

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 25, 2023

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. John Carter

Welcome

Hymn *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you have enticed me,
 and I was enticed;
 you have overpowered me,
 and you have prevailed.
 I have become a laughingstock all day long;
 everyone mocks me.
 For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
 I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
 For the word of the Lord has become for me
 a reproach and derision all day long.
 If I say, "I will not mention him,
 or speak any more in his name,"
 then within me there is something like a burning fire
 shut up in my bones;
 I am weary with holding it in,
 and I cannot.
 For I hear many whispering:
 "Terror is all around!
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
 All my close friends
 are watching for me to stumble.
 "Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.”

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

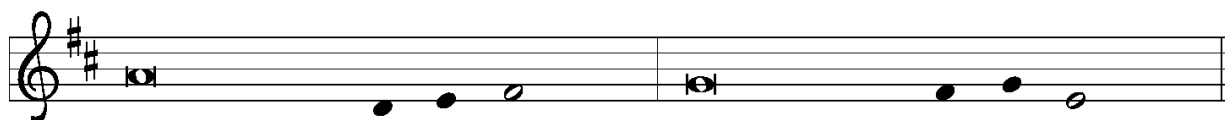
Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Psalm 69:7-18



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Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

**I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.

**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep
waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low
me up;

do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

**Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the church at Rome

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means!

How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Matthew 10:24-39

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Spoken Reflection

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
Rev. Mary Ann Siefke, *Capital University*

Musical Reflection

Gott Ist Unser Sonn' Und Schild

from Cantata No. 79 by J.S. Bach

April Smith, flute, Kathy Rapp, piano, Connie Criswell, alto

Gott ist unser Sonn' und Schild!

Gott ist unser Sonn' und Schild! darum rühmet seine Güte
unser dankerfüllt Gemüte, die er für sein Häuflein hegt,
die er für sein Häuflein hegt.

Denn er will uns ferner schützen,
ob die Feinde Pfeile schnitzen und ein
Lästerer gleich schilt.

Gott ist unser Sonn' und Schild! (repeated 3 times)

English translation:

God is our sun and shield!

*God is our sun and shield! Therefore His goodness is praised,
our souls are thankful that He cares for His little flock,
that he cares for His little flock.*

*For He would protect us further,
even if our enemies sharpen their arrows, and a
blasphemer also abuses us.*

God is our sun and shield!

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Matt Bird, Earl and Edwina Bradley's niece Tina Monroe, Chris Doss and Adam Howard, Kevin Bailey, Tom Rabenold and friends and family of Lou Staffilino, Carolyn Moehring
The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community member Sandra Keaton

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.'

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought a new time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge, and transform us. Here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, making grace something we can touch and taste.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Hymn

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

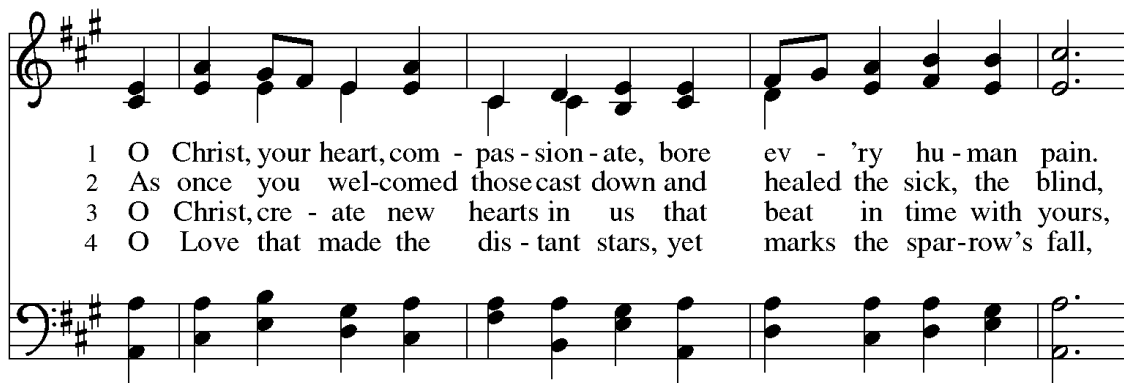
Spirit, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you. As you led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. As you transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.

Amen.

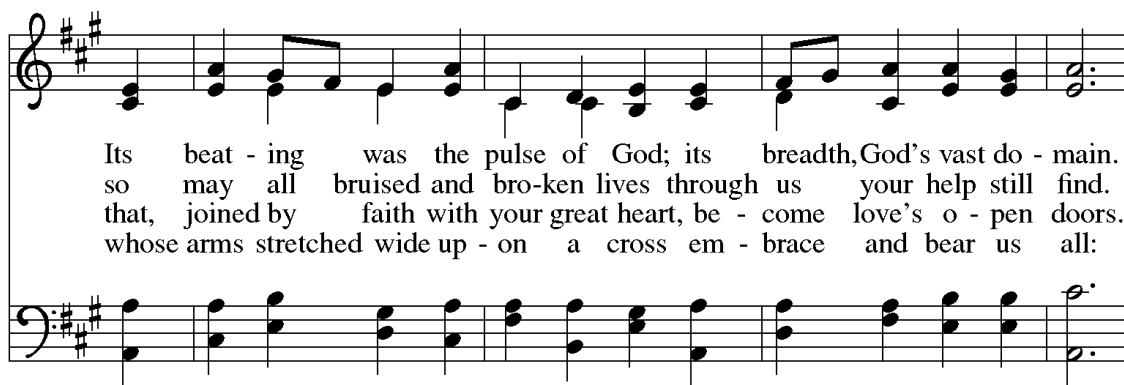
WE ARE SENT

Hymn

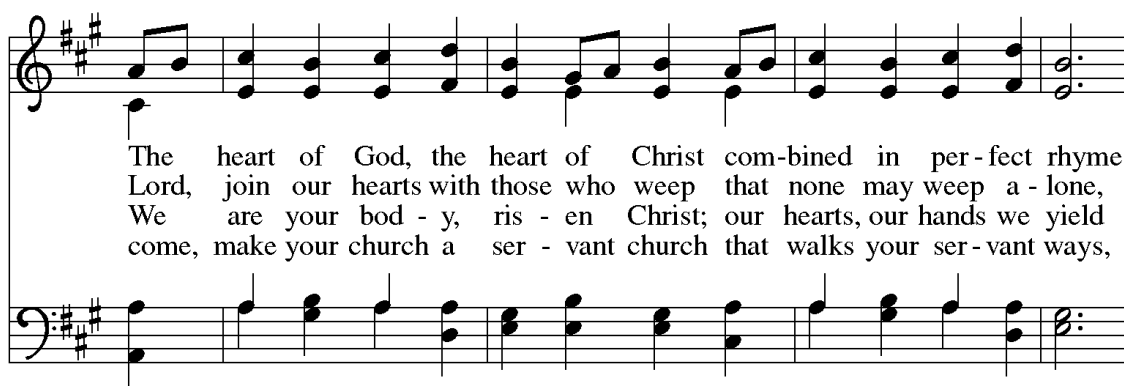
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



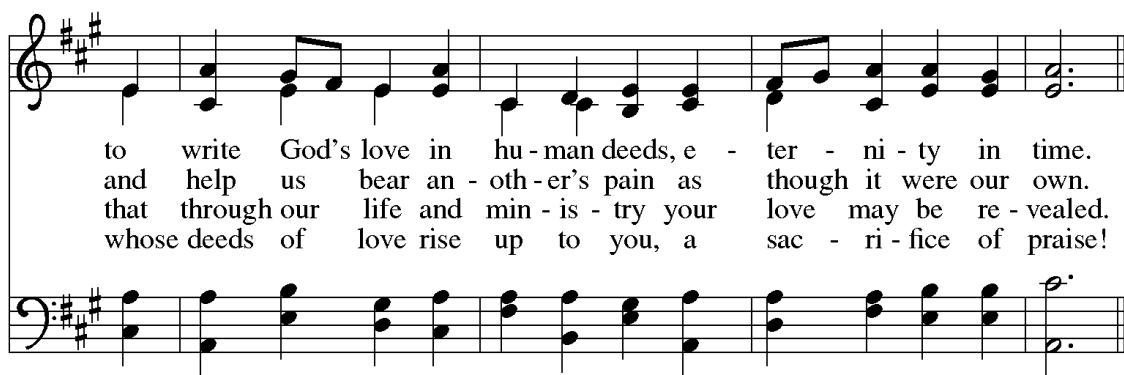
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, arr. John Carter**

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This morning we welcome ***Rev. Mary Ann Siefke***. She is the Director of Congregational Engagement & Advancement for Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Pastor Mary Ann travels the country sharing the Good News of the Kingdom of God and the story of Trinity Lutheran Seminary. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Muskingum University, a Master of Arts in Church Music and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Throughout her career she has taught General Music, maintained a private voice and piano studio, served as a minister of music, and served as a pastor in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA.

Pastor Mary Ann lives in Columbus with her husband Derrick, a Merchant Mariner. In her precious free time she enjoys Sacred Harp Signing, writing poetry, shopping, earl grey lattes, and cheering on The Ohio State Buckeyes!

Summer Adult Education



Sermon Talkbacks

On some Sunday mornings for adult ed this summer, we'll be doing what we've done some previous summers: we'll gather after refreshments and talk about any questions or comments participants have about that morning's scripture readings and the reflection. Preachers enjoy this because it turns the sermon from a monologue into a dialogue. And preachers hope participants enjoy it, as it offers opportunities to ask questions, challenge, and engage in conversations that otherwise wouldn't happen.

On Sunday June 25, the Rev. Mary Ann Siefke, Director of Congregational Engagement and Advancement at Capital University, will preach and she will be available for the talkback following worship.

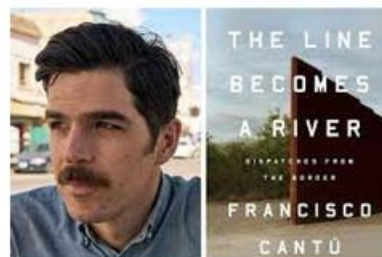
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Summer Book Study

Wednesdays in July


7-8:30 pm



Cantú is a Mexican-American who worked for the U.S. Border Patrol on the Mexican border from 2008-2012.

"There is a line dividing what we know and do not know. Some see the world from one shore and some from the other. Cantú brings the two together to a spiritual whole. My gratitude for this work of the soul."

– author **Sandra Cisneros**



Ecclesiastes

Bible Study

Tuesdays - 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXliQT09>

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RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings
10 am until gone



**Journaling
Workshop**

7:00 pm

June 27

In-Person - Narthex



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, June 28

10:00 AM-11:30 PM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life




Summer Basketball Camp

June 12 through July 24

Ages 8 - 14

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Birthdays this week:

- 25 - Ron Willmann
- 26 - Eric Reinoehl
- 30 - Julie Brush
- 1 - Bruce Collins
- 1 - Karen Riccio

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mary Ann Siefke
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Reader	Karen Rider
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Michelle Clemence
Producers	Sue Yehling, Tom Mimplitch
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

Noisy Offering will go to the Kindway ministry.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 25 – JULY 2

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council
Thursday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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