

*– John 17:6-19*

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Year B

• May 16, 2021 •  
9:00 a.m. Service  
(In-person & Zoom)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Arendtsville, Pennsylvania



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

#### \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you and given  
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry  
and humbly repent. In your compassion  
forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.  
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God

strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*We will not sing during the hymn.*

**'Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness'**

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the prisoners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong yet gentle word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water  
Quenching thirst in every land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955. Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813.

\* **GREETING**

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

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**\* GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

The holy gospel according to Saint John the seventeenth chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6a</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

<sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Ben Siebert

### **\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW # 322

*We will not sing during the hymn.*

#### **‘Oh, Love, How Deep’**

1. Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!
2. God sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
In Christ our Lord to this world came.
3. For us baptized, for us he bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
For us his daily works he wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not himself, but us.
5. For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us he gave his dying breath.
6. For us he rose from death again;  
For us he went on high to reign;  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad:  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt. Music: English ballad, 15th cent.

## \* CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## **\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name who are near to our hearts. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being

envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\* PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share signs of peace as we greet one another.

*All are invited to move around the space to greet one another, but no handshakes, fist bumps, elbow bumps, hugs, or other forms of physical contact should be used.*

*Waves, "peace signs," and other common forms of greeting may be used as appropriate.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**\* OFFERTORY: 'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful'**

*We will not sing during the offertory.*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

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.**

**\* DIALOGUE: 'The Great Thanksgiving'**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\* PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\* HOLY**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

**\* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family  
through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

**Amen.**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The pastor will announce first the body, and then  
the blood of Christ. After each announcement, you  
are invited to receive Communion where you are.*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG: 'Lamb of God'**

*We will not sing during the Communion Song.*

Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

**Amen.**

### \* SENDING SONG

ELW # 655

*We will not sing during the hymn.*

#### **'Son of God, Eternal Savior'**

1. Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our head, who, throned in glory,  
For your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with your love and pity,  
Heal our wrong, and help our need.
2. As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
By your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By your praying, by your willing

That your people should be one,  
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932.

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932.

\* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* Postlude

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## **The Ministers of Worship & Service**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Ben Siebert
Organist/Pianist	Ellie Vranich
Choir Director/Vocalist	Amanda Hollabaugh
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Singley
Altar Guild	Sue Kuhn & Audrey Ridinger
Head Usher	Jim Ridinger
Lector	Fannie Woerner
Head Counter & Offering Counters	(TBD)

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Lenore and Richard Boyce, Sr., by their children, Richard Jr., Michael, and Greg, and families.

**The Sanctuary Candle** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn and Jay Swisher, by their family.

**Welcome Visitors:** It is a pleasure having you join us for worship today. If you would like to offer any comments on your worship experience at Trinity or have any type of request, please consider sending us a note to P.O. Box 309, Arendtsville, PA 17303 or [office@trinityarendtsville.org](mailto:office@trinityarendtsville.org).

**Giving from 4/16/21 – 4/30/21:**

Current	\$1,906.00
Building	10.00
Benevolence	68.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,984.00</b>

– Thank you for your offering contributions! –

**MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of March 2021:**

	<u>March 2021</u>	<u>YTD 2021</u>
Income	\$11,384.58	\$33,537.20
Expenses	11,408.19	40,611.02
<b>Excess Income/Expenses:</b>	<b>(\$ 23.61)</b>	<b>(\$ 7,073.82)</b>

**Attendance Last Week:** Worship (in person) **32**

**Calendar for 5/16/21 – 5/23/21:**

Sunday 5/16	EIMI Confirmation Class (Trinity) 6-7:30 pm
Monday 5/17	Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) 7 pm
Wednesday 5/19	What's Cookin' (Trinity) 6:30-7:30 pm
Sunday 5/23	<b><i>'Day of Pentecost' with Holy Communion</i></b> (9 am Service) EIMI Confirmation Class (Trinity) 6-7:30 pm

**Services Available in Person and via Zoom.** All are invited to join together in person (with proper protocol of wearing masks and social distancing) or by phone or online (via Zoom) at 9 a.m. each Sunday to share in worship together. For the appropriate link, if participating by Zoom, go to: [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org).

**Sermons and Worship Resources Available.** Sermons are available via Trinity's podcast. Just search for "Trinity Lutheran Church: Arendtsville" in iTunes or find them on our Facebook page. The Trinity website also offers all resources for worship. Go to: [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org).

**Council Members Needed.** If you ever felt a calling to become a member of Trinity's Council, now is a great time. We have several openings available. We would love to have some new faces bringing new ideas to the Council. It is very rewarding to know that you are an important part of the decision making process of Trinity. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining and making a difference. If interested, please contact Pastor Ben, Ted Brillhart, or any current member of council.



# • PRAYER LIST •

May 16, 2021

## **Our Prayer List**

'A Friend'

James Altland & Beverly  
Dayton & Blake Biesecker  
Bob & Doreen  
Doug Bower  
Theo Bragunier  
Deb Brooks  
John Brown  
Heather Wegley Ceryan  
Reynolds Christman  
Tim Clarenbach  
Matthew Coar & Sons  
Camden Colangelo  
Charles Costella  
Tom Crist  
Bonnie Dean  
Ginger Deaver  
Stella M. Fox  
Sally Gardner  
Sue Garretson  
Rev. Bob & Pam Gray  
Dorothy Gulden  
Bill Hale  
Jon Hall  
Clarissa Hammar  
Donny Hartzel  
Mandy Hartzel  
Hunter Herb  
Maddie Hill  
Patti Hockensmith  
Jay & Mary Jackson  
Harold Kint  
Catherine Leider  
Braden Leonard  
Matt Liversberger  
Dave Martin

Cindy Maurer  
Donald & Joanne May  
Cole McCowen  
Gary Lee McDannell  
Nancy McFeaters  
Cathy Miller  
The Millers  
Rev. Eugene Moore  
Ike Moore  
David Owsley  
Geraldine Phillips  
Ferd Prehn  
Dick & Phyllis Price  
Jennifer Rauscher  
Chuck Ritter  
Carl A. Seils  
Charlotte Seitz  
Deb Simon  
Charlotte Sites  
Brave Michael Smith  
Mike Sobotor  
Ida Staub  
Sue Stuffle  
Shelly Vought & Family  
Jude Walz  
David & Bea Waybright  
Judy Wegley  
Tim Woodward  
Bob Wright  
Dan Wright  
Donald & Linda Yingling

† *Family & Friends of  
Ethan Slaybaugh*

## **Our Long Term Prayer List**

Bradon & Jace Arter  
Rev. Sharron Blezard  
Lester & Dorothy Carey

Maizey Clayton  
Gage Cordero  
Bradley Deckert

Alyssa Eastridge  
Kristi Ebbert  
John Emanuele  
Beverly Hartlaub  
Luci Hartman  
Tina Hollabaugh  
Creta Jacobs  
Anthony Kane  
Crystal Kettle  
Jason King  
Amy Lee  
Stephanie Luengren  
Sam MacPherson  
Revs. Terry & Susan McCarthy  
Shirley Menges

Lorenzo Moreno  
Roy 'Chip' Plank III  
Larry Riley  
Daniele Serro  
Brian Smith  
Laura Starner  
Peggy Swartz  
Robert Vogelsong  
Barry Warrenfeltz  
Beatrice Weinreich  
Derek Wolfe

★ *Grant Bailey, Jordan Trostel,  
and All Our Service Men  
and Women*



## *Prayer List Submission Guidelines*

*Names on "Our Prayer List" will run for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. Those names with an ( \* ) have been on the list for four weeks. If you wish to have them stay on, please let us know or the names will be moved to the "Long Term Prayer List." Names on the "Long Term Prayer List" run indefinitely. **Let us know when they should be removed.** To place someone on the list, fill out the following form and give it to an usher, place in the offering plate or give it to the church office.*

**Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which List?** \_\_\_\_\_ Our Prayer List \_\_\_\_\_ Long Term

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



# The Power of Prayer

Here in the Gospel of John, at the close of Jesus' final speech to his disciples before he is arrested and crucified, he engages in a remarkable, even visceral act of love. He prays for his disciples.

When we pray, God already knows, of course, what is on our hearts. We are not bringing God any new information. But when we pray, we bring ourselves uniquely into God's presence. In prayer, we bring to God our deepest and most intimate needs, and we make ourselves vulnerable in a way we seldom allow in day-to-day life. This vulnerability is what strengthens our relationship with God, as any repeated physical actions strengthen our muscles. But prayer is not only for our own needs. Unexpectedly perhaps, it is intercessory prayer that nourishes us like nothing else. When we petition God on behalf of another person, we go outside ourselves, becoming other-focused in the way Jesus so fervently invites us to be in his own prayer in today's gospel passage.

In this moment so close to the end of his life, Jesus prays not for himself but for his disciples, whom he loves: "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. . . . But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves" (John 17:11, 13).

How extraordinarily powerful it is to hear someone pray for you! As Jesus prepares to send his disciples out to preach and teach and baptize in his name, he equips them with the tool that strengthens our every act: he prays. He names them, along with his gratitude and his concerns, before God. That is a gift the disciples will be able to carry with them wherever they go.



## **Announcements for May 16, 2021**

- † **TODAY: EIMI Confirmation Class** will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity. If questions, please contact Pastor Ben.
- † **May 19: Final Gathering of the Season for What's Cookin'.** All youth (Pre-K to Grade 6) are invited to Trinity from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** this Wednesday, May 19, in the upper church parking lot for a great time of What's Cookin'. The "in-person" event will be held outdoors, so dress appropriately for the weather and for some exciting outdoor activities. NO meal will be served, but the youth will have the opportunity to play some fun games, enjoy a lesson, and learn about the final character of the year – *James!* We hope you can join us! Contact Ellie Vranich at 717-677-4431 if having questions.
- † **May 22: Chicken BBQ** to benefit Boy Scout Troop #71 will be held in the parking lot at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 25 Franklin St., Biglerville, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until sold out) on Saturday, May 22. Cost: **\$10.00 per meal.** Call 717-321-4563 for advance tickets. Meal includes: half chicken, roll with butter, baked beans, apple sauce, and a beverage. This is a take-out only meal. (*See insert or bulletin boards.*)
- † **June 6: Summer Outdoor Worship Schedule to Begin.** Trinity's worship services will move outdoors on Sunday, June 6, with the service continuing at 9 a.m. The first two Sundays of each month and the occasional fifth Sunday in the month – the congregation will have the opportunity to sing. The third and fourth Sundays of the month will be non-singing services. Masks and physical distancing will continue. If inclement weather, worship will be held indoors with no singing.
- † **Vote for Your Favorite Hymns!** It is now time to choose and submit your three favorite hymns from the ELW and/or WOV hymnals. The top hymns will be sung during our 'Summer Schedule' of worship. (*See insert.*)
- † **2021 Graduates.** If your child or other relative is graduating from high school, college, professional or trade school, please contact Betty Ann Bryan at [kdgbbetty@yahoo.com](mailto:kdgbbetty@yahoo.com) or 717-398-2030 or the church office at [office@trinityarendtsville.org](mailto:office@trinityarendtsville.org) or 717-677-8921 with the information. The graduates will be honored on Sunday, June 6.

# **CHICKEN BBQ**

To benefit:

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #71**

**When: Saturday, May 22, 2021**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or sold out)**

**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church  
25 Franklin Street, Biglerville**

**Cost: \$10.00 per meal**

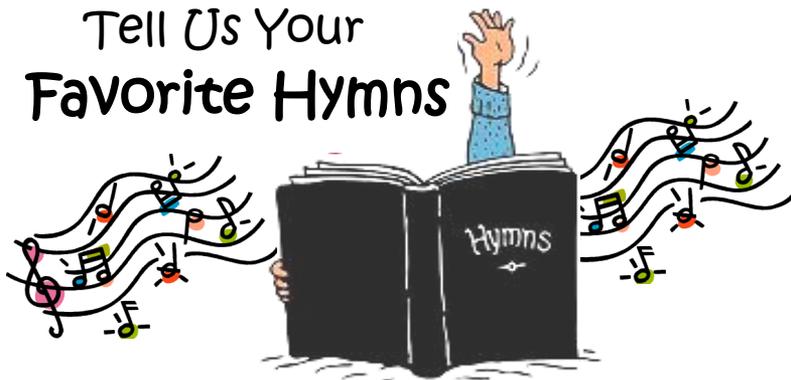
**Meal Includes: 1/2 Chicken, Roll with Butter,  
Baked Beans, Apple Sauce,  
and a Beverage (take-out only)**

***For advance tickets, call 717-321-4563.***

***“Thank You for Your Support!”***



# Tell Us Your Favorite Hymns



## VOTE FOR THE HYMNS OF YOUR CHOICE!

List your three favorite hymns from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship or With One Voice hymnal. The top voted hymns will be sung on Sundays during our 'Summer Schedule' of worship. (Please exclude Christmas carols). You may place this form in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

*- Thank you, Worship & Music Committee*

My favorite hymns are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Acknowledge Someone Special in '2021'! ...

The opportunity is  
available to sponsor  
the Sanctuary Candle

~ or ~

the Bulletins!



*It is a wonderful way  
to express your appreciation  
and love for someone you find special  
in your life or dear to your heart.*

The Sanctuary Candle can be sponsored at \$5, and the Bulletins can be sponsored at \$15. When singing returns and we can once again enjoy hearing our fine Chancel Choir, sponsorship of the Anthem will be available at \$20, when chosen by the choir director. A request requiring music to be purchased is \$50.

A sponsorship can be in honor of someone special or a special occasion, in memory of, or to the Glory of God. A form is available on the back of this page or on the bulletin boards and on the usher's table outside the sanctuary. For availability of dates or if you have questions, feel free to contact the church office at:

**office@trinityarendtsville.org or 717-677-8921**

# **SPONSORSHIP FORM**

## **for SPECIAL MUSIC, SANCTUARY CANDLE and/or BULLETINS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor:

- Special Music            \_\_\_\_\_            (See Below)
  - Sanctuary Candle        \_\_\_\_\_            (\$5.00)
  - Bulletin                    \_\_\_\_\_            (\$15.00)
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Date of Sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be completed if Special Music is sponsored:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Choir Director may choose the anthem (\$20.00).

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like special music purchased (\$50.00).

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a specific title in mind (please list below):

(Specific Title Request is Subject to Approval of Choir Director.)

**Please Return This Form to the Church Office**

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Office Use Only:

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Copy to Choir Director: