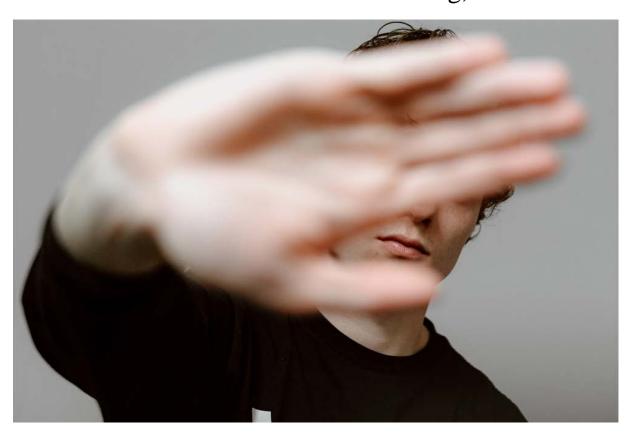
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Psalm 13 June 13, 2021



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- Prelude "My God Is Real; Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome;
  He Touched Me" Roxanne Groff
- Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell
- Welcome Pastor Mel Musser

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

- P: God of joy and sorrow,
- C: We come into your house with the noise and cares of the world bearing down on us. We expect you fix it or to make it go away. Instead, you offer space for us to repent, refresh, and restore. Forgive us our short-sightedness. Forgive us our selfishness. For us our impatience. Show us how to enter your house with gratitude and praise.
- L: Our God receives our pleas with open ears and a forgiving heart. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, and be washed with the cleansing sound of God's grace. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

#### \* GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

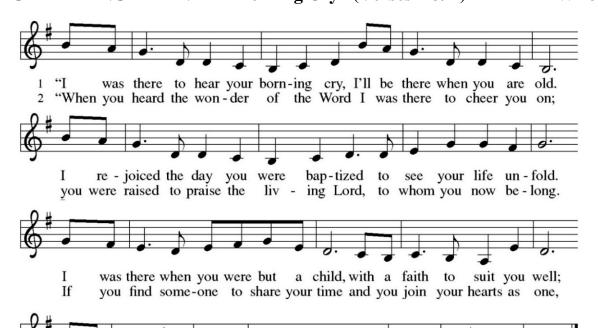
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#### HOLY BAPTISM

While a baptismal hymn is sung, the candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

\* GATHERING HYMN "Borning Cry" (Verses 1 & 2) ELW 732



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."

### Presentation

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates 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; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsors and parents present Elena and Ian for Baptism.

We present <u>Elena Marie Rodriguez</u> and <u>Ian Humberto Rodriguez</u> to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.

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P: In Christian love you have presented *Elena* and *Ian* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *them* to the services of God's house, and teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in *their* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *their* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

### Sponsors and Parents: We do.

- P: Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, do you promise to assist these sponsors and parents to fulfill these obligations?
- C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.
- \* THANKSGIVING
- 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 him thanks and praise.
- P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *Elena Marie Rodriguez* and *Ian Humberto Rodriguez* who are about to be here baptized may be given new life. Wash away *their* sin, cleanse *them* by this water, and bring *them* forth as *heirs* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

#### C: Amen

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#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

- P: 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?
- C: I do.
- 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, 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 into hell.\* 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.
- 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. Amen

#### **BAPTISM**

The minister baptizes each child.

- *P:* <u>Elena Marie Rodriguez</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P: <u>Ian Humberto Rodriguez</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister gives both babies back to their parents and addresses the Congregation.

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

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<sup>\*</sup>*Or*, He descended to the dead.

### The minister places one hand on each child.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Elena and Ian*: 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.

C: Amen

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: <u>Elena Marie Rodriguez</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

P: <u>Ian Humberto Rodriguez</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

A lighted candle may be given to the sponsor of a young child by a representative of the congregation who says:

R: Elena, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

R: Ian, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us pray... O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon *Humberto and Jennifer*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for these children you have given to them. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with *Elena and Ian*, the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

#### WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

P: Through Baptism God has made *Elena and Ian* our new *siblings* in Christ and fellow members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together

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we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

The minister takes both children in his arms and introduces them to the Congregation. Applause is appropriate.

All return to their places and the Service continues with verses 3&4 of Baptismal Song.





3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... God of bountiful blessing, we don't always enter your house with joy. Sometimes we cry, "How long?" Answer us as only you can, with grace and love. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Scripture Reading**: Psalm 13

**Theme**: God Is Faithful All The Time

**Props**: Picture of Old Faithful

Good morning, I'm so happy to see each of you this morning. I have a picture of a place we visited on vacation several years ago. Does anyone recognize what this is? That's right it's a picture of Old Faithful. Old Faithful is just one geyser located in Yellowstone National Park. Have any of you been to see Old Faithful? Why do you think they call this geyser Old Faithful? Usually people will answer that it's called Old Faithful because it erupts and spews hot water into the air every hour. Did you know that Old Faithful actually erupts very irregularly, usually somewhere between every 35 minutes, but could go up to 2 hours or even a little more between eruptions? It's not all that regular or faithful after all...

What do you think being faithful really means? Is it like having a friend who always comes out to play with you when you call them. Or is it like having a friend who is always there when you need to talk to someone something that happened either something really good or something very sad... A faithful friend is someone who would always be there when you need them. But Wait... Is there anyone who is always there when we need them. Do you have any friend who can always come out to play when you want them? Of course not. What if they had to go to a music lesson or had a doctor's appointment when you called them. They wouldn't be able to play then. Is there anyone who is always there for us? Who will always listen to us? Well, yes, there is, and that person is Jesus. When we pray to Jesus he always listens and always answers us. He is always there for you.

Let's Pray: "Thank you for always being present to us, Jesus. Thank you for your faithfulness and for your love Help us to remember to ask for what we need in your name. Amen."

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### • SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 13

P: Our scripture reading for this day is from Psalms, Chapter 13.

### C: Glory to you O Lord.

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies To the leader. A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup>How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? <sup>3</sup>Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup>and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. <sup>5</sup>But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. <sup>6</sup>I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ (Spoken)

• SERMON Pastor Mel Musser

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the one who delivers us from our enemies and in whom we place our trust, Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

As most of you who know I don't like waiting in lines and I don't like being behind a slow driver, especially on Route 49, when it's difficult or impossible to pass. Today's Psalm goes much deeper than simple impatience. It hits the heart of our most deep and secret doubts and fears. In fact, the phrase we have translated as, "How long must I bear pain in my soul..." can be translated as how long must I waiver and have doubts in my soul. Scholars call this Psalm an individual prayer for deliverance. They say it was written by David between the time when he was

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anointed King of Israel and when he was actually coronated. If that's the case, then on one level it makes sense that David would pray and write this Psalm asking how much longer he will have doubts about God's will for his life. If you recall the story of how Davide became King of Israel, you'll remember King Saul and David played a game of cat and mouse for several years with Saul pretending to befriend David, then setting multiple traps to kill him. During this time Saul's son, Jonathan, became David's best friend and would warn David before he walked into Saul's traps. This went on and on with Saul and his army chasing David up and down the mountains through the desert, and into caves, with David always escaping. If David wrote this Psalm during his time on the run, it's no wonder he would have his doubts about God anointing him to be the next king.

I say if, because the origins of Psalm 13 are by no means proven or settled. Even in the title we have a certain ambiguity. I mean if this was David's individual prayer for the Lord's vindication, then why is there a direction for the musical director right in the title? The title indicates this Psalm was somehow used in the Worship life of the Hebrew people. The most likely explanation is that the original song or poem was written by David, but later adapted for use in the greater congregational setting. The title and the direction to the music director were added at a later time when this poem was adapted for worship.

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That's as much as I know about the history and setting of this Psalm, but as interesting as it is to speculate on its origin, what, if anything does this prayer of deliverance have to say to us nearly 3000 years after it was first uttered? My first take away is that it can feel like God is not always present with us and many of us wonder, how long we'll have to wait before seeing the answer to our deepest prayers and desires of our souls. In just the first two verses the writer asks How Long no less than four times! I'd say that indicates a pretty tortured person who is in genuine anguish over their circumstances in life. Waiting for God to answer our prayers can lead to people taking matters into their own hands. I do it. You do it. Bible characters did it. Take the case of Abraham for example. Abraham and Sarah were promised a child in their old age. After more than ten years and that promise not being fulfilled, the couple decided God must have meant for Abraham to have that child from another woman. So, they took matters into their own hands and Sarah sent her handmaid into Abraham's bedroom. Nine months later Ismael was born. That child was not the one promised by God, and it wasn't until much later when Isaac was finally born, the son of both Abraham and Sarah.

We all have our moments when we want to rush in and do what we know must be God's will for our lives. It's really hard to wait for the Lord to provide when we know we can do things so much more quickly and efficiently. I have to

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constantly remind myself, God doesn't require swiftness or efficiency... God requires faithfulness and patience. For the most part, when I rush to act, things go horribly wrong, and I usually mess things up. When I exercise patience and wait for the Lord to show me the signs and to open the doors, things normally go much more smoothly. This isn't always so... Sometimes the things God has planned can't happen without much pain and sorrow.

Getting back to the story of Saul and David... David was not able to become King of Israel until both Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle fighting against those pesky Philistines. That left the throne vacant for David to ascend. It was a bittersweet time for David because he still loved King Saul, despite having to flee for his life several times. He was also much more than besties with Saul's son Jonathan. First Samuel, Chapter 18, verse one says the souls of Jonathan and David were bound together. They loved each other. I assume that means as brothers... My point here is that David felt much grief and pain in the loss of Saul and Jonathan even though he knew their deaths had to happen in order for his rise to kingship. God didn't use the Philistines to kill Saul and Jonathan. He allowed them freedom to chose and to live their lives as they desired. They were the ones who chose to go to battle against the much more powerful enemy and lost their lives in the process. God waited for them to exit this

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world before placing David on the throne. This meant there were no other successors having claim to the throne and David could rule without family infighting. This enabled him to focus on the enemies of Israel and to consolidate all 12 tribes of Israel into one nation for the first time ever. Because of this, David is still recognized, all these years later, as the undisputed best king Israel ever had.

Life is not always easy, and we don't always get what we want or need on our time schedule. What do we do when we know the outcome that's needed, but we're either not powerful enough to make it happen or the means to the end are just too dreadful to imagine? Psalm 13 gives us the answer to that dilemma. To be honest, the beginning of this Psalm sounds sort of like David is yelling at God... Sometimes we need to yell, and God is big enough to take on our best shots. God knows sometimes we need to get things off our chests. The movement in this Psalm, after the writer gets the how long accusation out in the open, goes from tedious frustration to praise and trust in just 6 short verses. As we continue to pray and ask God to deliver us our faith and trust are somehow renewed.

Our enemies might not be as tangible as the King of Israel chasing us over mountains and through deserts, but we all have our demons. When we don't get an immediate answer to our prayers, this Psalm shows us how to continue in persistent prayer, and trust all the more in God's faithful love. This short Psalm

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moves from How long, how long, how long to asking once again for the Lord's help. I tend to pray once or twice and then move on to the next big problem or prayer concern. I get the impression from the fourfold how longs that David or whoever wrote this poem has asked for God's help over and over again. So, after reminding God four times that he's still waiting, he asks once again for God's divine intervention. This time, instead of stopping and waiting for God to answer the writer moves to the final stanza, stating his complete and utter trust in God to handle his problem. That's the part where many of us fall down. We want to take matters into our own hands and fix things. This Psalm reminds us that isn't our job. When the problem is so big and the solutions are all equally bad, we turn it over to God and allow God to be God. You see our always wanting to jump in and fix things is really our sinful nature taking over, allowing us to rationalize our behavior as just doing what God would want me to do. The reality is we're just too impatient to wait for the Lord to deliver us.

For us Christians, especially for denominations that Baptize babies, the promise of deliverance from our enemies begins before we can even form the words to pray. In the waters of Baptism, God adopts us as sons and daughters and heirs of his promises, the chief promise being eternal life. In Holy Baptism, God delivers us from our biggest enemies, sin, death, and the devil. This "unholy

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trinity" might still be able to cause us trouble in this life, but ultimately they are defeated. I'm so happy that Elena and Ian have become inheritors of that promise. May they, like King David, turn to God in prayer and receive God's love and learn to trust in God's faithfulness when they face life's challenges, even when the answers to their prayers seem to be delayed for far too long. When they wait for God's answers to their prayers, may they also know they aren't waiting alone. As Baptized members of the Church of Jesus Christ, they are part of the great cloud of witnesses who also wait with them for God's ultimate vindication.

May we always remember God does hear our prayers and loves us enough to allow time and space for God's will to be done. May we learn to ask for God's help in our times of trouble and then to have the patience to wait as God acts in God's time. As fellow members of the Body of Christ, may we all share each other's burdens as we collectively wait for God's final reconciliation of all this broken world. Amen.

Silence may be kept for meditation...

#### \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: Holy God, we can see how faith and the ending of suffering are intertwined, feeding off each other, and growing together. Give us eyes to see the miracles of healing all around us. Merciful Lord,

### C: Hear our prayer.

L: Your world is vast, O Lord, and sometimes we are overwhelmed by helplessness in the face of all there is to address. Uphold us by your spirit and empower us to dwell in your promises, not in our despair. Merciful Lord,

### C: Hear our prayer.

L: You are a model for all earthly parents, O God, the One whom we trust above all others. Forgive us our shortcomings and be a shining light of steadfast love in a world which desperately needs it. Merciful Lord,

### C: Hear our prayer.

L: Although we don't always choose our circumstances, we can choose how to respond. When at last we have reached the end of our laments, teach us to trust you to complete your healing work in us, assuring us that you have been present all along. We pray especially for... ... Merciful Lord,

### C: Hear our prayer.

L: We are not the first to question your presence or be tempted to lose hope. Equip us as you did the saints of old with your gifts of insight, rest, and the promise of eternal salvation. Merciful Lord,

# C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

L: We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit given in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Be a constant presence in the lives of the Rodriguez family as Elena and Ian grow in faith. Merciful Lord,

# C: Hear our prayer.

P: You are the beginning and the end, O God, and everything in between. Hold us as you hold these prayers, and deliver us into your loving embrace. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### C: Amen.

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#### \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

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

### C: And also with you.

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

While the congregation is still standing say:

- P: Instead of passing the offering plate, we ask you to please place your offering in the Offering Plates conveniently located on your way out of worship. For those worshipping with us from their vehicles, there is an offering basket located near the back door of the church and for those worshipping online if you go to www.pitsburgtlc.org you can make your offering online.
- P: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day. You are generous and offer abundant blessings. We have comparatively little to offer. But what we do have, we bring to you. Receive these gifts that we humbly offer, and use them to do good.

C: Amen.

### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Jesus is the "tie that Binds us together", let us pray as Jesus taught...
- 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

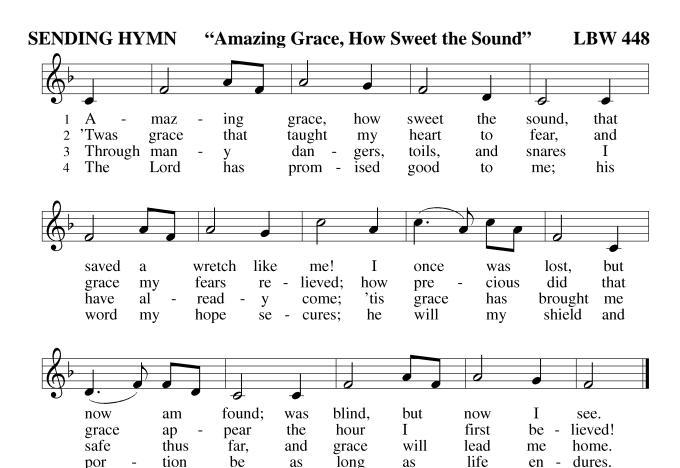
#### \* SENDING BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

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### \* DISMISSAL

- P: Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.
- C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!
- \* POSTLUDE "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Roxanne Groff

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23

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Acolyte	Lexie Angles
Parrish Nurse	PJ Musser
Custodian	Mark Groff
Secretary	Sharon Fourman
Facebook Live Recorder	PJ Musser
Altar Flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Kevin & Linda McKibben in honor of the baptism of their grandchildren, Elena & Ian Rodriguez.

### **Health Tips for the Week**

**BODY:** Take a walk in your neighborhood **MIND:** Learn a new computer skill **SPIRIT:** Go out with a group of friends



# Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

### Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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### This Week @ Trinity - June 13 thru June 20, 2021

Sun, June 13

10:30 am Worship Service

Mon, June 14

Wed, June 16

**GRCC Soup Kitchen** 9:30 am 6:00 pm Finance Team Meeting 7:00 pm **Trinity Council Meeting** 

Fri, June 18

3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry

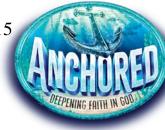
Sun, June 20

10:30 am Worship Service

### **Looking Ahead – Save the Dates**

**Church Picnic**: Sunday, July 11 – After worship, in the church parking lot. Sign up sheet for food donations on the table near the church office.

Vacation Bible School: Tuesday, July 13 and Thursday, July 15 Register your children online at www.pitsburgtlc.org/summer-2021-vbs



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