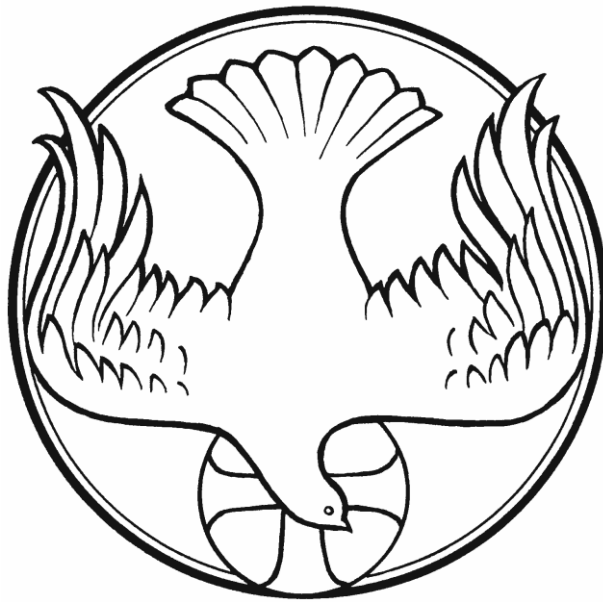


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 10, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Morris Plains, New Jersey  
Pastor David Russert



# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,  
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people  
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

**Grace Alone:** God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

**Faith Alone:** Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

**Scripture Alone:** The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

**WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN,  
BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Adult Bible Study** – 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings – Ages 12+

**Confirmation Class** – Contact the Church Office for more info

**Membership Class** – Contact the Church Office for more info

## A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

*“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.” 1 Cor. 11:27-28*

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

### OPENING HYMN

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105*

*Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.*

Forever, O | LORD, your word\*

is firmly fixed | in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;\*

you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.

By your appointment they | stand this day,\*

for all things are your | servants.

If your law had not been | my delight,\*

I would have perished in my af- | fliction.

I will never forget your | precepts,\*

for by them you have giv- | en me life.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Your word is a lamp | to my feet\**

*and a light | to my path.*

## KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 187*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you



**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 17:16–31*

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world 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** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalms 66:8–20; ant.: v. 8*

*Bless our God, O | peoples;\**

**let the sound of his | praise be heard.**

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O | peoples;\*

**let the sound of his | praise be heard,**

<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the | living\*

**and has not let our | feet slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;\*

**you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.**

<sup>11</sup>You brought us in- | to the net;\*

**you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;**

<sup>12</sup>you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\*

**we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of  
a- | bundance.**

<sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;\*

**I will perform my | vows to you,**

<sup>14</sup>that which my lips | uttered\*

**and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.**

<sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams;\*

**I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
**and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.**

<sup>17</sup>I cried to him | with my mouth,\*  
**and high praise was | on my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,\*  
**the Lord would not have | listened.**

<sup>19</sup>But truly God has | listened;\*  
**he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessèd | be God,\*  
**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Bless our God, O | peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard.*

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 855 For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
2 We sing Your praise for Mar - y, Who came at Eas - ter dawn  
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
To look for Je - sus' bod - y And found her Lord was gone.  
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
But, as with joy she saw Him In res - ur - rec - tion light,  
We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
May we by faith be - hold Him, The Day who ends our night!  
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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## SERMON

*Pastor David Russert*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which



can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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ARLENE BACCAGLINI  
SUE FRANCE  
ANGELO

#### Strength & Comfort

ELLA  
SUANNE MARTIN  
NICHOLAS  
WARREN



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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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LSB 194

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197



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



**C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

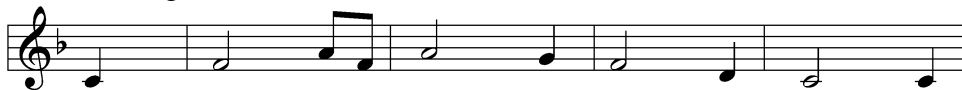


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



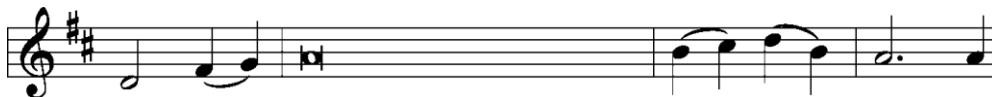
now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Stand

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 199



**Q** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

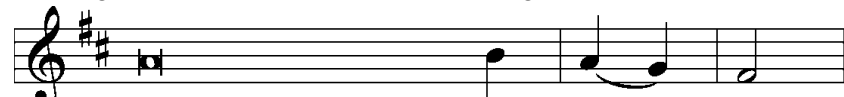


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING**

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**Q** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

752 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky – *Here I Am, Lord* – WOV



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*  
D G Gsus4 G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G C D G Gsus4 G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

C G Am7 D G Gsus4 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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HERE I AM, LORD  
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*Today's altar flowers are given by*

*Birte Jensen in celebration of Christian Jensen's birthday,*

*Herta Sakimura to the glory of god in loving memory of her husband Clarence,*

*Suzann & Tom Zoltner in celebration of family birthdays; Brielle, TJ, Marlo & Analynn.*

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Trinity is looking to see if we have enough volunteers to March in the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. There have been a few new ideas for what to do in the parade, but we need to know who wants to participate. We typically open our doors to the public for restrooms also. In order to march, we need 11 people signed up by today, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. 1 of the 11 is to stay at Trinity during the parade and would not have to march in it.

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## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH



Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is our Voter's Assembly Meeting for the Board of Direction Election. In addition, we will have a potluck lunch following the voting. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

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## YEAR-ROUND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



This year we are aiming to collect items for OCC shoeboxes all year. Each month will have a theme of the items to be purchased for the shoeboxes. Those items can be brought to the church and left in the Narthex in the box designated for shoebox items. May's theme is personal care items.




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## BOARD OF DIRECTION

The Board of Direction meets each month.

Members of the congregation are invited to attend.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**







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