

HOLY TRINITY TIMES

MAY 2024
NEWSLETTER



Sundays at 10am
(Worship & Communion)
[Sunday School following
children's message, except
on Family Sunday]

May 5th

May 12th
-Mother's Day-
[No Sunday School]

May 19th


May 26th

**Indoor, Facebook Live, and
Local Radio Broadcast
89.1fm**

The Sunday bulletin can be found at
holytrinitylutheranchurch.org

You do not need a
Facebook account
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just go to:

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click the "[Find us on Facebook](#)" link.

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**After worship join us for
Fellowship & Coffee Hour**



*A church
that actively
shares a
living, daring
confidence
in God's grace
with our community and the world*



Grace and peace be unto you from God, our
Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ. Amen.

... all the time.

*But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea
inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the
LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and
the breath of all humankind." + Job12:7-10*

April showers and a bear, bring May ___???

As I write to you, some light April showers pitter outside. My window is open as I work from home due to Chassell Schools using the building for student testing. I'm hearing the light patter of the rain, occasional small breezes blowing through, and the traffic back on the highway. The woods seems oddly quiet. Then my phone dings. It's Janey Sargent messaging me that there is a black bear sighting in the back woods behind the parsonage. So, I get up from my dining room chair at the table to look, yet I can't see anything resembling a bear silhouette. I'm not frightened. Perhaps eager though and am hoping to catch a glimpse of it, while recalling last year's bear in the woods that climbed and hung out at the top of a huge mother tree in the back for a while...and even came up on the back porch to sniff around. That's the only thing I don't want right now. I mean, it

was cool to see it with the kids last year as we were safely in the house, observing from the kitchen door. Yet currently, I just began boiling down all the maple sap I have collected...and I would rather the bear keep its distance, than steal away some of my pots and jugs for its own. So, I casually keep looking up from my laptop screen surveying the woods. I haven't put my bird feed out yet, either...because that's been removed in the past by the bear as well.

I marvel at these woods, and thoroughly enjoy watching the wildlife (bear, cougar, bobcat, fox, wolf, coyote, racoons, rabbits, skunks, squirrels, chipmunks and so many bird varieties) and doing some beautiful foraging myself in there when the time comes for various things: chanterelles, black trumpets, boletes, turkey tail, oyster mushrooms, spruce tips, rose hips, ghost pipe, raspberries, black berries, thimbleberries, partridge berries, winter berries, apples, wild oregano, ramps, fiddleheads, trout lilies, etc.

The bear must have kept strolling now as I hear the woods come back to life with sounds of the pileated woodpecker banging away, the Raven announcing the "all clear", and smaller birds begin chirping and fluttering about.

And currently, as I write, it is only early/mid April. What will all this bring to our month of May? I hope to see the fox near its den soon.

God of all creation – we marvel and are in awe of this gift of life you provide, and the gift of allowing us to recognize such amazing wonders. Instill in us this love and care of our surroundings and give us your lung-filling breath of the Holy Spirit to dwell with us in it all. Let us be inspired and tune our ears to hear your directions each and every day of breath you give us. We pray all this through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Get out. Take and make the time and breathe deeply in God's creation and give thanks. Bring others out for the stroll, the forage, the hike, the sightseeing. Silently surround yourself and be immersed in the supporting sounds of the sweet singing of abundant life.

Be inspired. Be in awe of our great God.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

+ Pr. Soren



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good
ALL THE
TIME

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Confirmation Lock-in



Conference Confirmation Lock-IN: May 3rd & 4th
at HTLC, Chassell

This event will be for our entire Conference 6–8th grades.
Friday, May 3rd show up between 6:30pm & 7pm
Saturday, May 4th event ends at 11am

Activities planned for this two-day event:

- +Confirmation review with Luther's Small Catechism
- +Prayer, Camp Songs, Service
- +Games, Movie, Acolyte Olympics
- +Pizza, Snacks, Breakfast
- +Lots of Smiles and Laughter!

What to bring: Sleeping bag, Pillows, Confirmation Bible
(there will be extra sleeping bags, pillows, and bibles if needed).



Last day of Sunday School for the
2023/2024 school year will be:
Sunday, May 26th

May 5th Sunday School; Teacher: Monica Markham

May 12th NO Sunday School [Family Sunday]

May 19th Sunday School; Teacher: Amber Tuttle

May 26th Sunday School; **Volunteer Needed**



Mark your calendars:
VBS/Day Camp will be held July
28th to August 1st with Gloria
Dei, Grace Lutheran, and Good
Shepherd AT Gloria Dei.
There will be a team from
Fortune Lake coming to lead the
event. Registration forms will be
available soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

This month



WALK
Talk &
Coffee

will be on
Thursday May 9, 2024



Mother's Day
MAY 12, 2024

Celebrating
Moms,
Grandmothers,
Aunties, &
Mothering mentors

*Thank you for
being you, and for
all you do!*

Let's Eat [free] Community Meal

May 19, 2024 **4:00pm - 5:30pm**

Located at: HTLC, Chassell
Hosted by: The Knights of
Columbus and Sisters of St. Annes



**FAMILY
MOVIE NIGHT**

**Friday, May 24th
at 6:00pm**



**HIGHWAY CLEANUP
IS AROUND THE
CORNER.
THE DATE FOR
HIGHWAY CLEANUP
IN MAY WILL BE
ANNOUNCED SOON.**

**MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCES**
Monday, May 27, 2024

- 9:00am- Chassell Veteran's Memorial
- 9:30am- Chassell Cemetery
- 10:15am- Tapiola Memorial
- 10:45am- Elo Cemetery
- 11:15am- Askel Cemetery
- 11:45am- Karki Hill Cemetery





DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE GRADUATING THIS YEAR!?



Please contact the church office to let us know! We would like to celebrate our graduates on

**Baccalaureate Sunday
June 9th**



Congratulations!

**Information needed by:
Sunday,
May 21st**

Name of Graduate:

Graduating from:

Future Plans:

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR [HTLC'S] GRADUATE:

Cell #:

Email:

Summer Address:

Fall Address:

- YES**, they will be participating in HTLC's Baccalaureate Service on June 11th
- NO**, they will NOT be participating in HTLC's Baccalaureate Service on June 11th

Your relationship to the graduate:



Blue Can for the month of May will go toward...



Answer the Call

Please put on the memo of your check and envelope: "Answer The Call"

Answer the Call; It is an annual campaign of the NGLS to request financial support for both seminary students and current pastors still paying off the debt of their seminary degree. Gifts given to Answer the Call are divided equally between Seminarian Scholarships and the Endowment ministry for Clergy Debt Relief. We invite congregations and individuals to answer the call to give, so seminarians can answer the call to prepare for ministry, and pastors can answer the call to serve in the mostly rural context of the NGLS.

Thank you for your generosity, and for your investment in the future leaders of our Church!

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Chosa, Heather
Cote, Paul
DeGrave, Tonya
Durocher, Danica
Erickson, Dolly
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Gerrad, Billie
Haataja, Janet
Hartwig, Gene
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Hilman, Oliver
Irwin, Laurie
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Makela, Paul & Diane

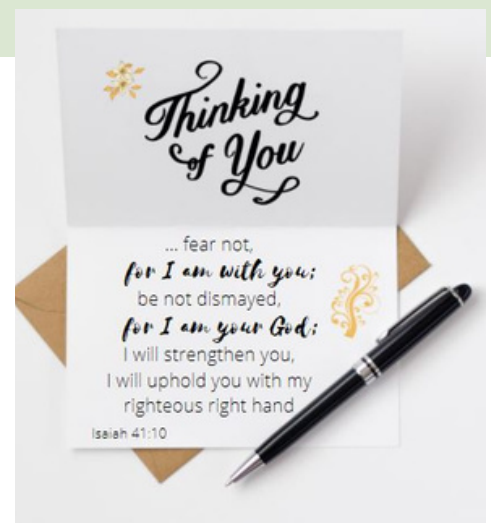
Maki, Julie (the family & friends of)
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Miller, Craig (the family & friends of)
Monette, Tammy
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Orzel, Ben
Pleshe, Rose Marie
Saarinen, Ray
Sauvola, Jason
Schaaf, Heidi
Schmidt, Leigh
Schreiber, Joe
Tormala, Paul & Carolyn
Walikainen, Dennis
Walitalo, Bruce
Wisti, Mark & Amy

Continued prayer for...
Military, Police officers
& First Responders,
Medical staff, and our
Government leaders



IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST, OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Do you know of someone who needs encouragement; that they are being thought of and prayed for? If so, contact Lynn Walker from the Service & Witness Committee at: lcw1956@up.net or (906) 523-0084



OR you can contact the office at: office.htlc@gmail.com or (906) 523-4315





Church Leadership

Council Executive Committee

President: Curtis Judson
 Vice President: Jeff Markham
 Treasurer: Lynn Walker
 Secretary: Michele Serafin

(Wendy Hackman will fill in for Michele when needed)

“So, guard yourself and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock– His church, purchased with His own blood– over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.
 ~Acts 20:28

Committee/Work Group Council Representatives		
Building & Property Committee:	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
	Jeff Markham	281-2663
	Mark Young	281-1662
Fellowship & Hospitality Work Group:	Curt Judson	(956) 336-9140
Finance & Stewardship Committee:	Wendy Hackman	369-4509
	Lynn Walker	523-0084
Keeping the Connections Work Group:	Wendy Hackman	369-4509
Memorial Committee:	Linda Kantola	523-4185
	Amy Schmaltz	523-6221
Parish Education:	Michele Serafin	370-5487
Service & Witness Committee:	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
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	Sue Truelove	(231) 632-2361
Worship & Music Committee:	Pastor Soren	290-1405
World Hunger/GWOH Work Group	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
	Ken & Carole Simila	482-5892
	Sue Truelove	(231) 632-2361

If you would like something included in the Holy Trinity Times June issue, please have your information to the office no later than May 8th Thank you! 🙌



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Click [LOGIN](#) to sign up for **MyVanco**.

Or you can also sign up for electronic giving by filling out a SimplyGiving Vanco paper authorization form and submitting it to the church office.

Many people already use electronic giving in their giving plan and we are so appreciative for the ongoing support of our vital ministry. Contact the church office at (906)523-4315 or office.htlc@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting HTLC!

Please consider joining the following
Committees/Workgroups/Teams:



- Altar Care Workgroup
- *Building & Property Committee
- *Fellowship & Hospitality Workgroup
- *Finance & Stewardship Committee
- *Keeping the Connections Workgroup
 - *Memorial Committee
 - *Parish Ed Committee
- Quilting Workgroup
- *Service & Witness Committee
- Sunday offerings Counting Team
- *Worship & Music Committee
- World Hunger Workgroup
- Blood Drive Workgroup

*Scope & sequence of responsibility is available to look at by : [CLICKING HERE](#)

Andrew Blake 5/01
David Kalliainen 5/01
Reba Andrews 5/02
Carrie Soumis 5/03
Maija Mechlin 5/04



Robert Franke 5/05
Amanda Caldwell 5/09
Kelly McIntyre 5/09
Kelly Jo Palosaari 5/09
Kylee Hackman 5/11
Jason Elenich 5/14

Tammy Monette 5/16
Jim Vollmar 5/17
JoAnne Suokas 5/19
Patricia Sohlden 5/20
Paulette Archambeau 5/22
Owen Elenich 5/24

Pauline Tuohimaa 5/24
Ann Roth 5/25
Mark Young 5/25
Stephanie Franke 5/27
Julie Knight 5/27



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Pastor's day off	4 Conference Confirmation Lock-IN here at HTLC
5 Sunday Worship, 10am [Sunday School] 11am Fellowship hour A.A.: 8-9pm	6	7 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	8 Newsletter article(s) due for the June Newsletter.	9  1pm to 3pm	10 Pastor's day off	11
12 Sunday Worship, 10am Family Sunday; [NO Sunday School] - MOTHER'S DAY - 11am Fellowship hour A.A.: 8-9pm	13	14 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	15	16	17 Pastor's day off	18
19 Sunday Worship, 10am [Sunday School] 11am Fellowship hour Let's Eat, 4-5:30pm here at HTLC A.A.: 8-9pm	20	21 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	22	23	24 Pastor's day off 	25
26 Sunday Worship, 10am, [Last day of Sunday School] 11am Fellowship hour A.A.: 8-9pm	27	28 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	29	30	31 Pastor's day off	

THERE IS A DATE CHANGE:

The AED/CPR training has been moved to Thursday, June 13th at 5:30pm. It will still be held at the Chassell Fire Department. We apologize for the date change. A scheduling conflict arose for one of the instructors.



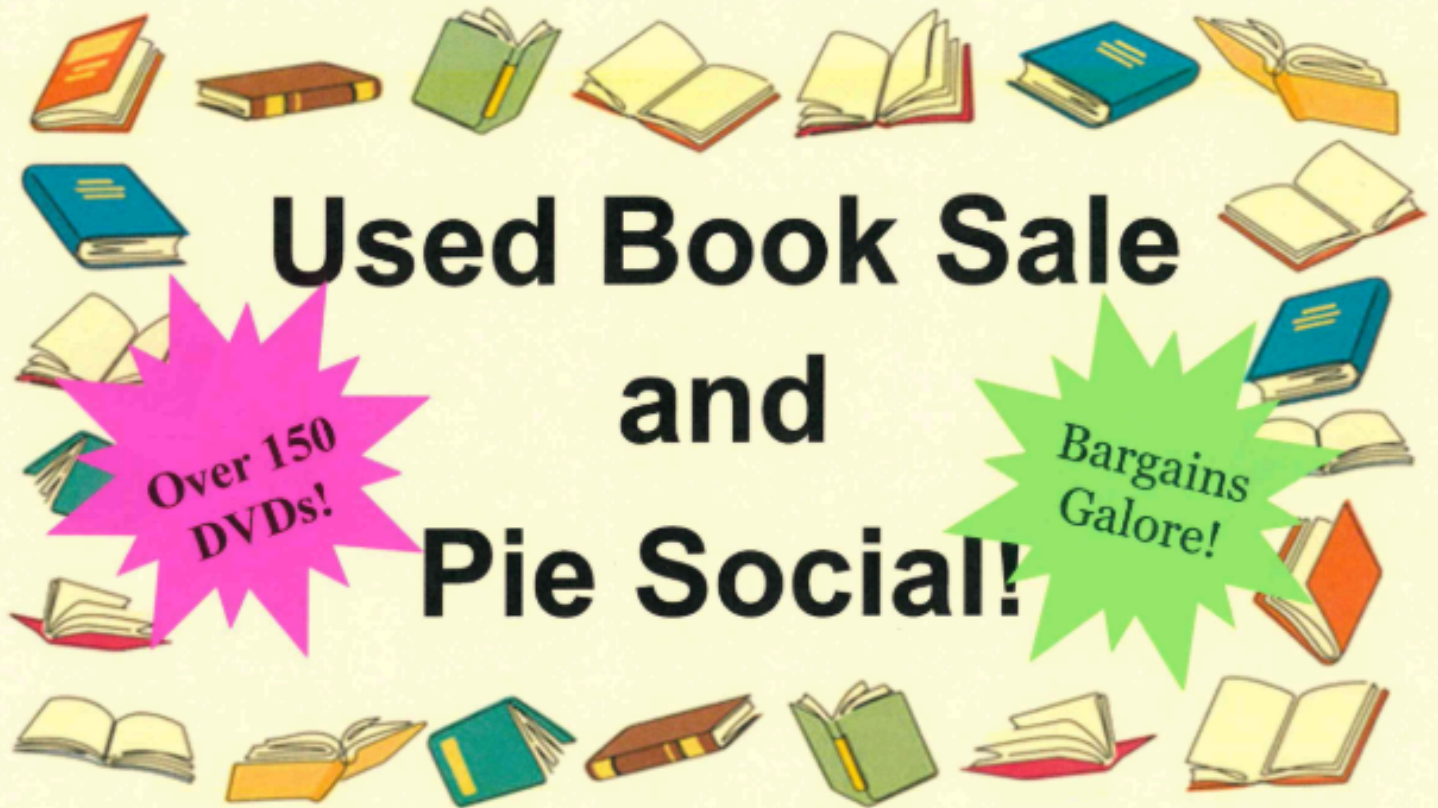
Tadych's Marketplace Community Care [register receipt] Program:

Our current receipt totals come to \$13,091.80. We receive 1% of receipt totals. This then goes towards Camperships. Keep those receipts coming!

	MAY			
	May 5 th	May 12 th [Mother's Day] [Root Beer Float Sunday]	May 19 th	May 26 th
Musician	Mary Jurgensen	Pr. Soren	Kristiina Vanhala	Deb Young
Reader	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Sandi Engel	Nancy Paananen
Greeter(s)	Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Dennis & Judy Karvakko	Severi & June Haataja
Communion Assistant	Wendy Hackman	YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Paulette Archambeau	Nicki Lassila
Sunday School Teacher(s)	Monica Markham	NO Sunday School	Amber Tuttle	VOLUNTEER NEEDED (last day of Sunday School)
Acolytes	Sophia, DJ, Jude, & Finley Armbruster,	Bella Edwards, Bella Kotila, Bella & Robert Sarau	Michael & Emma Rothenberger, Ellie & Wyatt Bates, Olive & Jude Schmidt	Bella Kotila, Lily Tapani, Mannie and Russ Trewartha
Coffee Servers	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Service & Witness Committee	Carol Karpp & Mary Jurgensen	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Counters	Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	Ann Roth & Becky Moyle	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Carol Karpp & Mary Jurgensen
Altar Care	Judsons			

Community event: First United Methodist Church, Hancock...

Proceeds divided between local **SKY** (*Simple Kindness for Youth*) and **31 Backpacks**.



Used Book Sale

and

Pie Social!

Over 150
DVDs!

Bargains
Galore!

A Mother's Day weekend treat~~Books and Pie!

Saturday, May 11, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Books for all ages. Fiction, non fiction, classics, best sellers, mysteries, romance, travel, as well as DVDs, CDs, sheet music, and puzzles.

We have something for everyone!

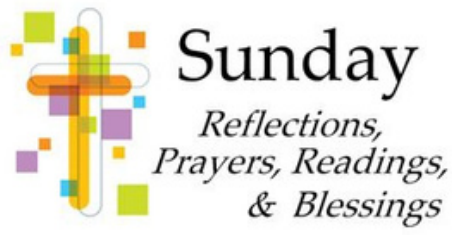
Yum, Pie!



First United Methodist Church

401 Quincy Street, Hancock

(Between City Hall and Quincy Green)



for the Month of May

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48
Psalm Reading: Psalm 98
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm Reading: Psalm 1
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13
Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
Amen.

Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

The Holy Trinity
May 26, 2024

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm Reading: Psalm 104:24-35
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 61-8
Psalm Reading: Psalm 29
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon us now and forever.
Amen.



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OF THE LORD
BE UPON
YOU



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