



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 May 2020, 10 am Setting Three Rev. Scottie Burkhalter, Pastor Dr. Susan Waters, Musician



Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

OPENING VOLUNTARY The Voluntary signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH! WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE FED BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND SACRAMENTALLY THROUGH THIS WORSHIP SERVICE. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY OR WITHOUT A CHURCH HOME, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER BECOMING A REGULAR PART OF OUR WORSHIP COMMUNITY AT HOLY TRINITY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We stand.)

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(A brief silence.)

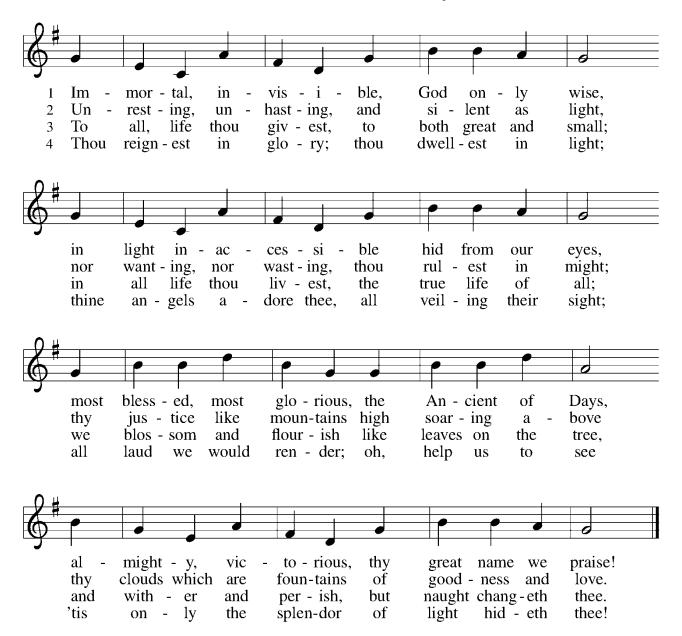
- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

THE 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.

THE KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 Amen.

(We sit.)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20 (Read Responsively)

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

- ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 11You brought us into the net;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—
- ¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
- ¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- ¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.
- ¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁹but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
- ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

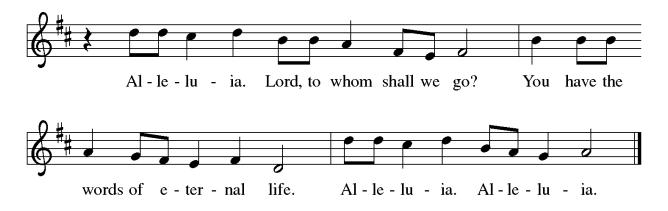
The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(We stand.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

- P The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

(We sit.)

THE SERMON Pastor Scottie

(We stand.)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine



Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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APOSTLES' CREED

- A We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 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. 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.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Brief Silence

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

(Please greet one another with words of peace.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Amazing Love

(Words and Music by Graham Kendrick)

(The assembly stands.)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

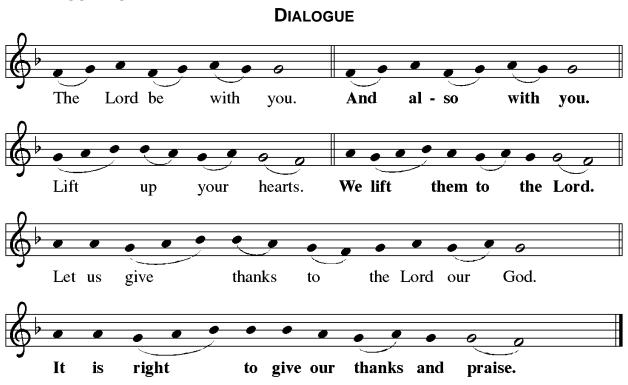
All baptized Christians who believe that Christ comes in and through the Sacrament, offering forgiveness and new life are encouraged to receive communion. The wine may be received either by sharing the common cup or by dipping the wafer into the intinction vessel.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING



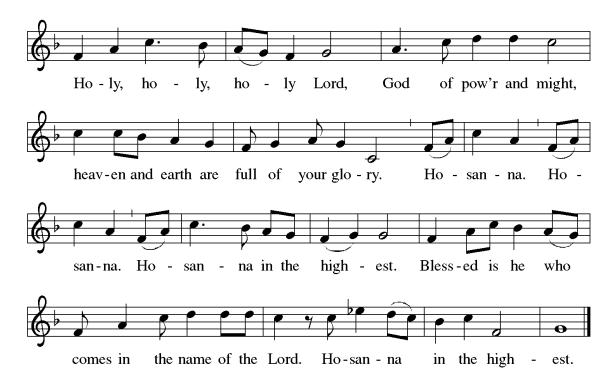
THE PREFACE

P 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and benow

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With Abraham and your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

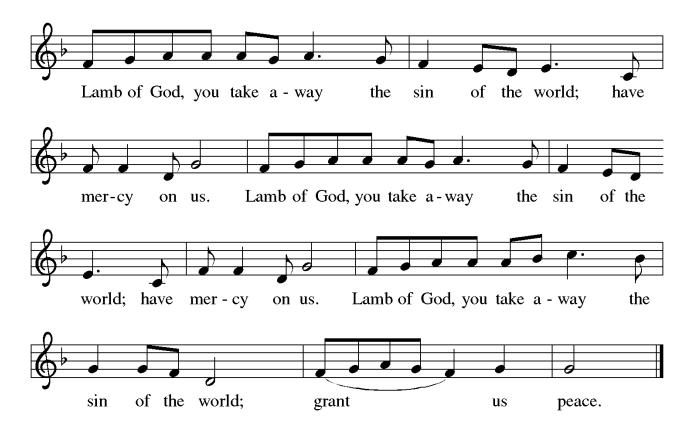
(Remain standing for the invitation.)

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(We sit.)

COMMUNION SONG



HYMNS AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



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WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME



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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Let us pray.
- C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

 Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

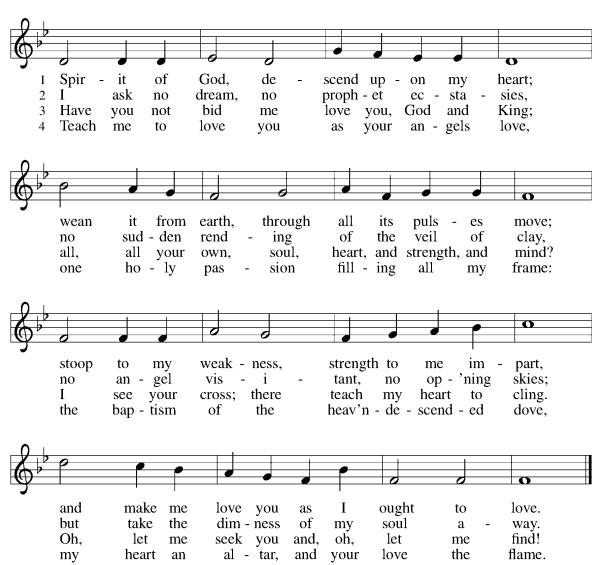
P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

THE BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

THE DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P WE ARE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
- C <u>Helping Transform Lives in Christ</u>

THE POSTLUDE



Worship Assistant: Amy Louthan

Meals on Wheels

May 17, 2020 - Easter 6

COOKS: Leigh Bergemann & Kathy

Schick

DRIVERS:

BLUE- Wright RED- Cleven GREEN - Cooper

GOLD- Hrivnak

May 24, 2020 - Easter 7

COOKS: James & Carolyn Chandler

DRIVERS:

BLUE- Nitschke RED- Peters GREEN - DeBraal GOLD- Jantzi

May Care and Concern – Belinda Castille

Announcements

Notice -- Due to health concerns regarding the corona virus, all in-person church services and other group activities at Holy Trinity have been temporarily suspended until further notice. This includes *Tuesday mornings Women's Bible Study, Tuesday Morning Connection with Pastor Scottie and Men's Bible Study Wednesday mornings.*

Please call the office and/or visit the website (<u>www.holytrinitykingsport.org</u>) frequently for updates. Additionally, please check with the Ministry Team Leaders for any changes to meetings or events before coming.

WELCA Kits – We need Soap for our TUB! Please donate Bath Size Bar soap for our Disaster Relief Kits. Put them in the Orange Tub by the elevator. Thank you!

Lifeway Women Live – Pursuing Christ Together. Aug. 7-8, 2020. Greeneville, SC at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. Please see Loretta Nitschke or Laura Mitchell if interested.

1st Communion Class will be announced as soon as a new date is selected.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Issues

Katie Maddox (Marty King's sister) Victoria Burkhart (friend of Hrivnaks)

Melinda Rogers (friend of Trumbos)

Marty King

Wayne Whipp

Barbara Millsap (Jeff Bedford's sister)

Jean Winstead (Bruce Wilder's sister)

Alyse (Connie Steere's Granddaughter)

Sam Pratt

Judy & Erin Millington (Cecilie Aderholdt's friends)

Kelly Bates (Kathy's Schick's D-I-L)

Barbara Miles (Marty King's sister)

Kaleb McMurray (Jo McMurray's nephew)

Edith Hildebrand

Shannon & Laurel Wilder (Wilder's family)

Bruce Wilder

David Reames

James Griffith (Carolyn Cooper's Brother)

Marilyn Rich

Pam Churn

Anita Dievert

Charles McClure

Talon Huff

Bob Bedford (Jeff Bedford's father)

Carole Ferguson (Larry Landis' sister)

Laura Louthan (Jim Louthan's sister)

Scott Parker (friend of Kristy Jones, MOW recipient)

Ray Lindsey (Kyley Burse's father)

Kristi Grady

Charlie & Huey Taylor

(Laura Mitchell's friend's grandbabies)

Father of Farrah Cooper's co-worker

Carl Buick (Bruce Wilder's friend)

Bill Cooper

Amy Comier (Rachel Childress' niece)

Duane Calhoun (Diane Childress' friend)

Kathy Szymanski

Farrah Cooper

Roger Boggs

Beth Gula (Marilyn Rich's niece)

Pamela Hayhurst (DeBraal's family friend)

Judy Dolen (Laura Mitchell's neighbor)

Mrs. Dan Cleven's daughter, Renae

Military /First Responders

MAJ Will Huerth- USA, Leigh Bergemann's son Maj Sam Oswald- USAF, The Mortenson's nephew

LtCol John Thompson- USAF, The Mortenson's

nephew

LTC James Hoffman- Jo Ella Carter's son in law

SrA Corv lee Steadman- USAF. Tim & Viorica's son

Lt Adam Patterson- USAF, The Patterson's

Grandson (Randy's son)

Cpl Travis Churn, USMC - Cal and Pam

Churn's nephew

Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Or Homebound

Marilee Frye- home

Dorothy Pamperl - Pam Churn's mother - The Blake

Marion Hansen- The Blake

Bob McLellan- Wexford House

Kyle Jenkins- home

David and Edith Hildebrand - Asbury Place

Dottie Newsome - Asbury Place

Family/Personal

Laynee and Aizlyn (Great granddaughters of Larry &

Inez Glauer)

Taylor Jennings (granddaughter of Larry & Inez

Glauer)

Tyler Davidson (Ken Perry's grandson)

Brian Hrivnak

Kirk Hrivnak

Loss & Grief

Family and Friends of Fred Alphonse Carlson, Jr. Family and Friends of Karen Weierbach (Florence

Weierbach's SIL)

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

Reminder if you missed a service...

During our separation due to COVID 19, **all** of our HTLC on-line Worship Services and Pastor Scottie's Words of Encouragement Video Messages can be found on our church website at this link:

https://holytrinitykingsport.org/worship_services

You will also be able to **download the Worship Bulletin for that service** on the same page as the video. Please call the church office if you need help.

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