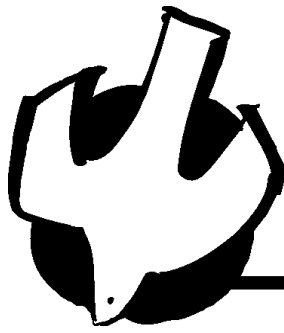


*Build Your  
House on Solid Rock*

**June 7, 2026**



# Second Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.


**Serving the Lord and Serving Us: Luke Hendricks**

# WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 293 God's Word is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

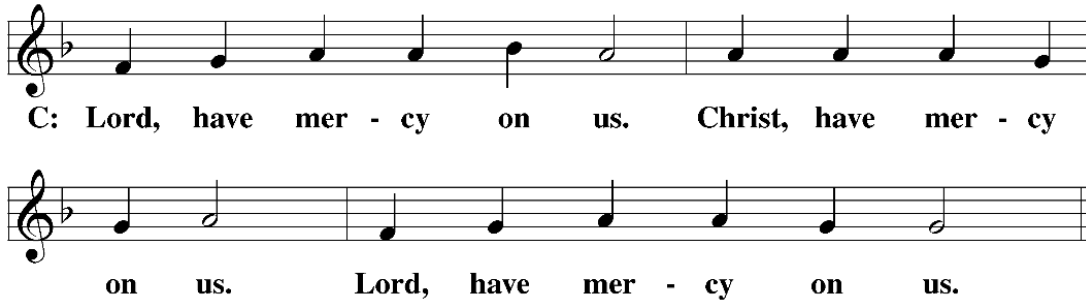
Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Congregation: Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Confession: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Staff 2: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half).

M: God, our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority. I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Risen LORD.

## GLORY BE TO GOD



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

#### **Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28**

<sup>18</sup>Put these words of mine in your hearts and in your soul, and tie them on your wrists as signs and as symbols on your forehead. <sup>19</sup>Teach them to your children by talking about them when you sit in your house and when you travel on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup>so that your days and the days of your children may be many on the land that the Lord promised to your fathers with an oath, as many as the days that the heavens remain over the earth. ...

... <sup>26</sup>You see, I am placing before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup>the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God that I am giving you today, <sup>28</sup>or the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God and you turn away from the path that I am commanding you today by walking after other gods whom you did not know.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: 78

We sing the Refrain together; the Psalm is spoken responsively



M: O my people, hear my teaching;

**C: listen to the words of my mouth.**

M: I will utter things from of old,

**C: what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

M: We will not hide them from our children;

**C: we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.**

### *Refrain*

M: The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob

**C: and established the law in Israel,**

M: so the next generation would know them,

**C: and they in turn would tell their children.**

M: Then they would put their trust in God

**C: and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

### Romans 3:21-25a, 27, 28

<sup>21</sup> But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, <sup>23</sup> because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished.

<sup>27</sup> What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith.

<sup>28</sup> For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (*Psalm 119:105*)



*Stand*

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 7:15-29

M: The Gospel of St Matthew, Chapter 7

### C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? <sup>17</sup> So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. <sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’

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<sup>24</sup>“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. <sup>26</sup>Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”  
<sup>28</sup>When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

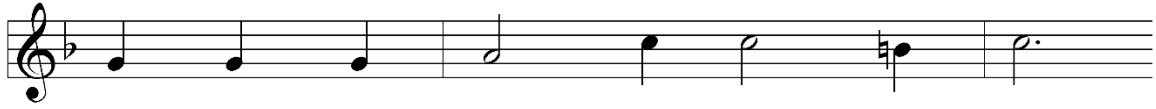
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be Seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 194, Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices (*Verses 1-4*)



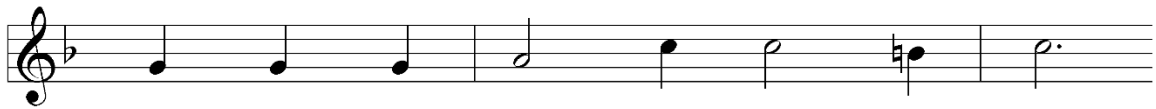
1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es  
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der  
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion  
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!  
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;  
 Has brought you down to ran - som me.  
 Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,



My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,  
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,  
 Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;  
 Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs  
 For all the dai - ly joys I find  
 You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,  
 Give me a - mong your saints a place.



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,  
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side  
 Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,  
 What - ev - er good by me is done



What great things God has done for me.  
 And free - ly for my use sup - plied.  
 Made me your own, and gave me peace.  
 Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

## SERMON

*Stand*

## CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men."

*Be Seated*

## OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

*Special prayers.*

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

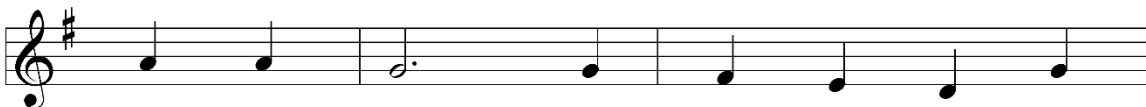
C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN: 475, The Man is Ever Blest



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the  
2 But makes the law of God His stud - y  
3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters  
4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such  
5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that



sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels  
and de - light A - mid the la - bors  
near the root. Fresh as the leaf his  
bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like  
judg - ment seat Where all the saints at



nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
of the day And watch - es of the night.  
name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.  
Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves  
The way the righteous go,  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL (SM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

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**Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN.** Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 27-31 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for Tropical Trek VBS and be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life!. We look forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together! VBS is for kids ages 4 to those entering 6th grade. Kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Adult volunteers are needed as well! Please contact Erika Ohlendorf ([erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)) with questions. Register your child here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/TrinityofWoodbridge/31882>



**Youth Parents:** This year, the WELS Youth Rally will be in **Ohio, July 14-17**, and registrations will open soon. We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church to see if we can lower costs, but now we need to know how many teens (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) may be interested in this event so we can transmit a group pre-registration. If you would like your child/children to attend, have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Hilda Naranjo by sending an email to [arghilda@yahoo.com](mailto:arghilda@yahoo.com) as soon as possible. Group Leaders must work on the pre-registration that opens March 9. Thank you!

## **Wine and Word Bible Study – June 18th**

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **Volunteers Needed to provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!**

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org). You can also scan this code to sign up:



**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

### **Small Choir**

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let Bev Ohlendorf know.

### **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## Behind the Scenes

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20260527/>

**There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (EHV)**

Have you ever watched a school play, concert, or sports game? Everyone sees the big performance at the end. But a LOT of work happens before anyone steps on stage or onto the field! People practice lines, build sets, set up lights, make costumes, and help everything run smoothly. Most of that work happens “behind the scenes,” where nobody sees it.

Our Bible reading today reminds us that the Holy Spirit also does “behind-the-scenes” work. Before Jesus went back to heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and gave them courage and special gifts so they could tell people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit has come to us too! The first and greatest thing he did was bring us to faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit still works in us today by giving each Christian special gifts to help other people and serve God.

Some gifts are easy to notice. A pastor preaching, a teacher teaching, or a musician singing in church are gifts we can often see. But other gifts happen quietly. Maybe someone cheers up a sad friend, helps a neighbor, prays for someone, shares, listens kindly, or writes an encouraging note. Those are gifts from God too! They help grow and strengthen his church.

Sometimes we may wish we had someone else’s gifts. Maybe you wish you could sing better, speak better, or do something another person can do. But God made each person special. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people because he knows exactly what his church needs.

Instead of being jealous, we can thank God for the gifts he gives other people AND thank him for the gifts he has given us. With these gifts from the Holy Spirit, every believer is equipped and empowered to be witnesses of Christ in a world that needs him.

Just like we can’t see what’s going on behind the scenes of a play, we can’t always see the Holy Spirit working. Yet we know he is because Jesus promised it. We have the same God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—who is preserving his church. All by his grace for the common good of God’s people. Even though we cannot see the Holy Spirit with our eyes, we know he is working because Jesus promised he would. The Holy Spirit is still working “behind the scenes”!

## Questions to Consider

- What is one gift or talent God has given you?
- How can you use your gifts to help someone this week?
- Why do you think God gives different gifts to different people?
- What are some gifts people use at church that others may not notice?
- Why is it wrong to be jealous of someone else's gifts?
- Go around the room and name one gift or strength you see in each family member.

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to Woodbridge and to the world.



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