



*Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord.  
**Our vision** – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.*

**Sunday, July 7, 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude:** "Be Still, My Soul" arr. by Jean Sibelius/Jeff Bjorck

## **Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our provider,

C **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

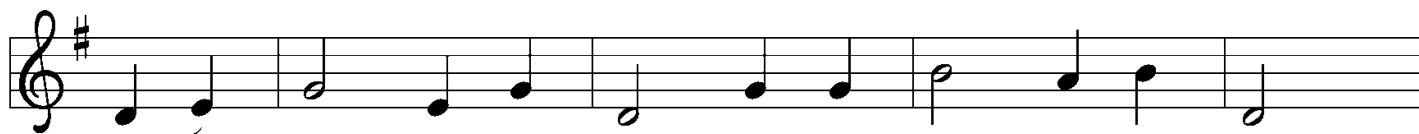
P Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" ELW 796**

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

**\*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.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

**P** God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Our first reading is from Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 123:** (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

## Our second reading is from 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

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Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

\*Please stand as you are able.

## **\*Gospel: Mark 6:1-13**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark beginning with the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** - Pastor James Hilleson

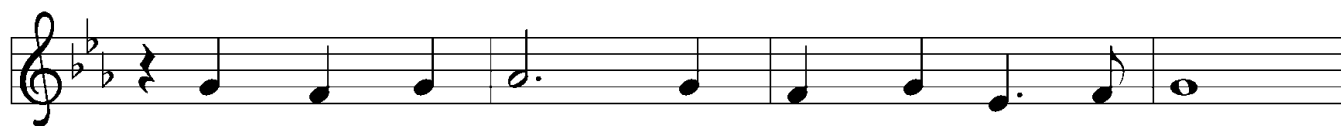
**\*Hymn of the Day: "This Is My Song" ELW 887**

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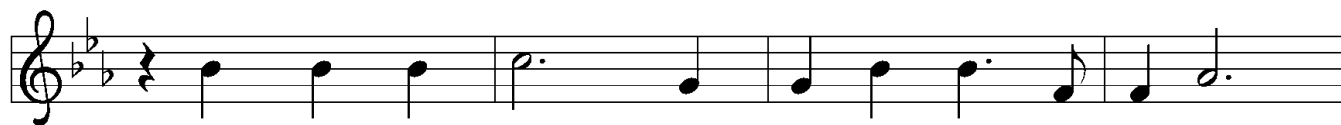
*Favorite Hymn of Karen Huff*



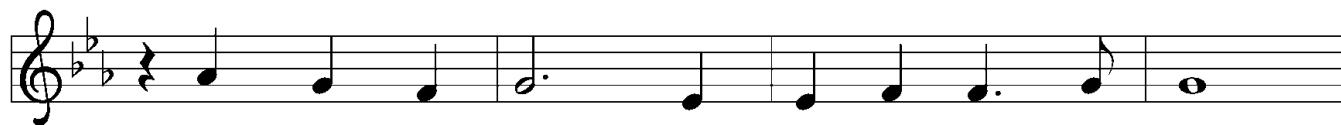
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**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.**

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

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal, especially for those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). In your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Shepherding God, you lead us into the mission field. Guide the E-Connect team, the church leadership, and the congregation: help us all to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us in mission and ministry in the church, the community, and the world. In your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*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](http://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com) and click on the green "Give" button.
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**Offering Anthem:**



# Offertory Presentation: "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465

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*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen  
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## \*Offering Prayer:

L Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P Humble God,  
...we lift up the song of your everlasting praise.

\*Please stand as you are able.

“You Are Holy” ELW 525 (Sung in canon. Sing through the first time as is and then the second time sing either 1 or 2 first and then the other.)

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1\*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945  
 Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling  
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 South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

\*Please stand as you are able.

P Mysterious and holy God, .....  
...Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P Patient God, .....  
...liberating God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**Communion Hymn: "O Lamb of God" (setting 11 of the ACS)**



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we come forward to the altar down the center aisle and return to our seats down the side aisles. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine in the center of the trays.

## Communion Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

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*Favorite Hymn of Gwen Carey and Bruce and Linda Reynolds*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## \*Post Communion Blessing

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

All Amen.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

L Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**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 The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: "God Bless America" arr. by Kate Smith/Irving Berlin**

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*Favorite Hymn of Kathy McCauliff*



God bless America, Land that I love  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above

From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home, sweet home

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above

From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home, sweet home

From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home, sweet home  
God bless America, my home, sweet home

**\*Dismissal:**

**L** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements for July 7, 2024

### **Serving in Worship Today:**

**Acolyte:** Gail Bader

**Ushers:** John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer

**Greeter:** Kathy McCauliff

**Lay Worship Leader, Communion Assistant and Lector:** Becki Bergs

**Altar Guild:** Diane Calvin and Ann Santoni

### **Flowers at the Altar:**

The bouquet of flowers at the altar are given by Laura Adamson in honor of Emily and Brooke Adamson's baptisms.

*(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](mailto:holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com).

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Betty Haffner

Pam Carr

Sandra Duke

Nancy Parkison

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jency Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Helen Merz

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

### **Calendar of Events for the Week of July 7:**

**Sunday, July 7** – Bible Study (9am) and Worship in Fellowship Hall (10am)

**Monday, July 8** – Choir Practice (4pm)

**Tuesday, July 9** - Walking Group meets (8am), and Binding Ties Group (10am), and Project Stepping Stone (7pm)

**Wednesday, July 10** – Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Magician's Ring - Jim Nyce (6:30pm)

**Friday, July 12** - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

**Saturday, July 13** – Step Aerobics (9:30am)



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries for July 7 - 13, 2024:**

### **Birthdays:**

July 9 - Ben Sanderfer

July 11 - Carolyn Beard

### **Anniversaries:**

July 8 - Clyde and Debbie Stafford

### **E-Connect Survey:**

As our congregation begins the journey in the E-Connect Transformational Ministry process, we are conducting a short survey with the congregation. This short survey is designed to help our congregational leaders understand participant perceptions of key missional areas.

By participating in this survey, you are helping our E-Connect team and congregational leaders get a baseline of where our congregation is at the beginning of the E-Connect process. There are no right or wrong answers, just your perception of these missional areas in our church.

**TODAY is the last day to turn in your surveys.** Paper copies of the survey can be found on the info table outside of fellowship hall or you can use the QR code to do the survey online.



### **HTLC congregation- you never cease to amaze!**

We collected 20 pillows and three large boxes of personal care products. Some of you saw how full my car was! Additionally, Jan Segedy secured a Thrivent grant and purchased other much-needed items. When I delivered the bounty to A Better Way the ladies said it was "better than Christmas." I wish each of you could have seen their faces! Thank you all so much for your generosity! Blessings, Kathy McCauliff

### **From Outreach:**

We will be receiving donations of school supplies through the month of July for local students. Thank you for your interest and help.

### **Ministry of Outreach:**

Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 20 at 8:30am, prior to our Open Hands food giveaway. All are welcome!

## **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.

## Worship Notes

