



**Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**Our Mission:
To make disciples
by Baptizing and
Teaching about Jesus.**

Rev. Michael S. Taylor
Pastor

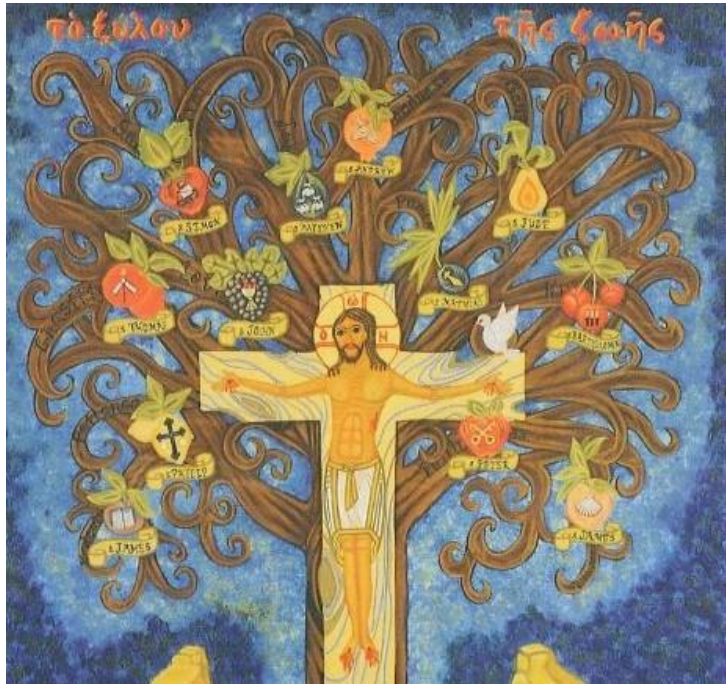
Mrs. Susan L. Taylor
Accompanist

David Lindenmuth,
Reader

**Ted Kelly,
John Niemla**
Usher

Dale Klobusnik
Elder of the Day

Chuck Stevens
Elder



***The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life,
Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind***

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

JUNE 16, 2024

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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Please 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.

LSB 186

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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,

Hebrews 10:22

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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.

John 20:19-23

- C** Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Matthew 5:23-24

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 92:12-15; antiphon: v. 1

- P** It is good to give thanks | to YAHWEH,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.
They are planted in the house | of YAHWEH;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.
They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,
to declare that YAHWEH is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

- P** It is good to give thanks | to YAHWEH,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive 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

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since 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 we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

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

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

Please stand.

Alleluia

LSB 190

- C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*
- C** Amen.

Please stand.

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen. *Psalm 51:10-12*

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. *LSB 194*
2 Timothy 4:22
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 1:36*
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196; Matthew 6:6-13

- 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.
- C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until
He comes. *1 Cor 11:26*
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Rev. 2:20*

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. *LSB 197*
John 20:19
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198; John 1:29

- C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy
peace. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Distribution Hymns

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199; Luke 2:39-32

- C** **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

- A** 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 in 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 **Amen.**

- P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

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** Amen, amen, amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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PARISHSCOPE



Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—**Welcome Home!** We would love to have you join our fellowship, and we have a gift for you. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book. Thank you for coming!

Baby Bottle Campaign is completed today... please bring your baby bottles filled with coins, cash or check (payable to Women's Care Center of Erie) and return the bottle to the church office by Father's Day Sunday June 18th. Your donation supports our local Christian outreach for all those experiencing crisis pregnancies.

Choir Practice... everyone interested in singing for upcoming events, please join us Sundays directly after church at 11:00 a.m. for practice in the front right corner near the piano.

The Final Preschool Board Meeting for the 2023-24 School Year... will be held on Monday, June 17th at 10:30 am. Afterward, the Board will treat our teacher Miss Regina Fiscus and our Aide Miss Kylee Askins to a well-earned Luncheon at a place to be determined. Well done, Ladies! Please let us know if you would like to serve on the Board for the 2024-25 School Year.

Fellowship/Ping Pong... continues every Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

Our Next Midweek Worship Service... will be observed on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. This Service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are live-streamed on our Facebook page:

facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion and on our YouTube channel:

youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176 Service bulletins are posted on our website:

holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents . Please join us in person whenever you are able.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, today we pray for fathers everywhere.

Bless new and expectant dads. Give them bravery and excitement as they start this new adventure as the leader of a growing family.

Bless fathers of busy little ones. Give dads strength as they balance their work responsibilities with the daily tasks of making meals, changing diapers, and rocking babies, all with interrupted sleep. God, provide them with renewed energy each morning.

Bless dads of school-age children. Let them model humble leadership. Give them patience as they answer endless questions. Allow them to respond to their children with love and patience.

Bless fathers who are parenting during the teen years. Give them the courage to let go when needed and the strength to uphold firm boundaries with love. Help them model respect.

Bless fathers and grandfathers of adult children that they would navigate these changing relationships. Lord, lovingly place your hand over their mouths when the temptation rises to give unwanted advice.

Bless single dads as they do their best to navigate parenting solo. Provide them with support people to hold them up and give them a break sometimes.

Bless dads who are married, that they would love their children by making their spouse a priority.

Bless grandfathers who have the double blessing of being a dad and a grandpa. Let them spoil their grandkids with abandon.

Give peace to fathers who have lost a child and for those struggling with the pain of infertility.

Lord, give all of us eyes to see fathers around us who need our support to be the man of the home as you have designed him to be. May we champion them in this important work.

For dads who are loving and supportive, we thank you.

For dads who are distant or unavailable, we forgive.

Thank you for all our dads! They challenge us with their example. We are grateful for their role in our lives. We pray for all fathers everywhere. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Robert Bright (father-in-law of Debbie Bright)
Carolyn Cousseau
David Durfee
Florence English
Renee & Alyssa Isham
Pastor Blaine Jorg
Polly Klobusnik
Emily Marler (daughter of Pastor & Susan Taylor)
Shelby, Tracy & Patricia Metzenbacher
Jeff, John & Andy Metka (Susan Taylor's brothers)
Linda (Stevens) Olmstead
Cindy Parobek
Avery Podpora
Ray & Carol Struchen
Russell Struchen
Virginia Taylor (mother of Pastor Taylor)

Extended Needs...

Evelyn Stevens

Those in the Armed Services...

Jennifer Attridge
Adam Crosby
Julie Evans
Christopher Fromknecht
Christina Gutherie
Violette Hosack
Nate Lawrence
Joe Moore
Shawn Olmstead
John Parmarter
Thomas Reiser
Timothy Reiser
Taylor Sisson
Jarrod White

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood...

invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Quarterly Voters' Meeting... will be held Sunday June 23rd immediately after the 10 AM Service approx. 11 am in the Family Center.

NEW TIME!!! LWML Annual Ladies Nite Out... will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at 4:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant in Edinboro, PA.

Car Cruisin'... Mark your calendars for our third annual Car Cruisin' to be held Saturday July 27th, 2024 (rain date August 3rd) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food will be provided by

Heavenly Fries including Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs, a 50/50 drawing, LWML Bake Sale, music and more!

We are asking for donations for items to be raffled in the Chance Auction. See Ed Podpora for questions, comments, or if you want to help.

Schedule for this week

June 17 –22:

Mon. June 17

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
10:30 am Preschool Board Meeting & Luncheon
6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

Tuesday June 18

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Wednesday June 19

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline
7:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

Thurs. June 20

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours
6:00 pm Trustees' Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Friday June 21

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday June 22

Sunday June 23 ~ Pentecost 2

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship Service with
11:00 am Quarterly Voters' Mtg.

Temple Servants Sun. June 23:

Reader – Debbie Bright
Ushers – Dale Klobusnik, Ed Podpora
Elder of the Day – Chuck Stevens

Kitchen Administrator for June is Karen Smith 814-572-4211