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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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THE HOLY TRINITY  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Though the word “trinity” is not found in the Scriptures, today’s second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in Word and Sacraments, as we profess the Creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**WITH THE RITE FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**  
***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155***

**\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

**\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

God our Father, our Creator,  
who made the heavens and earth

**We are Your children,  
and we are in awe of all you have made.**

Christ the Son, our Redeemer and Savior,  
You lived and died for us all

**You live again,  
and have prepared the way for us.**

Holy Spirit, the Sustainer,  
You move in us and among us

**We follow Your wisdom  
and feel Your presence.**

Holy God, Triune, Three-in-one,  
help us to know You more fully.

**Guide us in this time of worship. Amen** —by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism... Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

ELW 413

\*GREETING

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

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the Triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174

\*GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

ANTHEM

*Glory Be to God the Father*

RITE FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW, pages 234-237

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Holy Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.*

## **Presentation**

Aidan Altavilla and Sebastian Myers have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

*The parents and confirmation instructors come forward to present the confirmands with the words, "We present Aidan and Sebastian for the Rite of Confirmation."*

Our dear brothers in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

## **Renunciation of Evil**

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize... Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

## **\*Profession of Faith**

*The candidates make confession of their faith in the words of the Creed. The congregation may stand.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R 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**

Let us pray for Aidan and Sebastian who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters, brothers and friends who are hungry and thirsty, who need peace, who are persecuted, and all who need your healing touch, especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all our faithful departed and the witness we see in their lives... . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Commitment**

*The congregation may be seated.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

## **Prayer of Blessing**

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Aidan/Sebastian your own. You forgave him all his sins and brought him to newness of life. Continue to strengthen him with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in him your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

## **Laying On of Hands**

*Each candidate kneels in turn while the presiding minister lays both hands on his head, signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit. The parents and instructors may extend their hands.*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Aidan/Sebastian the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen**

*The candidates exchange the Peace with the presiding minister and with other members of the congregation.*

\*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



## MEAL

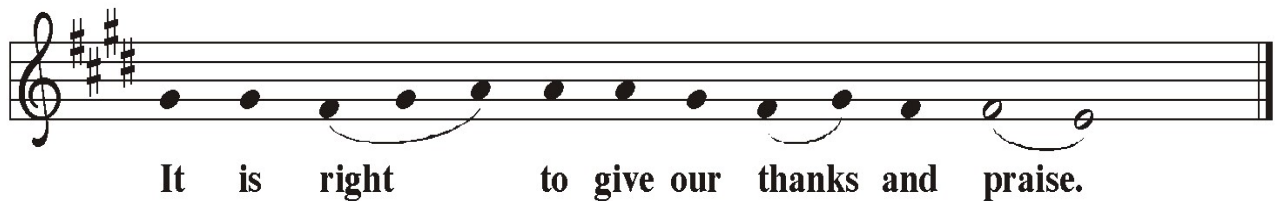
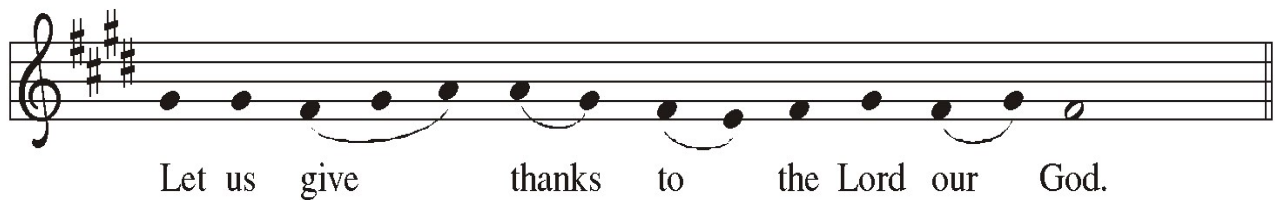
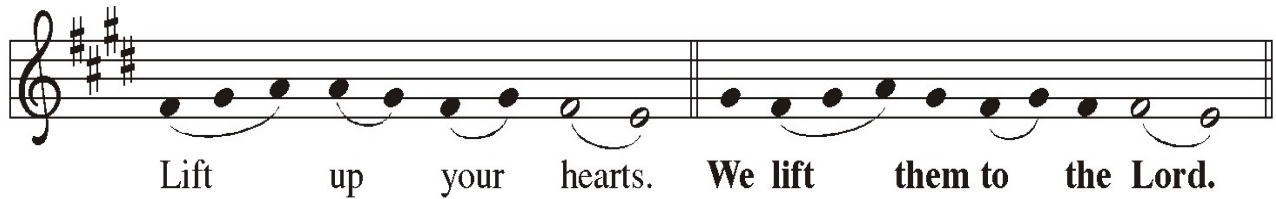
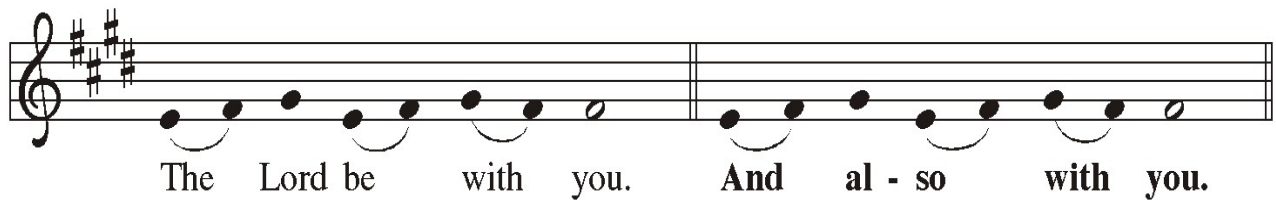
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

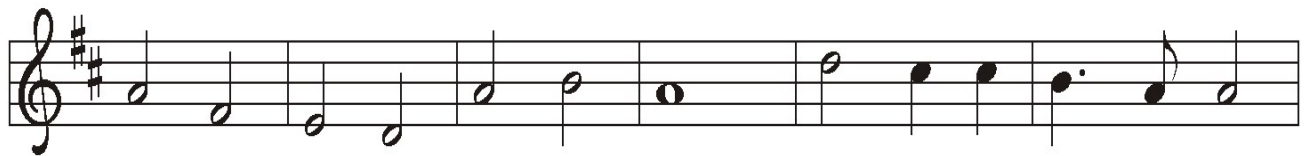
### \*DIALOGUE



### \*PREFACE FOR HOLY TRINITY

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



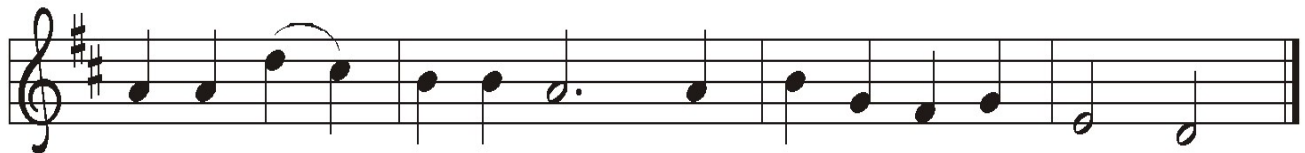
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever. Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

**\*EASTER INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

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**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### \*BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage. **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 735

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace and joy. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*March*

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## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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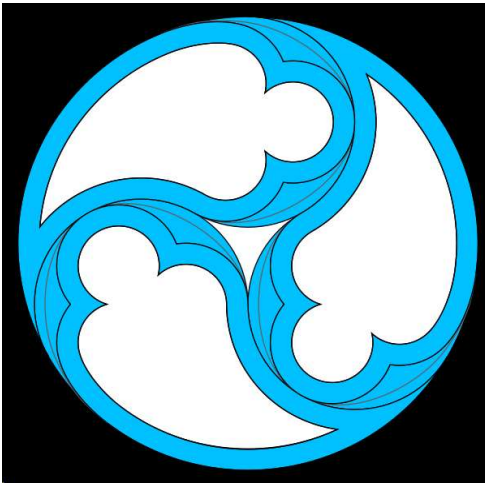


## IN THE PRAYERS...

**Members of the Congregation:** Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Mildred Mendel, Lois Mika, George Pagurko, Mildred Riban, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel.

**Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:** Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, David Basek, James and Lori Broussard, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Julie Patron, Pat Pileggi, Gail Purcell, Beth Sheldon, Stevie Singer, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Stevie Singer, Joan Watkiss and Mike Yavorski.

\*Please let us know when people may be removed from the prayer list, and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!\*



Our prayers and congratulations are with **Aidan Altavilla and Sebastian Myers** who are affirming the promises of Holy Baptism today through the Rite of Confirmation. “Gracious Lord, ...continue to strengthen Aidan and Sebastian with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence....” Please join us in the dining hall following worship for a reception given in their honor.

### **A Confirmation Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me... I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen. — Lancelot Andrewes*

**Hitzeman Funeral Home** is assisting the Lions Clubs International in collecting usable eyeglasses for their “Recycle For Sight” program. If you have old glasses and or cases at home that will no longer be needed, please bring them to church and place them in the green box located on the brochure table in the hallway off the dining hall. Thank you.

### **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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| <i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2023:</i>          | \$2,527.00 |
| <i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i> | \$ .00     |
| <i>Shortage:</i>                                   | \$ .00     |

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165*

*Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>*

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

*The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886*

*Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

*John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963*

*Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

*Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754*

*Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>*

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

*Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866*

*Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>*

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

*Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church*

*Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.



## ADOPTED INTO THE TRINITY

We are children of God: the expression is so familiar as to lose its punch. Isn't everyone a child of God? Yes, absolutely, in the sense that God loves every single person with an infinite and abiding love. But today's readings use the idea of becoming a child of God in a different way. In baptism we become children of God in such a way that we share in Jesus' own relationship as Son of God. We get to call God "Abba" as Jesus did; the Spirit who bears us is the wind that blows through our lives as it did through Jesus' life. (To follow today's gospel it helps to know that "spirit" and "wind" are the same word in Greek!)

Jesus uses the image of being born anew, born from above, born of the Spirit in the water of baptism. Paul uses the image of being adopted, as a Roman man might adopt a favored slave, giving the slave the status of son or daughter and legal heir. Birth and adoption are completely equivalent metaphors here, conveying the same truth that through the Holy Spirit we are brought inside the life of the Trinity, made to share in Jesus' own relationship with the one who sent him. The Spirit gives birth to us, the Father adopts us, and we are children of God just as Jesus is God's Son. And just as Jesus was God's self-giving to the world, we as God's children are given to the world because God so loves the world.

We who are baptized live a Trinitarian life. The Spirit blows through you, and confidently cries "Abba!" in your voice, and you are sent as a "friend" of Jesus to suffer with a world in pain and to be raised from every death by the power of the Holy Spirit.



## *All Creation Sings—*

A recently released hymnal supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Sts. Peter and Paul,

Back in the fall of 2020, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America released *All Creation Sings (ACS)*, a hymnal supplement that goes hand in hand with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* to support the church's mission of worship in Word and Sacraments that leads to service and justice in the world. *ACS* invites us to expand our song and prayer with timely attention to the health of our planetary home and the human community within it. Included are 200 hymns and songs, more than 30 of them multilingual and many being new since *ELW* was released.

We have been downloading and including hymns from *ACS* in our worship bulletins as needed over the past several months; however, the formatting of the included hymns is difficult to read for many of our members. The Worship and Music Committee has recommended we purchase pew editions of *ACS* to use in our services in conjunction with *ELW*.

You are invited to prayerfully contemplate and donate towards the cost of obtaining these pew editions. See the attached form for more details. Should you wish your donation(s) to commemorate a special event or to be given in memory of a departed loved one or loved ones, please indicate this on the form. Bookplates will be placed in each copy for each donation received.

I pray that God's Holy Spirit guide you as you consider this commitment.

In Christ,

*Charles Matthies*

*Chairperson, Sts. Peter and Paul Worship and Music Committee*

*(Please complete the form on the reverse side and return as indicated.)*

# Donate a Hymnal!

You can contribute a copy or copies of *All Creation Sings* for just \$15.00 each. Please provide the information requested below, attach a check, and either drop it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

If you are donating more than one hymnal, please use a separate form for each donation. Extra forms are available at the back of church, in the weekly bulletins, or the church office.

Thank you!

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