

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2026



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people:

Wren Dillon, Jay Weaver, Jay Stoltzfus, Dave Haldeman, Vic Richard, Jean Lausch, Missy Weber, Tim Harting, Mike Leed, Ruth Hollinger, Barb Moyer, Fay Weitzel, Shannon Brown, Shirley Sweigart, Molly Brown, Carl Mohler Jr., Vivian Gehr, Tom Parrish Sr, Elaine Haldeman, Clair Miller, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman, and Marty Leed & Family.

Ephrata Manor: Iris Weaver, Dorothy Hutchinson, Shirl Tobias and Pauline Sawyer
Gardens at Stevens: Pat & Nevin McQuate Luther Acres Health Care: Judy Meckley
Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine & Janet Hirneisen
Lancaster General Hospital: Carl Usner Fairmount Homes: Robert Hackman
Neffsville Rehab & Nursing: Pauline Martin Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Please pray for those in the Armed Forces: Chris Weidman in Qatar

Please pray for friends and family at home:

Baby Girl Blake, Jason Mertz, Robert Evans, Dennis Steffy, Martha Miller, Brooke Stewart, Sheri Kiefer, Bob Harker, Bob Meck, Mary Lou Crum, Jimmy Vincent, Mary Stewart, Lisa Wing, Cocalico Builders of Hope (finding a house for housing program), Lorna Buohl, Richard Sockriter, David Taimuty, Helen Blank, William Sockriter, Doug Cody, Ron Neidigh, Mary Morton, Brenda Sweigart, Nancy Bolotine, Karen Leonhard, Mary Sanger, Andy & Brenda Gabig, Brian Kerns, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Robyn Redcay, Margaret Weller and Cynthia Peters.

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Peggy French, Marion Gideon, Bishop Guy Edmiston, Pastor Marty Sheaffer, George Wolf, Glenn Eidemiller, Sally Wealand, Bob Farr, Cheryl Nixon, Bea Hassler, Mary Moore, Orvilla Oberholtzer, Lowell Haws, Mary Jane Goshert, Ed Sieber, Nancy Leh, Darrell Buchter, Jack Poole, Sharlene Miller, Joyce Pannebecker, Barb Mertz, Beverly Sweigart, Maggie Kiralfy, Dale Firestone, Yvonne Walters and Larry Rabold

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude: “*Holy Manna*”

- Douglas E. Wagner

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GATHERING HYMN: #413** “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*”

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☐** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☐** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

† GOD'S WORD †

FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1 - 2:4A

Lay Reader (Kimberley Craven): A reading from Genesis the 1st chapter.

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over

the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

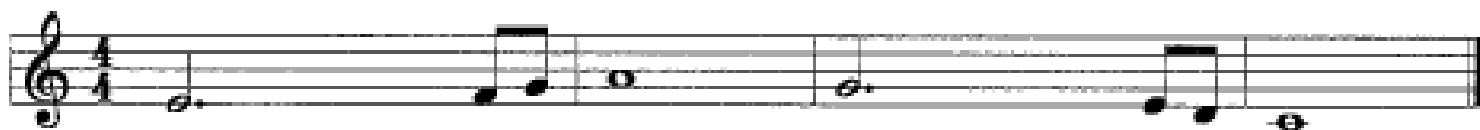
^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

PSALM 8



Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

¹ O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. R

³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**

human beings that you should | care for them? R

⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷ all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

⁹ O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

CHILDRENS SERMON

- Nancy Hain

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

I present James & Denise Snader, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptisms and who wish to become members of the Body of Christ here at Mellingers.

Pastor Tim: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for our brother & sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil in all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

APOSTLES CREED

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
to hear the words of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Denise & James: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: People of God do you promise to support our brother & sister, pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The pastor prays for God's blessing:

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated to each person. The pastor may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

P: Stir up in James & Denise the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Pastor Tim: Let us rejoice with our brother & sister in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

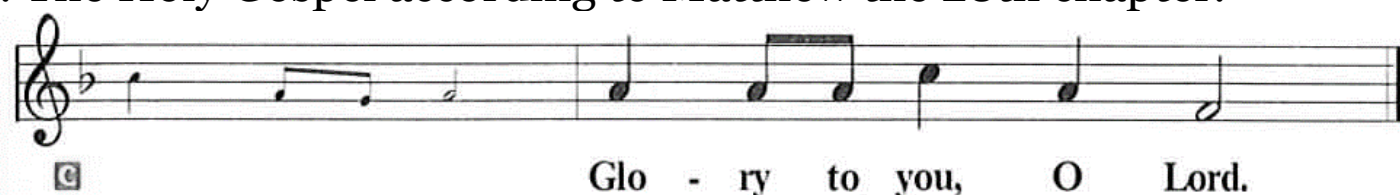


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “O Come Thou God of Grace”

- Jay Althouse

† **Prayers of Intercession** †

*P: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises (*especially*). Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
C: Amen

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

***OFFERING HYMN #182** *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,
C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

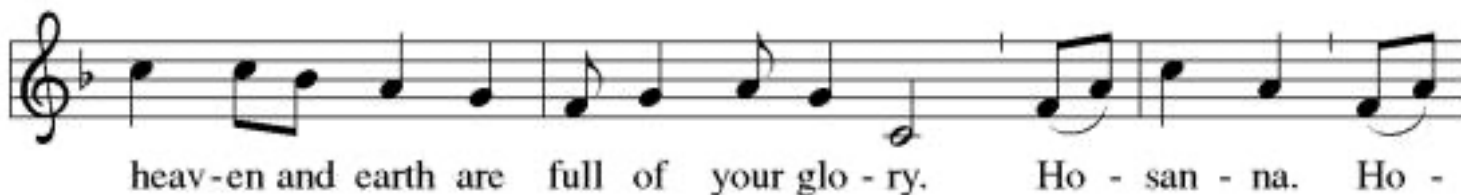
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



***THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

***THE SANCTUS**



***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

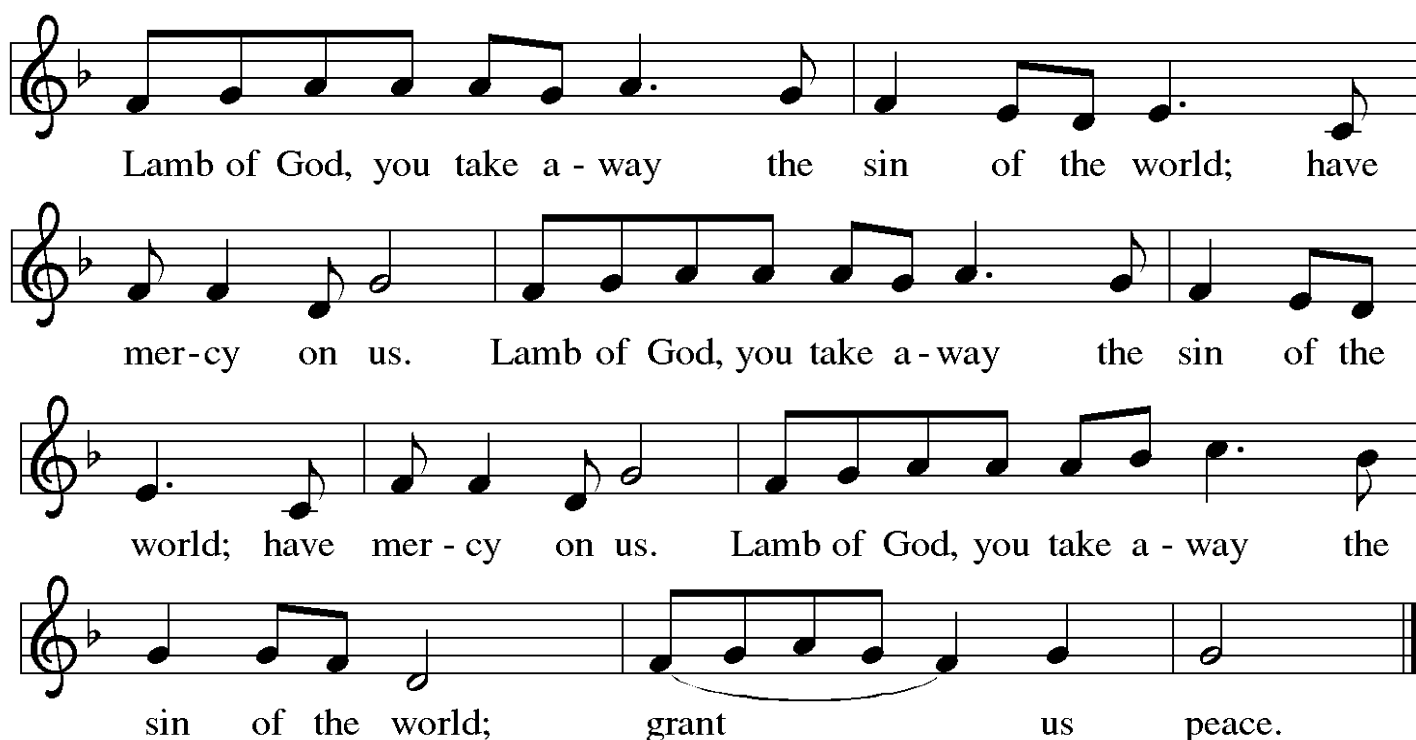
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: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

***TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE AGNUS DEI



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.

All Baptized Christians are welcome for Communion.

(If you would like baptized, see Pastor Tim.)

We ask parents to bring their non-communing children with them for a blessing. To receive the sacrament wine, take an empty cup from the tray. A grape juice option and gluten free communion wafers provided. If you cannot come to the Chancel, Communion will be taken to you.

Please notify an Usher.

Those in the parking lot partake of Communion at this time.

During Communion

Hymn #742: *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

Hymn #661: *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

Hymn #781: *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

Hymn #616: *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210:** *“Blessed Be God”*

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation,
The spirit of mercy.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen Amen Amen (sung responsively)

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“The Blessing”*

- Irish Melody

***SENDING HYMN: #805** *“Lead on, O King Eternal”*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE:** Festive Postlude on “*St. Theodulph*”

Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635)

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Kimberley Craven

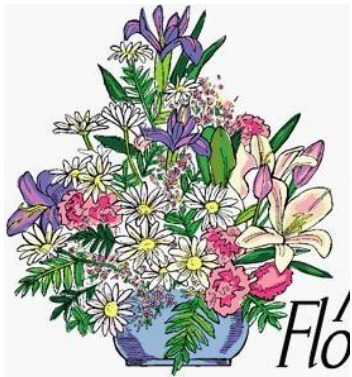
Communion Assistant: Kimberley Craven

Psalmist: Pastor Craven

Videographer: The Boys

Soundboard: Troy Adair

Ushers: Troy Adair, Randy Brubaker and Alternate Joan Moore.



The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are
dedicated to the Glory of God
by Sam & Anita Soto in
Honor of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.



Hayden Leonhard graduated with
Honors from Thaddeus Stevens College of
Technology with a degree in
Diesel Technology on May 16, 2026.
As a Diesel Mechanic, he plans on starting
his career by servicing heavy equipment.

Piper Leonhard graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ephrata
High School on June 3, 2026.

She will be attending Temple University, studying biochemistry.
Her future career goal is to be an orthodontist.

Weekly Receipts Report as of 05/28/26

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| Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot) | 68 |
| Online Attendance | 138 |
| General Receipts | \$2,465.00 |



Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 6 • 11 AM – 1 PM

Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St., Lititz

Towne Center Community Room & Patio

Rain or shine!

\$7.00

Strawberries, Shortcake,
Ice Cream, Whipped Cream



\$5.00

Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

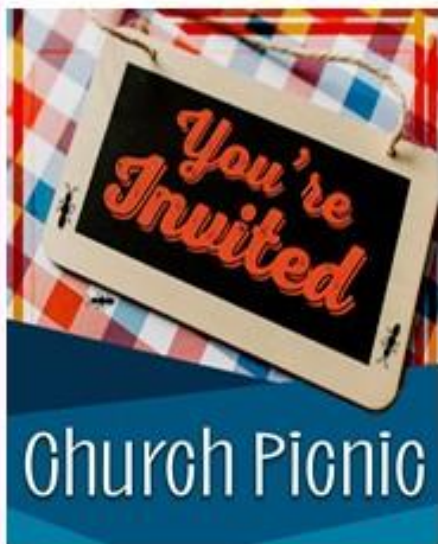
Plus, a Gift Card Raffle!

Raffle ticket prices are: 2/\$5.00 or 5/\$10.00

Need not be present to win.

For more information,
visit www.Luthercare.org.

*Proceeds benefit charitable activities
of Luther Acres Residents' Council.*



Faith United/Mellingers

Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Denver Memorial Park
Stage & Pavilion 1

Music By Pastor Tim & Kim Craven

Come Dressed For The Outdoors.

Bring Your Lawn Chairs.

Lunch Following Worship Service

In Case of Inclement Weather the Service and Picnic will be held at Faith United Lutheran Church, 357 Walnut Street, Denver.

To help us plan, please sign your name, number attending and what you plan to provide for the Lunch on the sign up sheet.

Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and
Drinks Supplied.

