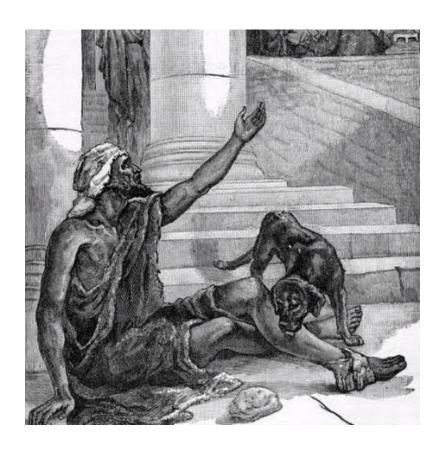
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The First Sunday after Trinity

22 June A**♥**D 2025

Divine Service, Setting II

₩ Welcome in the name of Jesus! **₩**

Today we celebrate the First Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider the true shape of the Christian life and set ourselves joyously to live it out. As Christians, we recognize the perfect love that God has for us in Christ—a love by which we are saved. Then, in the confidence of that love, we set out to love others. As John says, "We love because He first loved us." This is the Christian life, and today, with God's help, we make it our own.

If you are a <u>VISITOR</u> here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.





- Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
 God my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758 Text and tune: Public domain

Service of the Word

Introit (spoken responsively)

Psalm 13:1-4; antiphon: vv. 5-6

- P [O Lord,] I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- **C** I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.
- P How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- **C** How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

- P Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P [O Lord,] I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Kyrie *Mark* 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



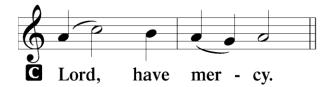
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

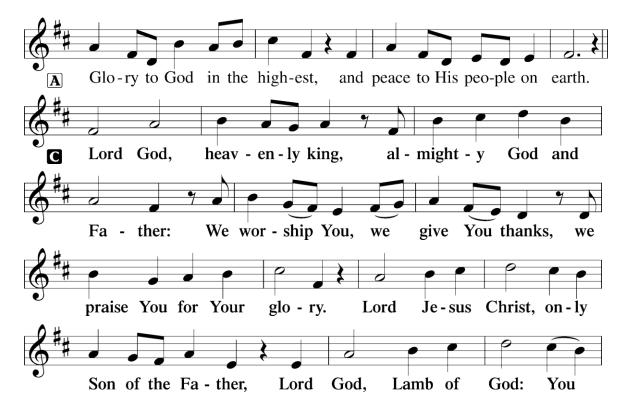


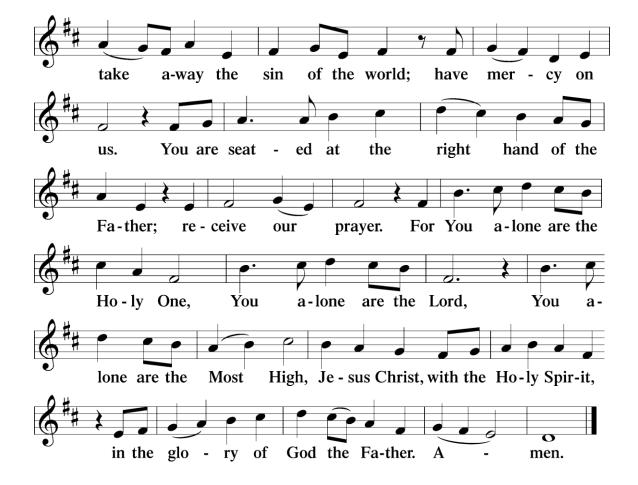
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if

you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (spoken responsively)

Psalm 41:4, 1

- P I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
 In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

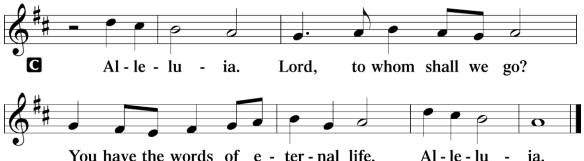
Epistle 1 John 4:16–21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Luke 16:19–31

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was

carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (spoken together)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For faith unto eternal life, that we may receive God's promised inheritance not because of His law but because of His promise to Abraham and to us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all in need: the poor, the hungry and those without homes or proper employment, that our Shield and Defender would provide for them and give hope in the face of their trials; and that He would stir up in us fervent love for one another to bring care to those around us as we have received perfect charity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who desire the gift of children and yet remain childless, that they would trust the Lord's unfailing promises and, if it be His will, that their desires would be satisfied with offspring to raise up in the fear and knowledge of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For our nation, that our hope for salvation would not be in the strength of our warriors but in Christ; and for those serving in our military, that God would use them as His arm to guard and deliver us from all our enemies, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the suffering, the sorrowing and the dying, and all who call upon Christ's saving name [especially_______]; and that the Holy Spirit would teach us to pray, that our hearts would not be undone by anxiety and fear but rejoice in God's grace, sufficient for our every need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, we implore You to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not, like the rich man, hear Your Word in vain and become so devoted to things temporal that we forget things eternal. Grant that we may serve those who are in need readily and according to our ability, not defiling ourselves with carousing or pride. In trial and misfortune, keep us from despair, and let us trust in Your fatherly help and grace, that in faith and Christian patience we may overcome all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Stand

Lord's Prayer (spoken together)

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.

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

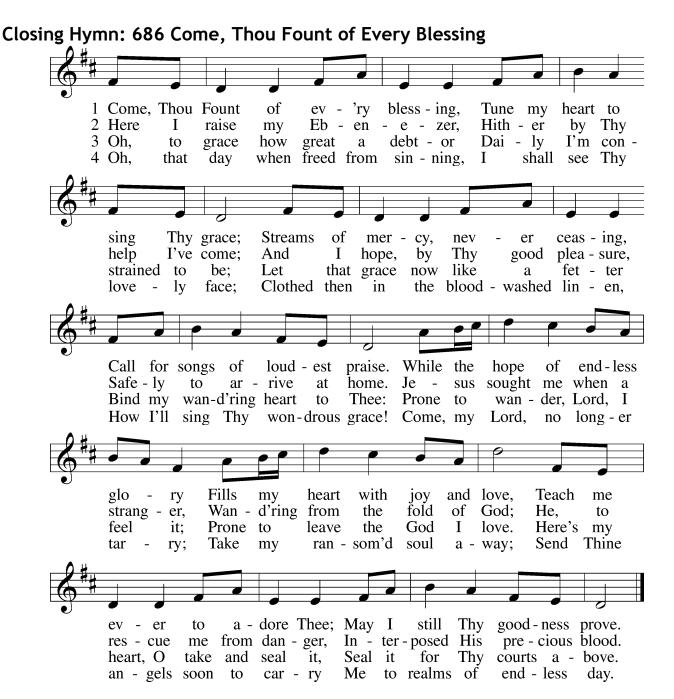
Benediction

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.



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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 6/22 The First Sunday after Trinity

Pastor Frank Pies presiding

- Divine Service without Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- **Thu. 6/26 Quilting Bee** 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Fri. 6/27 Distribution of July's newsletter
- Sun. 6/29 The Second Sunday after Trinity Pastor Rodney Zwonitzer presiding
 - Divine Service without Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
 - Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY</u> – Everyone is welcome to join Pastor in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study right after this morning's Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.). He would love to have you join him!

<u>PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT</u> the Church Service at St. Mark's has been cancelled for July 6th because all of our guest pastors are unavailable. That being said....

YOU ARE INVITED Dear Members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are overjoyed to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for a combined worship service at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 9:30 AM. This special gathering will be a beautiful opportunity to worship together, share in fellowship, and celebrate the unity we have in Christ.

We are excited to come together as one body to lift our voices in praise, hear God's Word, and strengthen the bonds of our shared faith. The service will be held in our sanctuary, and we look forward to welcoming you with open hearts. Following the service, we invite you to stay for a time of fellowship with light refreshments, allowing us to connect and grow in community.

If you have any questions or need further details, please contact the church office at (248) 684-0895 or email us at office@christlutheranmilford.org.

May God bless you, and we look forward to seeing you on July 6!

In Christ's love,

Rev. Dr. Andrew Johnson – Pastor,

Christ Lutheran Church 620 General Motors Rd. Milford, MI 48381

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Closing Service Announcement

Dear Beloved of the Lord,

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold its final worship service on **Sunday**, **August 31**, **2025**, **at 2:00 PM**. This closing service will mark the end of this chapter of our congregation's journey as we gather one last time to give thanks for the countless blessings, memories, and ministries shared within these sacred walls. Our new chapter begins on September 7th, 2025 as part of Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, Michigan.

The Reverend President David Davis will preside over this special service as we reflect on our legacy and look forward to God's continued goodness and faithfulness. All are warmly invited to join us—members, former members, friends, and neighbors—to worship together and celebrate the impact St. Mark's has had on our lives and community.

Please come and share in this meaningful moment of closure and fellowship.

In Christ's love,

The St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council

QUILTING BEE is currently meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 am if anyone is interested please just show up.

HELP WANTED! Christ Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten is seeking an AM 4's Preschool Lead Teacher for a traditional curriculum on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30-3:00pm for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. This position plans and implements a safe, nurturing environment, partners and communicates with parents, cultivates positive relationships, and shares the love of Jesus. A successful applicant would be a Christian and possess an Associates in Early Childhood or Child Development (required), or Bachelor's (or higher) in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Child Development, or a Child Related Field. We plan to start the interviewing process in a few weeks. Interested candidates please send letter of interest, resume, official transcript, and three letters of recommendation to:

By Email to: Ruth Carlton, Director at preschool@christlutheranmilford.org

By Mail to: Christ Lutheran School Attn: Ruth Carlton, Director

620 General Motors Road Milford, MI 48381

<u>LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</u> is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at Our Savior Lutheran School in Hartland, MI to start this fall. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

MOST MINISTRIES IS LOOKING FOR A PART- TIME COMMUNICATION

<u>SPECIALIST</u>. This person will work collaboratively to design and deliver messages effectively to convey MOST Ministries to external audiences through social media, newsletters, website and written communications. Visit our website at mostministries.org to see the full job description. Submit resume and cover letter to Kelly Bone at kbone@mostministries.org.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please leave 1/4" of the paper around the stamp.

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. If interested (and we hope you will be!), please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER -

We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

ST. PAUL, PONTIAC'S FOOD PANTRY IS GETTING LOW - This has been a crazy month at St. Paul Lutheran in Pontiac. So far, their food pantry has been visited by over 100 people as of May 9 with most of May yet to go (the pantry is only open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays). This has caused their food supply to become very low. They are in great need of the following:

- Cereal
- Dried beans/peas
- Powdered Milk
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Canned Beans (Kidney, pinto, black, refried, baked)
- Pasta Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Pasta/Rice
- Mac n Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Soup
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Gravy
- Ramen Noodles
- Snack bars/Protein bars
- Personal items: Family size bar soap, hand soap, toothpaste, dental floss, toothbrush, deodorant, lotion, hand sanitizer, shampoo/conditioner and toilet paper.

St. Paul Lutheran is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Fridays they are open only from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. If you'd like to donate some of the above items, you may either drop them off at St. Paul, or leave them in front of the plastic donation bins that are located on the bookshelves in our " 2^{nd} " lobby.

VBS Opportunities:

Road Trip VBS - Christ Lutheran Church 2025

Please complete one form per child to enroll your child in Road Trip VBS at Christ Lutheran Church. Teen volunteers are also required to complete a form. VBS will be held **July 7th-11th**

from 9am - 12pm.

Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Road, Milford, Michigan 48381

Please email VBS@christlutheranmilford.org with any questions or concerns.

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran church and School,

13667 Highland Road, Hartland, Michigan 48353 Sign up today for VBS!

Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

When: Monday, June 23 to Thursday, June 26, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Registration: https://vbsmate.com/OurSaviorhartlandmi

Peace Lutheran Church- 7390 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford

Join us for VBS 2025!

Come join us for a fun filled week of games, storytelling, crafts, singing, snacks, and new friends. Learn about our Savior Jesus Christ and what it was like when He was a boy in Nazareth.

For ages 3 years old and potty trained thru 7th grade.

Monday June 23rd - Thursday June 26th 9: 30 – 12:00 pm

Registration will include a free T-shirt guaranteed in your size of choice if you register by June 1, 2025. If unsure of your child's shirt size, order a little larger. Shirts will be handed out on the 1st. Day of VBS.

Walk-ins are welcome and will get a t-shirt while supplies last, size not guaranteed.

Contact: Monica T, Director 248-681-9360 peacewaterford@gmail.com

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister
Altar Guild
Elder on Duty
None
Greeter(s)
Offering Counters
Organist
Usher
Rev. Frank Pies
Karen Kaufman
Karen Kaufman

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Mary Ann Lockwood
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Rob Wheeler
Tom Kaufman

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK

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