

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. by Conrad Kocher/John Carter

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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*Greeting:

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

*The Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In 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—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

¹Happy 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!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

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

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

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

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Our second reading is from 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

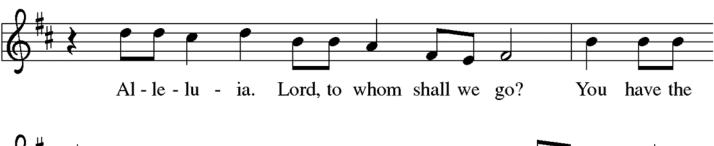
⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God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

¹³I 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 Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation (setting 3 in the ELW)





*Gospel: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

- P The holy gospel according to John beginning with the 17th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Jerry O'Neal

*Hymn of the Day "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655

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Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

*Welcome New Members!

- P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.
- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- P&C 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 the life everlasting. Amen.
- P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Member Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

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

P Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

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

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," in your mercy," and your response is, "**receive our prayer**."

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons, especially Pr. Jerry to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. We pray especially for those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

*A Word the Pain That May Come on Mother's Day

Mother's Day brings out a variety of emotions—joy for first time mothers. Thanksgiving as those who have good relationships with their mothers celebrate. Sorrow for those who are remembering a mother who died. Pain for those experiencing infertility or who had a miscarriage. Unspeakable grief for those who lost a child. Resentment as those who chose not to have children as mothers are celebrated and their roles are silenced. Today, we thank God for healthy relationships with mothers, and those who were like mothers to us. We acknowledge the pain of broken relationships. No matter what feelings are stirred in you this Mother's Day, know that the Body of Christ is big enough for your joy and your pain. We pray that you feel the peace that passes all understanding in this place.

*A Blessing of Women and Girls:

- P To those who welcome a new child
- C We celebrate with you
- P To those who have lost a child
- C We mourn with you
- P To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or broken relationships
- C We grieve with you
- P To those who have warm and close relationships with their children and mothers
- C We give thanks to God
- P To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with their children and mothers
- C We pray God's healing and presence
- P To those who lost their mothers
- C We grieve with you
- P To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother
- C We acknowledge your pain
- P We pray for women throughout the world who are oppressed. May we remember those who are enslaved, trafficked, abused and forgotten. May we be Christ-like, seeking justice for all, living our lives in ways that do not further oppress, exploit or cause harm to any sister in Christ.
- C Forgive us and bring us strength, Saving Lord
- P Lord God, we ask your blessing upon all the women and girls of this congregation, and all women who have touched our lives. Stir up the power of your Spirit in all women, that they may be strong, courageous and faith filled.
- C We give you thanks, Lord God
- P & C AMEN! Thanks be to God!

*Sharing the Peace:

- P The peace of our Risen Savior be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Offering:

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- 1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
- 3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

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Offering Music:

Offertory Presentation: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182

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Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



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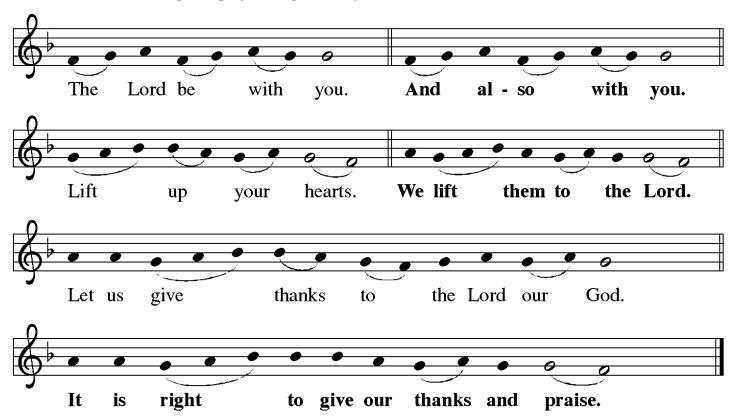
a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer:

L Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

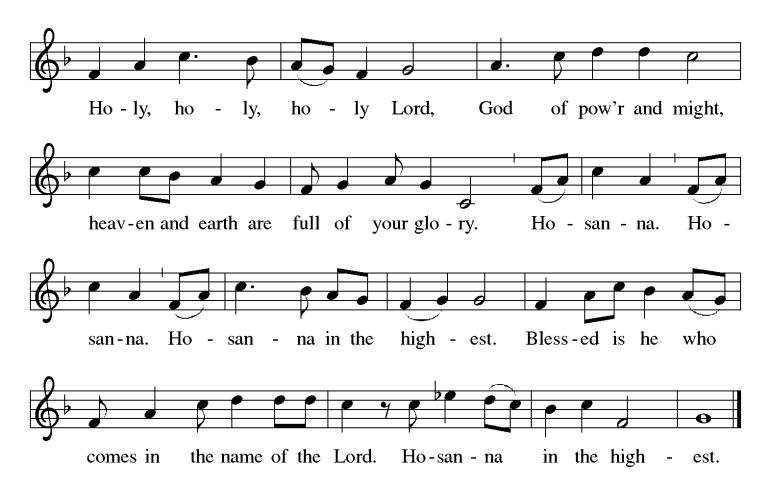
*The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)



P 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:



P 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.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,

nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;

lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.

Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

- P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P 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.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P 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, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

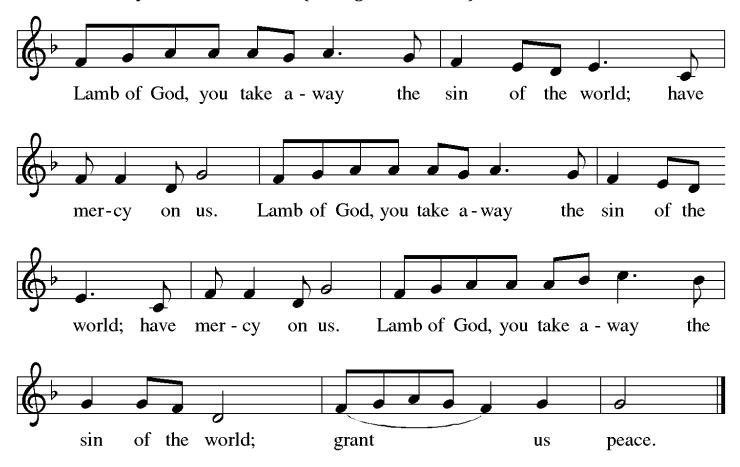
*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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:

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 3 of the ELW)



Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Participants receive the bread (host) in their hand, then are invited to dip the host. Wine is offered in the first, larger chalice, while grape juice is offered in the second smaller chalice. Receive the Host (bread) in your hand and immerse in the chalice to receive by intinction.

*Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer

L Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen

*Sending Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.

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Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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*Dismissal:

- L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Announcements for May 12, 2024

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Essilee Smith

Ushers: Roger Hollands and Dick Elias

Greeter: Sue Elias

Lay Worship Leader, Communion Assistant and Lector: Becke Bly

Altar Guild: Jan Segedy

Calendar of Events for the Week of May 12:

Sunday, May 12 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship in Fellowship Hall (10am), New Member Cookie Reception (following Worship)

Monday, May 13 - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm) and E-Connect Team Meeting (5:30pm)

Tuesday, May 14 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am) and Binding Ties Group (10am) and Council Meeting (6pm)

Wednesday, May 15 - YMCA Bible Study-Gwen Carey and Better Together Wellness (6pm)

Thursday, May 16 - Stephen Ministry Training (9:30am) and Girl Scout Troop Meeting-Kelli Smith (6:30pm) **Friday, May 17 -** Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am) and Healthy Community Alliance Meeting (12 Noon)

Saturday, May 18 - Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

The flowers at the altar are given by Pr. Jerry and Amy O'Neal in honor of all the mothers and Gracen's birthday.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Prayer Requests:

We invite you to send us any prayer requests that you want included in our weekly emails or the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. Send requests to: holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Rick Rowray

Iennifer Worley

Nancy Parkison

Karen Huff

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Helen Merz

Angie Kidd and her son, Evan

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Matthew Santoni

Roberta Debolt

Chuck Cook

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Haynes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For all who are sick and suffering

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May 12-18, 2024:

Birthdays:

May 12 - Gracen O'Neal

May 15 - Sue Elias

May 15 - Charlee Mattucci

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

Welcome New Members Sunday:

Please stay after worship today to welcome our new members and enjoy some cookies!

Tell Us Your Favorite Hymns:

If you have some favorite hymns and would love to sing them this summer, please email the titles and hymn numbers to the church office (holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com) or write it on a piece of paper and put it in Jennifer's mailbox.

Jaren Summers' Graduation from Trinity Lutheran Seminary:

Congratulations to Jaren Summers for graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary with a Master of Divinity on Saturday, May 25. If you would like to carpool with Pastor Jerry and others for Jaren's graduation, please plan on being at the church by 7am on Saturday, May 25. Please contact the church office to let us know that you would like to join the carpool.

Phase 2/Part 2 of the Building Renovation Has Begun!

The front entrance and access to the lift have been blocked. The temporary main entrance has been moved to the East side of the building facing Pauline Street.

Worship will be in Fellowship Hall for a while as they work on the front entrance.

Please be aware that Jenni will have signs up directing people to the office and that the office may move to the east side of the building as needed during the week.

During the construction time we ask that you watch for signs for directions and safety cautions. During the week if you come to the church we ask you to avoid the construction area as much as you can for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

Patience and Prayers:

We ask for your patience and prayers. It is never easy to go through a renovation and there will be a lot going on at the church during the renovation, that will, at times, interrupt our regular schedule. Please keep the construction crews, building team and all who are involved in the renovation in your prayers.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with Larry Wood or John Scholl.

Stephen Ministers Commissioning Day, Sunday, May 19

Next Sunday, May 19, our congregation will commission Diane Scholer and Pr. Jerry as Stephen Ministers during worship. Diane and Pr. Jerry have been training for 5 months with Jennifer Sanderfer, Holy Trinity's Stephen Leader, and are ready to begin their caring ministry among us here at Holy Trinity. We thank God for our Stephen Ministers and pray that God will bless their ministries.

Worship Notes

