

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

# **Service of Holy Communion**

**Significance of the Day:** 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!

# Gathering

Prelude

Preludes for Easter Season

(Benoit)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

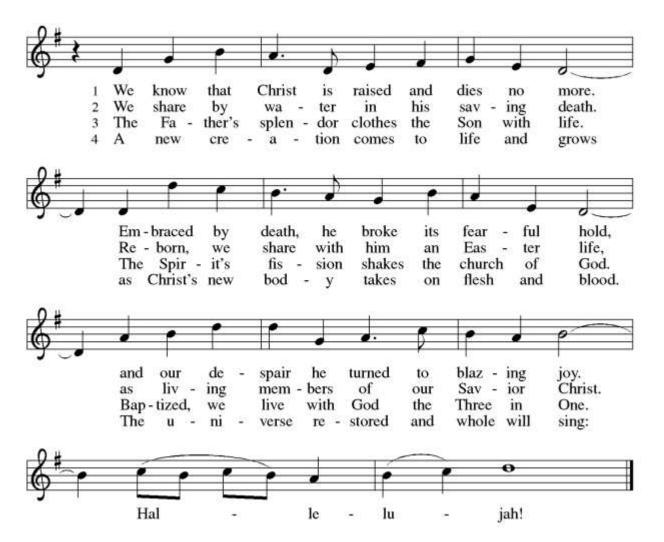
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn during Asperges

We Know That Christ is Raised

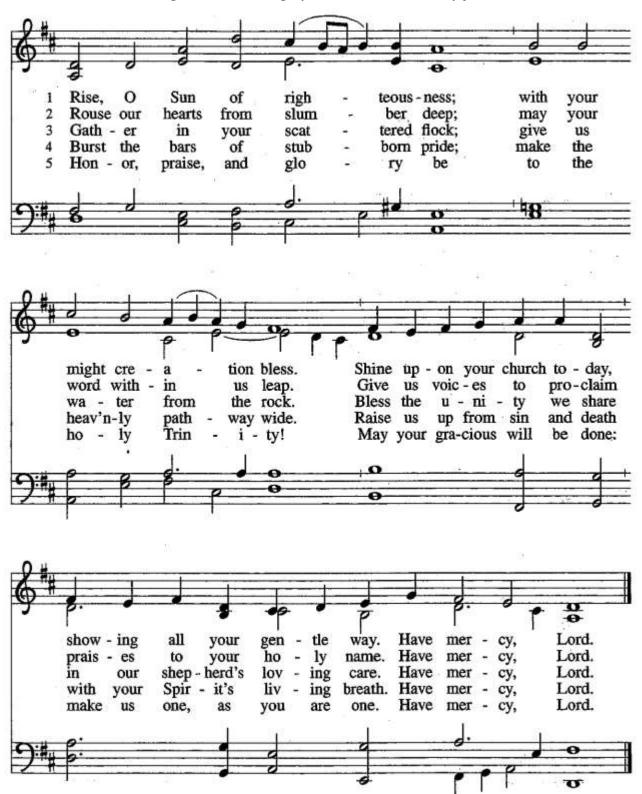
(The Cantor will sing the Hymn. The words are for your reflection.)



# Opening Hymn

## Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

(Stanzas 1 through 4 will be sung by the Cantor, assembly joins on stanza 5.)



#### Easter Dialogue

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Death has no more dominion over us.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

A reading from Acts:

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, 16 "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 – 17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 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." 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own

place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 1

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung by Cantor.)

- 1 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!
- 2 Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.
- 3 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.
- 4 It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- 6 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

A reading from 1 John:

9 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. 10 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. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord.
I am coming to you.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

Jesus prayed: 6 "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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 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. 9 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. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 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. 12 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

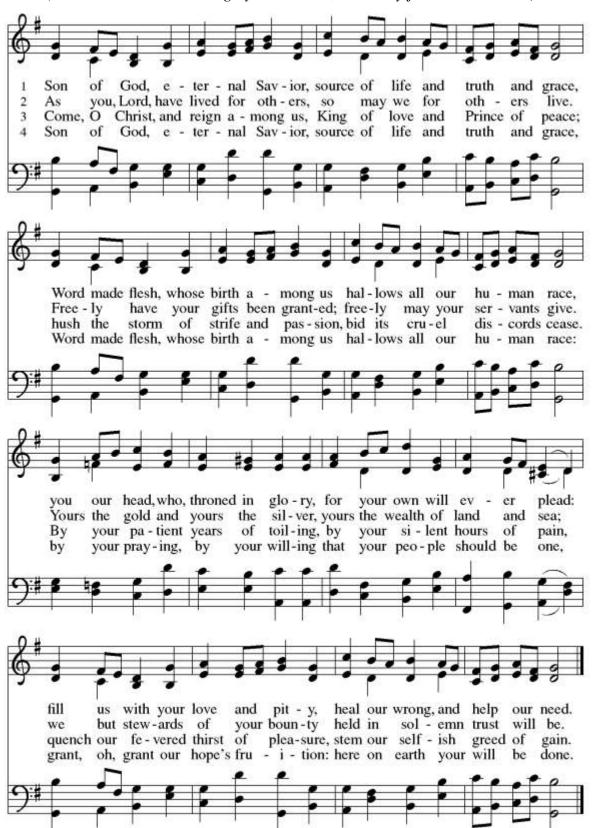
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Pastor Brenda Martin

### Hymn of the Day

#### Son of God, Eternal Savior

(Stanzas 1-4 will be sung by the Cantor, assembly joins on stanza 4.)



#### Nicene 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.

#### Prayers of Intercession

A: 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, responding, "Hear us, O God, your mercy is great."

#### (Brief silence)

- A: 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. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, deacons, musicians, council members and teachers. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: 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. We pray for our farmers in this planting and growing season. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: 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,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: 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 sick with COVID around the world, especially in India. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: 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. Fill our young people with knowledge on this last day of Sunday School and confirmation in this school year. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.

- A: 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,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Are there others for whom we should pray?
- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

## Meal

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude on St. Magnus

(Hudson)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

# Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## **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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine,

that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 glo

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# Breaking of Bread

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

#### Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion Appointed hymns

#### **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

# Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Blessing

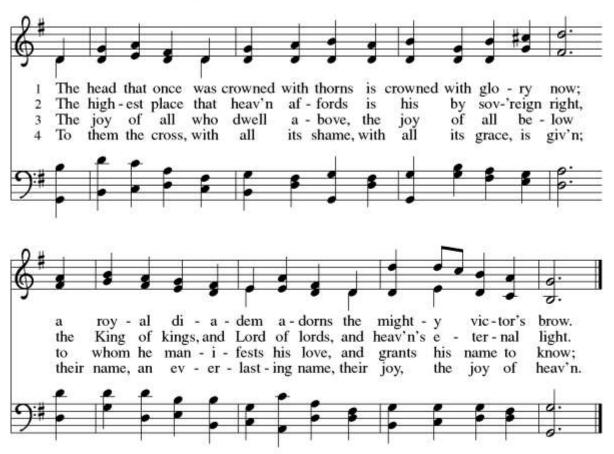
May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

### Sending Hymn

### The Head That Once Was Crowned

(The assembly will sing the entire hymn.)



- 5 They suffer with their Lord below; they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme!

#### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Improvisation on Cwm Rhonda

(Manz)

### **Serving Tonight**

Presiding MinisterPastor Brenda MartinPianistMaidene HackettLiturgical DeaconCatherine Mott

#### **Serving Today**

Presiding MinisterPastor Brenda MartinOrganistMaidene HackettCantorBillie HollenbaughLiturgical DeaconChuck LanningCommunion AssistantNancy McLaughlinLectorTrey WiltAcolyteJackson WeaverHead UsherJudy Leary

**Head Usher** ...... Judy Leary **Altar Guild** ..... Marj Stubert

Mary Beth Bradley

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## **Pastors in residence:**

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

**Attendance** at the Saturday, May 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 21. Attendance at the Sunday, May 9, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 55. Total: 76.

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter Morgan Ashleigh Shine's birthday by Vic and Michele Shine.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in memory Janet Currie by Kim Currie.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

## Sunday, May 16, 2021, 7th Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

## **Tuesday, May 17, 2021**

7:00 p.m. Congregation Council

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

### **Thursday, May 20, 2021**

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

# Saturday, May 22, 2021

9:30 a.m. Worship and Music work day

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

# **Upcoming Events**

# Sunday, May 23, 2021, 7th Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation closing in Central Park

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

# Monday, May 24, 2021

# Messenger articles due today

# <u>Tuesday, May 25, 2021</u>

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

# Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

5:30 p.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

# **Thursday, May 27, 2021**

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

5:30 p.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

# **Saturday, May 29, 2021**

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

### You're Invited to Celebrate another Year of Sunday School!

On Pentecost, <u>Sunday, May 23</u>, after worship, we'll be gathering in person in Central Park next to the church, weather permitting, for our annual Sunday School Closing. We will assemble to socialize, to thank and recognize our teachers, and to have some snacks. EVERYONE is invited, whether you are a part of a school-aged family or not! See the May Messenger for more details.

### **Pentecost Flowers/Gifts**

Orders for red geraniums may now be placed for Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Optional gifts to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund may also be given. Flower order/gift forms are available in the May Messenger and in the narthex. **Deadline is today, May 16.** 

#### Office Coverage Needed

I am looking for office coverage for the week of Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18.

The days are broken down into 2 shifts - 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Duties include answering the phone and assisting members or visitors that stop in. If you are a member and would be interested in volunteering for a shift, please call me at 724-588-8870 or email me at holytrinitygreenville@verizon.net

Thank you in advance for helping me have time away. *Tammy* 

# **Lutherlyn Camperships**

**Camperships** are offered to our members to spend a week at Camp Lutherlyn this summer. **It's now time to register for camp.** A \$250.00 Campership, approximately half of the cost of basic camp, will be provided for all Holy Trinity campers. You are asked to visit <a href="www.lutherlyn.com">www.lutherlyn.com</a> for dates, prices, details, and registration. For additional information please call 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

## **Holy Trinity Graduates to be Honored June 13**

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 13</u>, we will recognize and honor our graduates of High School, College, and Graduate Programs. Because of COVID concerns, however, gathering and eating at the same time in such a crowded space is not advisable. Therefore, as a congregation we will have the opportunity to greet and congratulate our guests of honor immediately after worship in the narthex, after which the graduates and their families will be invited downstairs to Trinity Hall for a cake reception. Thank you for your understanding about this. Forms have been emailed to each family and the information is asked to be returned as soon as possible.

The forms and pictures can be emailed to holytrinitygreenville@verizon.net

#### **Good Shepherd May Request**

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **May is peanut butter or breakfast foods.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister.

## Second Mile Giving for May – Lutherlyn Camperships

In May, we are seeking to assure that no child will ever be turned away from Lutherlyn due to financial circumstances. This is possible through support for the Campership program.

Lutherlyn combines the love of God, fun, friends, Bible study, worship, opportunities to hear the Word of God in exciting ways, and a few surprises into unforgettable Life Changing Adventures in Faith. Their gals are to provide the highest quality programs possible, to serve all community income levels, and to preserve camp for generations to come.

You may place your contribution in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked, "Second Mile Giving." All Second Mile contributions received during the month of May will be given to the designated cause.

## **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

## **Health and Healing:**

Kate (friend of Paul and Sue Bittler) Jerry Smith Jim Dan (friend of Carol and Bonnie Long) Aaron (friend of Dave and Judy Leary) Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong) Bruce (brother–in-law of Mary Reames) John L (father of Catherine Mott) Irlean (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh) Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk) Paul (nephew of Henry and Ruth Heil) Carl Donnie (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift) Pau1 Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil) Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst) Lori McCann Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman) Betty K.

# Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Betty Good Kevin Crose (friend of Carol and Bonnie Long) Bruce Reames (brother-in-law of Mary Reames)

#### **In Military Service**

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)