

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
P. O. Box 64 - 8520 Oakes Rd - Pittsburg, Ohio 45358



Vacation Bible School Sunday
July 13, 2025



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our Facebook page, and our YouTube Channel.

GATHERING

- **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Pr. Mel Musser**

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Verses 1-4 Only)

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

* APOSTOLIC 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.

• VBS INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

PJ Musser

• VBS SONG

Silent Night

VBS Children & Congregation



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

* Please stand if able

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• Please be seated

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- **VBS SLIDE SHOW**

- **RAWHIDE MCSPUR SKIT**

PJ & Pr Mel

- **BLESSING OF SOUP KITS**

P: This year our VBS Kids once again made items that will be donated. This year we made Soup Kits. These kits contain dried split peas, beans and all the ingredients to make delicious soup. These Soup Kits will be donated to the Darke County Office of the Community Action Partnership and given to needy people of Darke County. Before we pray for these Soup Kits, I'd like to have all the children come and place a hand on the Basket as we pray...

Let's pray... Thank you God for giving us a heart to serve you. We ask you to bless these Soup Kits and the children who made them. May they be a blessing to fill hungry people and satisfy their physical needs while the love we packed into each kit also feed their spirits too. Thank you for all your love for us and for showing us that you always give good gifts. Amen.

Thank you, boys and girls. You can return to your seats. I'll invite you back up here to lead us in singing our Sending Song.

(Children return to their seats.)

- * **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Teresa Neitzelt

L: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: Loving God, sometimes we simply do not understand what it is that you ask of us. Lead us forward in trust that we may do your will each day to the best of our ability. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Our young people live in fear that the damage we have done to your creation is so great it cannot be righted, and they will suffer the consequences of this and past generations' harmful actions. Help us strive to set right what we can, that the earth might sustain our children's children and beyond. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Be with all those children and young adults who are out of school for the summer. Be present in their daily activities, restore their bodies, minds, and

spirits, and watch over them in all they do. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We lift up to you all who are dealing with health challenges, physical, emotional, and spiritual, that they might receive the care they need and be strengthened for their journeys of healing, *(especially...)* God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Strengthen the efforts and resolve of all who strive for an end to war, nuclear proliferation, and all forms of violence in our world, that we might move closer to your vision of peace for all peoples. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: With joy we remember all who trusted you, even when they weren't sure where life was leading them. Make them examples to us as we navigate uncertainty in our own lives and in the world. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your unending grace for all that you have made, we lift these and the prayers of our hearts to your loving care.

C: Amen.

*** 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.

L: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet, may you go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Pr Mel Musser

While the congregation is still standing say:

L: Let's pray for the offerings we receive this day.... Abundant God, you have given us resources that we might flourish ourselves and, in turn, work for the flourishing of all creation. Receive these gifts we offer—material and immaterial—and use them according to your good will.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united together as followers of our Savior Jesus Christ. So, 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 Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and ✝ send you in love.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN “Joy To The World Congregation Sing**

C: Oh, oh - Oh, oh - Oh, oh
Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Oh, oh - Oh, oh - Oh, oh
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Oh, oh - Oh, oh - Oh, oh

* **Meal Grace**

Cowboy Prayer

PJ Musser

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook Live viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. 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**

Roxanne Groff

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Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Try and name the nighttime constellations/ visit a planetarium.

BODY: Be sure to put sunscreen on.

SPIRIT: Volunteer at church.

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This Week @ Trinity – July 13 thru July 20:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, July 13	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Carry-in Luncheon at Trinity
	6:00 pm	Video/Book Club “The Chosen”
Wed, July 16	7:00 pm	Trinity Council Meeting
Thurs, July 17	11:30 am	Ladies & Gents Luncheon @ Sloopy’s, 1240 E. Russ Rd., Greenville
Fri, July 18	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, July 20	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion



Scripture readings for next Sunday, July 20th
Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34



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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