard Schlak, accompanist Ruth Ann Ostergren)

- 1) Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun, The interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, But as the Three in love and hope, made room within their dance. Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem, Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone. When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone!
- 2) Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
 Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
 We know the yoke of sin and death. Our necks have worn it smooth.
 God tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
 We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
 Let voices rise and interweave by love and hope set free,
 To share in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity!

Stand

Offering Prayer

A Heavenly Father, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, and help us to live for you. Bless these offerings and use them to bring others to faith and to help those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory: We Are One in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
 And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (Refrain)

♣ Service of the Sacrament **♣**

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people. In Communion, God wants to assure us that we have been forgiven through faith in Jesus who gave his body and blood for us on the cross.

To prepare for Communion, we follow what 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup." Therefore, if you wish to participate in Communion today, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner, that is, that I have failed to keep God's commands as I should, and that I need forgiveness?
- 2. Do I trust in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior, who died and rose for me?
- 3. Do I believe as I eat the bread and drink the cup, that I also receive the true body and blood of Jesus that He gave for me on the cross even though I can't fully explain it?
- 4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to follow Jesus more closely and obey him more faithfully?

If you answer "yes" to these questions, then you share a common faith with our Christian congregation and you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our common faith is expressed in more detail in the Creed that we confess together during the worship service.

Special Instructions for Communion:

- <u>Children and those who are not communing</u> are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. Children do not commune until they have completed basic instruction classes about the Christian faith.
- If you are <u>unable to go to the altar</u>, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper (Communion) to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church.
- During Communion, <u>gluten-free communion wafers (bread)</u> are available. Just ask the Pastor when he comes to give you the bread.
- During Communion, you may take one of the <u>small communion cups</u> from the tray, or you may wait and drink from the <u>common cup</u>.
- On the tray of small communion cups, those cups in the center of the tray have light-colored, non-alcoholic <u>grape juice</u>. The other cups have <u>wine</u>.

Service of the Sacrament: Preparation for Communion

- This is the day that the Lord has made!
- Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)
- P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
- His love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1)
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- **■** It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- Thank you, heavenly Father, for having mercy on our lost world and giving us your only Son, so that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for calling us to faith and for assuring us that we are forgiven children of God. Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank you for your salvation, for your peace, for your countless blessings. Together with believers of every race and nation, we sing your praises and glorify your holy name.



Lutheran Service Book 506 stanza 1



Lord's Prayer

A 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God, John 1:29)

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Hymns during Communion

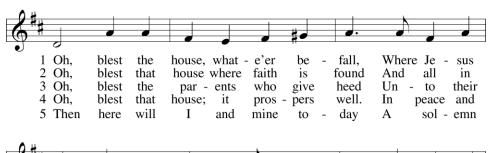
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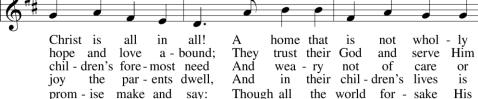
1. Hosanna, hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest! All hail the Trinity!
Praise God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one!
Hosanna, hosanna,
One God in our hearts. One God in our love.
One God uniting all!

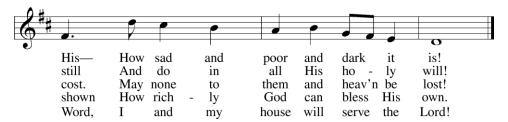
- Three persons we laud, while angels sing God's praise in heaven above.
 The Trinity, the Unity, God's glory we proclaim!
- 3. Oh blessed is He who comes before The throne of God today. You come in peace to share our love, The blessed Trinity. Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed Creator, Blessed Redeemer, Blessed Comforter.
- 4. Let winds be silent, stars not shine, Let flowing rivers cease. And all will hear this hymn we sing To our triune God! Sing His praise!



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Creator of Heaven (Holy Trinity)

(Diane Meacham - Melody: Lyons)

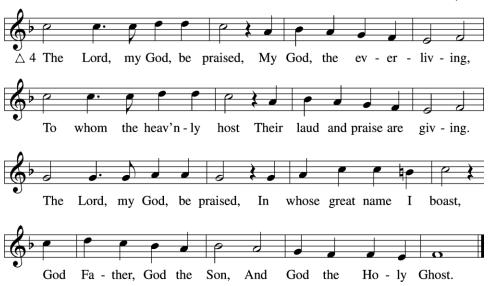
- Creator of heaven and earth here below,
 All honor and glory on you we bestow.
 Your Word became flesh; light and truth from above.
 The good news freed your people and embraced them in love.
- Christ Jesus, salvation through grace is your gift.
 In joyous thanksgiving our voices we lift.
 Through holy Bapti-sm you mark us as your own.
 Through holy Communion with you we are one.

Oh come, Holy Spirit, soar swiftly, sweet dove.
 Wing over all earth with your wisdom and love.
 Enlighten our minds and our hearts day by day.
 Come teach us to serve and to follow your way.

After Communion:

Nunc Dimittis

Lutheran Service Book 794, last verse



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Closing Prayer

- **P** Let us pray.
- Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you for strengthening our faith and forgiving our sins through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Holy Spirit, help us now to live so as to glorify the name of Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. (1 Corinthians 13:14)
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Oh Give Us Homes

(Barbara Hart – tune of LSB 752)

- Oh give us homes built firm upon the Savior, Where Christ is head and counselor and guide, Where every child is taught his love and favor, And gives his love to Christ the crucified. How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver, His faithful Lord is walking by his side!
- 2) Oh give us homes with godly fathers, mothers, Who always place their hope and trust in him, Whose tender patience, turmoil never bothers, Whose calm and courage, trouble cannot dim. A home where each finds joy in serving others, And love still shines though days be dark and grim.
- 3) Oh give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master, The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung, Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster, And praise is natural speech to every tongue, Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster, And Christ sufficient is for old and young.
- 4) Oh Lord our God, our homes are yours forever!
 We trust to you their problems, toil, and care.
 Their bonds of love, no enemy can sever
 If you are always Lord and Master there!
 Be then the center of our least endeavor.
 Be then our quest, our hearts and homes to share.

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Richard Schlak Organist: Ruth Ann Ostergren

Guitarist: Bryan Perdue Elder: Ron Seiders/

Dave Tuchenhagen

Acolyte: Thomas Karl Reader: Phyllis Meraz Ushers: Team #1

Altar Care: Tuchenhagen Projectionist: Jacob Canada Sound/Camera: Mike Mielke

Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:

We pray for all those who may be grieving or mourning the loss of loved ones, especially remember these who loss is most recent:

Ken Steelhammer, former Ascension member. Cathy Engel informed Ascension of his passing on June 2nd, and his service is scheduled for June 23rd. Please pray for peace & comfort for the family & friends; **Richard Neal**; please pray for peace for his wife, **Martha**, & all of his family and friends; **Pastor Howard Patten**; Please continue to pray for peace, comfort, & strength for **Marilyn Patten** and all of Pastor's family as they cope with his passing.

Illness and Recovery:

Gretchen Schmalz, surgery to remove a tumor in her bladder went well, (pray that there is no malignancy found in the pathology); **Elizabeth Hinson,** Mary Lou Provencio's daughter, recently discovered a thyroid nodule (please pray for good test results, that it's not malignant, & for effective treatment); Gilbert Provencio, Mary Lou's husband, has not improved since the shunt placement, (pray for the neurologist treating him to be able to increase the cerebrospinal fluid to improve his walking gait & balance); **Dave Behl**, Steve Behl's brother, recently declined after heart surgery & is now in ICU in critical condition, (please pray for proper diagnosis & remedy for the other health issues), Mary Iwen Hansen, former Ascension member, (pray for good test results & effective treatment for heart issues related to a severely dilated aorta);; **Diana Holguin,** out of the hospital & now in rehabilitation, (pray for healing & comfort for her & her husband, **Tito**); **Dorothy Lenz,** will be undergoing a thyroid scan (pray for a correct diagnosis & effective treatment); Ruth Ann Ostergren, Ascension's music director (pray for a successful recovery from stent procedure; **Jennifer Solich**, past Ascension administrative assistant, diagnosed with a brain tumor, (please pray for successful treatment & strength to tolerate the medication); Barbara Lewis (pray for complete recovery from surgery); Kirstin **Hervin**, daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke, (experiencing a recurrence of lupus affecting her kidneys & will be having injections; please pray that the treatment is effective with no side effects); **Jessica Moran**, daughter of Jeanne and granddaughter of Jan Schlak, (Jess' pregnancy has improved & the baby is not experiencing growth restriction; please pray for continued growth for the baby & a full-term delivery in August); Sophia, the former caregiver to Concepcion Arellanes, mother of Lorena Rodriguez, our church custodian (Sophia has terminal cancer, prayers for peace & comfort); Melissa Reddick, friend of Barbara Lewis (for thanksgiving that brain cancer is gone & continue to pray for

complete recovery); Maritza Leon, Maritza Schlak's mother (for continued recovery from surgery & successful rehabilitation at home); Mark Pfeifer, nephew of Vicki Pfeifer, (for healing & that he be able to leave the hospital); **Deb Sullivan & her brother, Anthony** (for guidance & strength in handling parents' estate as they mourn); **Diana and sister** Dayna, students where Maritza Schlak teaches, orphaned & living with their aunt (for protection & comfort in their loss); Maddy, student where Mari teaches (for safety from gang violence); Andy Barber (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands); Gloria Voge (for successful leg therapy & healing from spine fracture); Aubrey McDermett (for 15-year-old with MS in hospital due to stroke); **Barb Spott** (for no further medical issues & for relief from vertigo); Abigail Kailukatis, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth (for effective treatment); David Kwiatakowski, friend of Connie Swinney (recovery & treatment for brain cancer); Brian Stickney (continuing health issues); Rebekah Livesay (for healing and correct diagnosis); Dick Seiders, Ron Seiders' father (continued cancer recovery); Mary Spott, Barb Spott's niece, Keighley Spott's mother, (heart related issues); Ann Perdue (relief from osteoarthritis); Patty Jones, Martha Neal's sister (stage 4 breast cancer); Robert & Karin Gaudet, (restoring relationships); Sean Sweeney, (brain tumor); Laurie Sterling, (colon cancer); Bruce Walker, (being treated for Parkinson's); Coby Clark and family, (continued cancer recovery); Ryan Walker, (cancer is in remission); Mariella Kraus, (cancer); Bob Gallagher (grateful no cancer was found, but he is still fragile with many health issues); Kathy Kiphart, John Weiske, Linda Seiders.

Praise and Thanksgiving:

Jennifer De La Cruz, Pastor & Maritza Schlak's daughter, (praise to God for the successful delivery of a healthy baby girl, **Liliana Rae**; thanksgiving for all the prayers, & overjoyed that mother, father, & baby are all doing well); **Kalysta Greene**, granddaughter of Tito & Diana Holguin, (grateful for her return home & that she is doing well); **Dick Seiders**, father of Ron Seiders (thanksgiving for continued recovery after hip surgery); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson**, niece of Vicki Pfeifer (completed chemotherapy radiation treatment for cancer & is doing well, thanks be to God); **Jaques Reulet**, the father of Yves Reulet, Pastor Rick & Maritza's son-in-law's father (thanks that he is home & doing well).

Special Prayer Requests:

Jacob Meraz is asking that we would pray for the San Pablo youth group's fundraisers' success. Also, pray for the financial help that will provide for the needs of both Ascension & San Pablo youth groups planning to go to the LCMS Endure Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please pray for the spiritual well-being and safety of all participants involved.

Ascension News & Notes



16 June — Barbara Spott

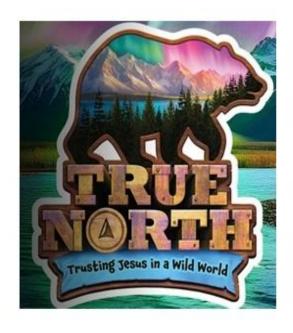
19 June — Leticia Behl

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ATTENTION all VBS volunteers!

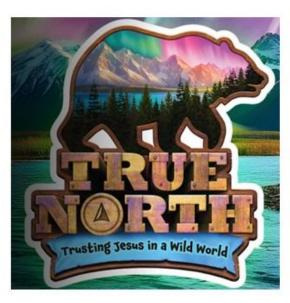
June 15th — Immediately after the service, all VBS volunteers are needed for VBS setup in the sanctuary.

VBS 2025

June 16th-19th

9 am to 12 pm

Help Needed



VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS Volunteer
Sign-Up Sheet
is on the
A-Frame Board at the
front entrance

Your help is appreciated with the donation of your time, making snacks, and/or supplies.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Attention!! All Ladies of Ascension

There will be **No "Ladies Night Out" in June** due to it falling during VBS week.

It will resume again in July.

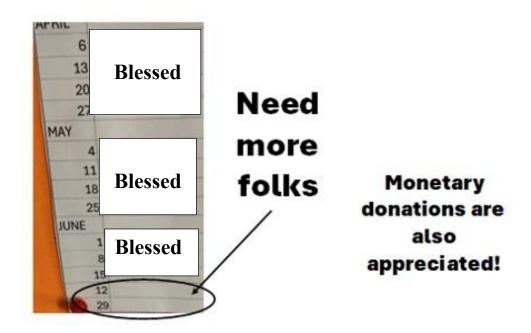
All ladies of Ascension are welcome.

Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 PM we meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship. (Dutch treat)

For information call Robin Wiegert at (915) 581-5566 I hope you can join us.



Sunday Morning Snacks Sign Up



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...

Matthew 25: 35

God's blessings as we serve each other!



Altar Flowers

If you would like to recognize, remember, or celebrate a person or special occasion, then please consider providing flowers for the altar.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



BOTH SETS OF FLOWERS ARE \$60.00.

NOTE: CONSIDER SHARING THE COST WITH SOMEONE ELSE. THEN YOU EACH PAY \$30.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



LCMS Youth Gathering

ENDURE

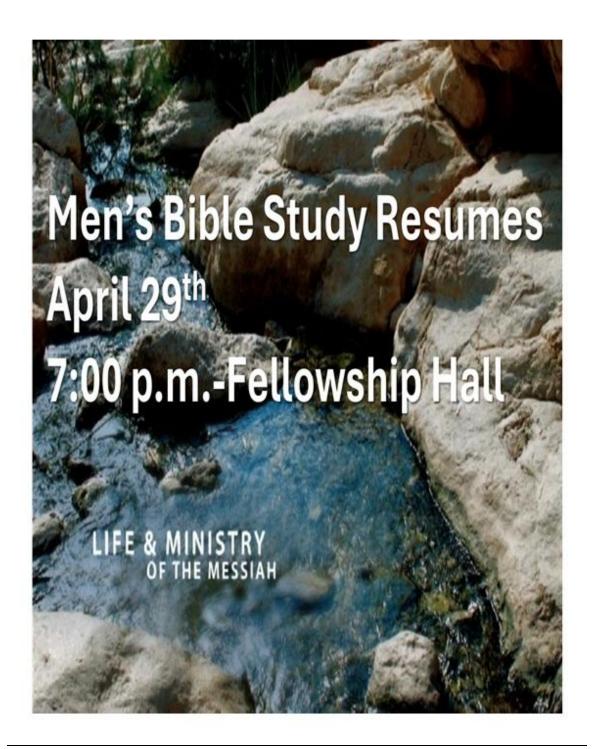
July 19-23, 2025; New Orleans, LA





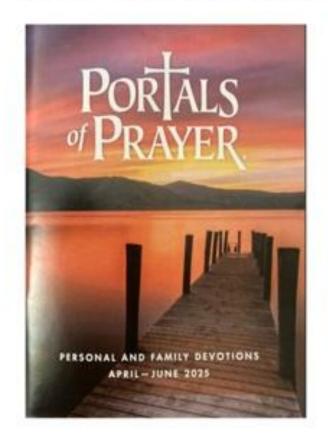
- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God's people.
- Participants ENDURE faithfully no matter what they encounter
- Participants cling to and share the good new of God's faithfulness in Christ that ENDURES forever

If interested contact the Pastor, David DeMartelaere, or Jacob Meraz for information and registration forms



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Be refreshed daily in God's living

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (June 15)

9:00 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00 AM Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion

Trinity Sunday/

Father's Day (Root Beer Floats)

Immediately after church: Finish VBS Set-up in sanctuary

Monday (June 16)

Church Office Closed 9:00 AM-12 PM VBS

Tuesday (June 17)

9:00 AM-12 PM VBS

6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)

7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday (June 18)

9:00 AM-12PM VBS

11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)

Thursday (June 19)

9:00 AM-12 PM VBS

Friday (June 20)

Saturday (June 21)

9:00 AM VBS Set-up in the Fellowship Hall

