

### Confirmation Project—Emma Hall

My name is *Emma Hall* and I am an 8th grade student at Canfield Village Middle School. I enjoy performing with Easy Street Productions, especially in the show *Miracle on Easy Street*. I also love dancing with my friends at Inspire Dance Center. During the summer, my family and I spend time at the beach and visit Disney World. These vacations are some of my favorite memories!

However, what matters most to me is helping others. For my service project along with my sponsor *Mr. Tim*, we chose to organize a toy drive for Akron Children's Hospital. I have seen through family and friends how difficult it can be when a child is in the hospital. I know that even a small toy can bring comfort and joy during a challenging time. This project will help provide resources to brighten children's days while they are in the ER, undergoing treatments, or staying at the hospital.

It would mean so much to me if you would consider donating to this cause! Your support can help bring smiles to children facing serious health challenges and remind them that they are not alone.

Thank you,  
Emma

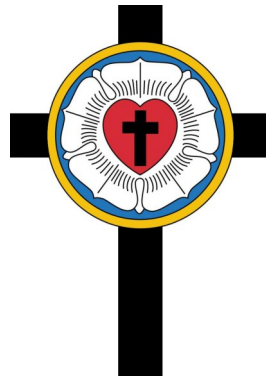
**Please note:** Patients at Akron Children's are often at high risk of acquiring an infection or illness and for this reason the hospital can only accept brand new, recently store bought items with the tags or in original packaging.

**Monetary donations** can be made out to "Akron Children's Hospital". In the memo line of your check please designate the funds go to **Volunteer Services**.

#### **Items that cannot be accepted include:**

- \* Beads, magnetic items, pencil sharpeners or other sharp items
- \* Items containing latex, glitter, sand or feathers
- \* Handmade crafts, bracelets, jewelry etc.
- \* Candy or food related items
- \* Items depicting violence, political or religious messages
- \* Fidget spinners, VHS or cassette tapes

**Thank you!**



# *Lord of Life Lutheran Church*

***A Serving Community***

***God's work, our hands!***

**Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor**

**Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music**

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

Sunday, May 31, 2026

10:15 a.m.



*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

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## GATHERING

### Announcements

**Prelude**                      **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**                      **Donald Busarow**

*Please stand.*

*All items in **bold** are congregational responses.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

P        Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
          whose compassion endures forever.

C        **Amen.**  
          Let us confess our sin to God.

C        Compassionate God,  
          **we confess to you all our sins.**  
          **Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
          **In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
          **Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
          **Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
          **In Christ's name we pray,**  
          **Amen.**

P        Jesus says, "Come to me,  
          All you who are weary  
          and are carrying heavy burdens,  
          and I will give you rest."  
          In the name of God,

          Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
          our sins are forgiven.  
          Rest in God's love.  
C        **Amen.**



### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of **Taryn Michener**, granddaughter, on her graduation from Orange High School by **Bryan and Traudi Reed**.

### Saturday, July 4th

Due to the 4th of July holiday falling on a Saturday, there will be no Saturday worship on July 4th,



### Wednesday Bible Study for May/June On TV Series The Chosen

This is an eight-week study using The Chosen, to see Jesus' life in a more personal and relatable way. As Christians, it's important we understand how He's portrayed and compare it with Scripture.

And for those who find reading difficult or less engaging, this can be a meaningful way to experience the story of Jesus and grow in faith together.



Daily Scripture Readings for June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>

Mon 06/01	Tues 06/02	Wed 06/03	Thurs 06/04	Fri 06/05	Sat 06/06
Psalm 29	Psalm 29	Psalm 29	Psalm 50:7-15	Psalm 50:7-15	Psalm 50:7-15
Job 38:39-39:12	Job 39:13-25	Job 39-26-40:5	Lamentations 1:7-11	Lamentations 3:40-58	Exodus 34:1-9
1 Corinthians 12:1-3	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	John 14:25-26	2 Peter 2:17-22	Acts 28:1-10	Matthew 9:27-34

Serving in Worship in June

	06/01	06/08	06/15	06/22	06/29
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Bob Soles	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West
<b>Lector</b>	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark Williams	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
<b>Crucifer</b>	Art Thomas	Chris Eash	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas	Chris Eash
<b>Acolyte</b>					

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.**

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

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

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

*Refrain*

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

*Refrain*

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

*Final refrain*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Lord's Prayer

- L Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C **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.**

## Sending

### Blessing

- L The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon us with favor and + give us peace.
- C **Amen**

### Sending Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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### Dismissal

- P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Sinfonia

J. S. Bach

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## **Thanksgiving**

**Solo**

**Tell Us of the Trinity**

**Zaninelli and Hutson**

*Janeen Williams - Soprano*

*Please stand.*

### **Offering Prayer**

P Let us pray,  
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

L Let us pray

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C **we give you thanks and praise.**

L By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C **we give you thanks and praise.**

L Through Jesus, our Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C **we give you thanks and praise.**

L Send your Spirit of truth, O God: rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C **Amen**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P 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 for ever.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated*

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Genesis 1: 1-2:4a**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

<sup>20</sup> 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.” <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>28</sup> 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.” <sup>29</sup> 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.” <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 those we name out loud or in our hearts.

*Sean Bandelier, Bonnie Eash, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Rick Kershner, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Pam Parker, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, Patty Weiss, and the family of Tom Malloy.*

*(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)*

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.**

P Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. 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.**

### **Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.*

## Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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

## Prayers of Intercession

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

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,

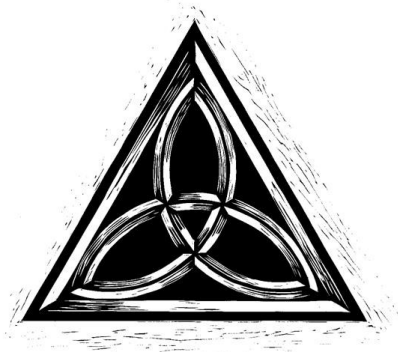
**C** receive our prayer.

**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,

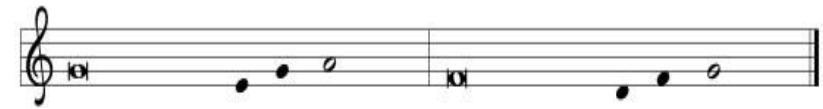
**C** hear our prayer.



## Psalm 8



How ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth!



<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

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

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

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



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.

## Gospel

## Matthew 28:16-20

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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 <sup>20</sup> 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.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

## Sermon

*Please stand.*

## Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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