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July 13, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

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Prelude: "Fill Me Now" arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome

Baptism of Erica Katherine Mundt & Bradley William Mundt Children of Marilee and Donald Mundt



Baptismal Hymn - ELW #781

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



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Presentation

- P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Erica baptized into Christ?

 Bradley, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

 Bradley: I do.
- P: As you come to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and receive the holy supper, teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read and study the holy scriptures, and be nurtured in faith and prayer, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help support and grow together in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Bradley: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Bradley and Erica and pray for them in their new life in Christ and as a new brother and sister in our Evangelical Durham family?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

- P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C: I renounce them.
- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: 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.
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Erica Katherine Mundt/Bradley William Mundt, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us pray. . . We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Erica and Bradley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Erica/Bradley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Gathering Hymn: ELW 526 (stand as you are able)

God Is Here!



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INVOCATION

- 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.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

L: A reading from the thirtieth chapter of Deuteronomy.

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-10

- L: ¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- C: ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- L: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C: ⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- L: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C: ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

- L: ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- C: 8 You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- L: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- C: ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading - Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

- L: A reading from the first chapter of Colossians.
 - ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
 - ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
 - ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

(Stand if you are able)



The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercv.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

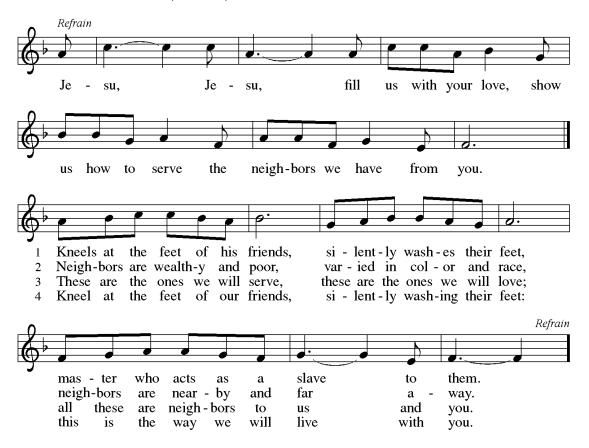
²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sister and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Gaye Miller and The Mundt Family: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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

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

Welcome

P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially those mentioned now or in the comfort of our hearts*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "Welcome Table"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt. Music: WID DELÜGEN, Johann A. D. Schulz, 1747–1800

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

P: 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.

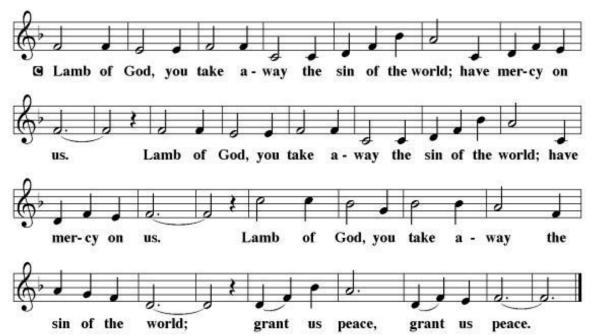
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

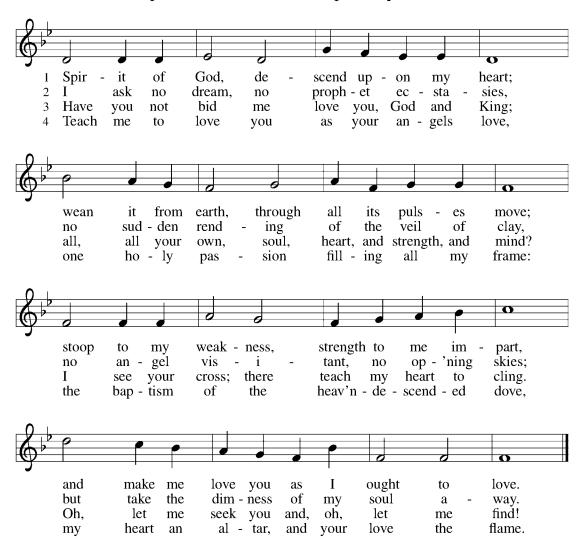
P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 800

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



Text: George Croly, 1780–1860 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P:The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for July and August are being split between the two food banks.

A REPORT FROM THE FOOD BANKS

THE LORDS PANTRY: WE DONATED 82LBS! THEY REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS THIS MONTH:

- STEWED AND WHOLE TOMATOES
- PEARS
- CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- HEARTY SOUPS
- COFFEE
- SOAP
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- CONDIMENTS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

PROJECT EASTON: WE DONATED 48LBS! THEY REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS THIS MONTH:

- PEANUT BUTTER
- PANCAKE MIX
- SOUPS BUT NOT CHICKEN NOODLE
- HEALTHY SNACK BARS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

THANK YOU MIRIAM AND MARK FOR DELIVERING FOOD TO THE FOODBANKS LAST WEEK!



<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>				
July	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS	
16	Kristy-Lee Reiman			
19	Joe Erceg			

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES				
Sunday, July 13	10:00 AM	Communion Worship @Durham		
5th Sunday After Pentecost	11:00 AM- ANYTIME	Full Set Up for VBS @ Trinity		
Monday, July 14- Friday July 18	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	VBS @ Trinity		
Tuesday, July 15	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours		
Wednesday, July 16	6:30-7:30pm	Wednesday Sundaes		
Thursday, July 17	7:00 PM	PALM Meeting @ Ferndale		
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES				
Sunday, July 20	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
6th Sunday After Pentecost				
Monday, July 21	1:00PM -3:00 PM	Office Hours		
Wednesday, July 23	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Pastor Office Hours		
	6:30-7:30 PM	Wednesday Sundaes		
Thursday, July 24	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Sunday, July 27	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
7th Sunday After Pentecost				
Tuesday, July 29	1:00-3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours		
		Pastor's Vacation Starts		
Wednesday, July 30	6:30-7:30	Wednesday Sundaes		
Thursday, July 31	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Admin Office Hours		

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Cleo Eck; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bethany Michl; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David

Davis; Nancy Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Bradley Mundt; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Dennis Phillipps; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound: James Altemose; Jayne Miller.

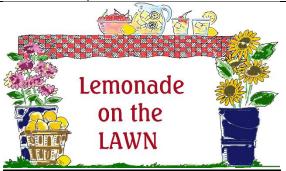
For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Doris Calverley; Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Vivian Harwick; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Val McGinn and Bea von Watzdorf
Greeter(s)	Mark Harwick
Acolyte	
Lector	Linda Sauter
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Communion	Dealers' choice
Counting Team	Mark Harwick
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dianna Streletz



Provided by Miriam Anderson! Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM VBS!

As you know, VBS starts tomorrow at Trinity! Many from our congregation are volunteering to help with the VBS program and we wanted to share the MISSION PROJECT for the week with you.

VBS will be supporting TAILS OF VALOR PAWS OF HONOR

Located in Coopersburg, PA. Tails of Valor is dedicated to providing canine assisted service programs to Veterans, Law enforcement and emergency personnel with the diagnosis of PTSD or TBI.

If you would like to make a donation, there will be a box in the Narthex with a wish list attached, or monetary donations can be placed in the envelope attached to the wish list and will be brought to Trinity for Donation.

