



TRINITY SUNDAY

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:16-17, ESV

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY TRINITY

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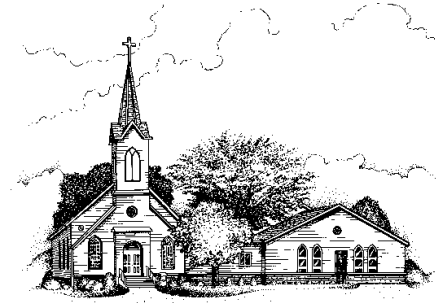
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Welcome to God's House

Scripture teaches that there is only one God. Yet that God exists as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Incomprehensible! It is the type of teaching about which the psalmist declares, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain" (Psalm 139:6). We believe in

the Triune God without fully comprehending his existence, simply because the Spirit has given us the gift of faith. Our belief in the triune God came from the top down.



Not only is the concept of the Trinity itself something unique to the Christian faith, but what the triune God does for us and offers us is also completely unique. Our triune God invites us into the blessed relationship that is part of his very nature. The members of the Trinity share with us an intimacy that they have enjoyed with each other from eternity. Our triune God makes us not servants or subjects but blessed members of his family.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty CW #483

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Opening Dialogue

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. **By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**

God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

The Lord makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! From him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

Song of Praise Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #617

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and

said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day The Voice Which Shakes the Earth - Psalm 29B



1 The voice which shakes the earth till moun-tains heave and quake,
2 When God's ma - jes - tic voice round hill and val - ley rings,
3 At his e - ter - nal throne a - wait the sol - emn sound,



the voice which caus - es an - cient oaks to bend and break,
the des - ert blooms, the wood-land skips, the for - est sings:
for no - where else will great - er strength or peace be found.



the voice which thun-ders loud a - bove the crash-ing waves
his word pro - claims the truth like light-ning, sharp and bright,
Ex - alt the God of pow'r, and kneel in rev-'rent fear—



be - longs to God, the Ho - ly One, the LORD who saves.
with pen - e - trat - ing clar - i - ty and ten - der might.
give glo - ry to the One whose voice we long to hear.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 6:3

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest #586:1-2, 5-7

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and make our hearts your place of rest;
come with your grace and heav’nly aid,
and fill the hearts which you have made.

To you, the Counselor, we cry,
to you, the gift of God most high,

the fount of life, the fire of love,
the soul's anointing from above.

Drive far away our wily foe,
and your abiding peace bestow;
with you as our protecting guide,
no evil can with us abide.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, from both, as Three in One
that we your name may ever bless
and in our lives the truth confess.

Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them One,
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Sermon

Romans 8:12-17

Welcome to the Family!

Confession of Faith

selected portion of the Athanasian Creed

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,

but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us

to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or

three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

But all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God, and one God worshipped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you created us in your image, placed us in your world, and declared everything very good. Make your power and wisdom known to all people everywhere, that they may see the goodness of your creation and strive to be good stewards of the earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your authority, govern and guide the leaders of all nations, that your gospel may be freely proclaimed, disciples gathered, and the gospel ministry of teaching and baptizing may spread your kingdom.

Holy Spirit, as your Word is proclaimed, call and gather many into your fellowship. Enlighten and sanctify your church, and keep it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Triune God, restore, encourage and give your love and peace to all, especially those who struggle in this world, ruined by sin. Calm troubled hearts. Heal diseases. Give peace of mind and wholeness of body as it fits your good purpose for us.

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons, but one God, enlighten our hearts and minds, make us steadfast in the true faith, equip us for good works, and bring us to life eternal; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come

together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

AURELIA CW 1025

♪ Sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,
your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky.”
Our voices cry, “Hosanna!” Lord, hear our humble plea:
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.

Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!
How blest are you, Lord Jesus, now coming in God’s name!
“Hosanna in the highest!” our grateful hearts proclaim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son’s body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

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

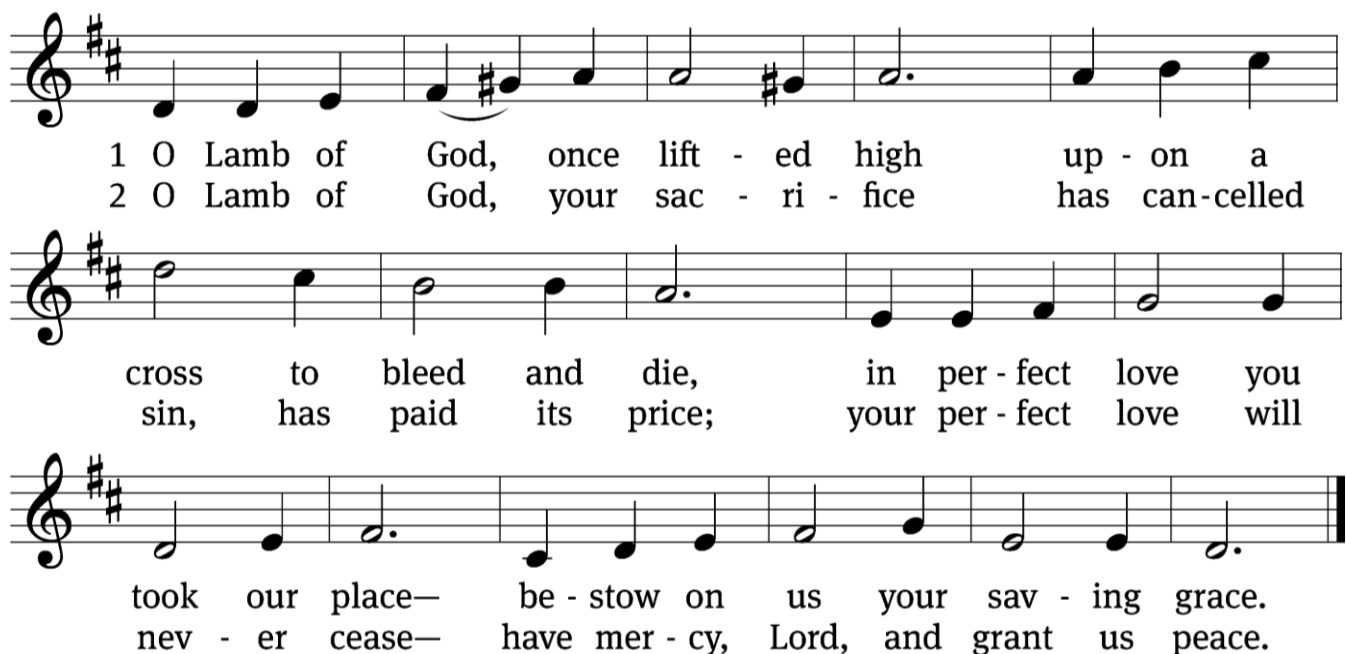
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

ANGELUS CW 1056



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done, how his right arm the vict'ry won.

How dearly it has cost him!

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; in sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; life had become a living hell,
so firmly sin possessed me.

My own good works availed me naught, no merit they attaining;
my will against God's judgment fought, no hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair left only death to be my share
and hell to be my sentence.

But God beheld my wretched state before the world's foundation,
and, mindful of his mercies great, he planned for my salvation.
A father's heart he turned to me, sought my redemption fervently;
he gave his dearest treasure.

He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."

The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore
to lead the devil captive.

To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.

For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.

“The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.

“Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.

“What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;
this final word I leave you.”

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name #953:1, 2, 5

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one, undivided God we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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29B The Voice Which Shakes the Earth *Psalm 29B*

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This Week at Zion

- Sun:** 7:30 / 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Memorial Day Observance in the cemetery
- Mon:** *Memorial Day*
- Tue:** 7:00 p.m. Online Bible study
- Thu:** 7:00 p.m. Worship
- Sun:** 7:30 / 9:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School planning meeting

In Our Prayers Darleen Oelhafen, who moved back to the Cedar Lake Rehab building this past week; JoAnne Noel, receiving PT for a knee replacement; in thanksgiving for Gene and Janet Salzman's 50th anniversary today.

We thank Jared Peterson (Thursday) and Anna Bode (Sunday) who served as our accompanists this weekend.

Memorial Day Observance The Allenton Legion will be with us today (Sunday), May 26th, after the late service. We'll gather out in the cemetery about 10:15 a.m. for a short ceremony to be reminded of all the fallen warriors across the lifespan of our nation who gave their lives "so that others may live."

Vacation Bible School Sunday School may be taking a break for the summer, but we have something to look forward to in August. Vacation Bible School will go from August 5th – 8th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We have a planning meeting next Sunday, June 2nd at 6 p.m. at church (anyone wanting to help is asked to join us).

Pastoral Assistance If you are in need of a pastor this week, please contact Pastor Tim Henning at 262.707.6984.

The flowers on the altar this morning were placed to God's glory by Gene

and Janet Salzman in thanksgiving for their 50th anniversary. The additional flowers were placed by their daughter's family.

Sermon Series What does it mean when we say “Thy Kingdom come”? What is God's will? Does God really lead us into temptation? Beginning on June 6 / 9th and throughout the rest of the summer we'll study the prayer Jesus taught us. Instead of running through it without thinking, you'll grow in your appreciation of this model prayer.

Door Offering As this is Memorial Day weekend, Zion is collecting a free-will offering during our worship services this weekend to support the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG). The LMSG's purpose is to bring Christian support to military members and their families in our WELS congregations and beyond.

Please pick up the new June calendars, June – July newsletters and copies of the new June *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway. If you haven't picked up your *Meditations* devotionals yet, there are a few left and they start today (Sunday).

Volunteer Opportunities We could use your help at church with greeters and cleaners this summer. Sign up to serve as a greeter online at www.zionallenton.org or sign up for cleaning on the pink sheet on the bulletin board.

Young Adult Event If you are between the ages of 18-28, you're invited to this year's Awake and Alive summer One Day Event - Sunday June 9th - in Milwaukee. The guest speaker will be Emily Krill and her theme will be “*I Am Built: Exploring Your God-Given Strengths.*” You can attend in person at The Bridge MKE (3203 S. 76th St. Milwaukee), or if you can't make it on person, attend online. Registration is free for young adults and ministry leaders and can be found at www.awakealive.com.

Feed Your Faith Regularly For those who can't worship on Sundays, our Thursday service at 7 p.m. is just for you. Plan your week accordingly and join us. If you can't make either, either call the church office for area

churches which offer different days and times for services or log onto www.wels.net and click “church locator” on the top of the page.

Pick up a new church calendar for June, newsletter for June / July (combined), the Forward in Christ as well as the next edition of Meditations. You’ll find everything on the cabinets in the entryway.

Register today for *Taste of Missions*, less than a month away on Saturday, June 15th at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Attend in person or online to get a “taste of missions.” Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or, attend virtually for free and watch all events via livestream, Learn more at www.tasteofmissions.com.

