THE HOLY TRINITY

June 12, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Holy Trinity, a time we commemorate and celebrate, is different than any other recognized time in the Church Year. Unlike Christmas, Easter, or last week's Pentecost, where we rejoice in and reflect upon an action of God for our salvation, Holy Trinity is a time to rejoice in and reflect upon a *doctrine*. We gather around our shared confession of God as we know Him to be in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even in the mystery of things we cannot fully understand or comprehend by our own reason, we trust God's revelation through His Word made known to us of who He is and what He has done, that apart from Him there is no other.

HYMN "There Is a Redeemer" -Melody Green-Sievright © 1982 Birdwing Music. Used by Permission CCLI

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. *Refrain*
- 3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face; There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Through our worship, we will progressively and responsively confess the Athanasian Creed. As the more commonly confessed Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were written and doctrinally accepted according to God's Word in defense to the heresies of the time and applicable still today, so also the Athanasian Creed was written and doctrinally accepted to refute false teachings regarding the Scripturally revealed identity and work of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we hold the "catholic faith," the Athanasian Creed refers to "catholic" as the true Church of all times and places who faithfully confess the true Christ as Lord and Savior.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 1

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,

People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; **People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

People: and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty. Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

PSALM *Psalm* 8

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Leader: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength

People: because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. Leader: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, People: the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

Leader: what is man that You are mindful of him, **People: and the son of man that You care for him?**

Leader: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

People: and crowned him with glory and honor.

Leader: You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

People: You have put all things under his feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O LORD, our Lord,

People: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *LSB* 805

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ve heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (Peter's Pentecost sermon affirming all the Lord's work) Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.' Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. ... For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:48–59* ("Before Abraham was, I am.")

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" sts. 1–2 *LSB* 507

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 2

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

Pastor: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

Pastor: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

3. Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SERMON "No Other Gospel: Food Fight" Galatians 2:11-21

- I. La Tomatina
- II. Food Fight (Acts 10-11; 11-14)
 - What is the setting?
 - Who is involved?
 - What is the issue at stake?
- III. The Clean-up (2:15-21)
 - What does Paul repeat 3x?
 - What does "justify" mean?

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: As we confess in this creed the work and identity of the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with all founded in and supported throughout Scripture, the Athanasian Creed closes with a reminder of judgment and the Last Day to come. Though reference is made to works, works are not the basis of our salvation. Only those who by faith believe in Jesus Christ for salvation are able to do good works in God's sight, and the good works done are fruits of the saving faith in Christ given through the Holy Spirit.

ATHANASIAN CREED Part 3

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, Pastor: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

People: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

QUILT BLESSING

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our God has shown us an everlasting love and kindness through His Son, Jesus Christ. As His people, we live our lives in joy and in service to our Lord and to others in response to what God has done for us. Hear the Word of the Lord from 1 John 3: "By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." On this day, we ask for God's blessings on these quilts as they go to others in need through Global Health Ministries.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify these quilts for those who receive them. Let us pray.

O God, Your mercies and wonders are new every morning. We thank You for your wonderful provisions and our daily bread that You give us each and every day. We thank You for the labors and time of those who created these quilts, and ask that you would continue to bless and flourish this work and outreach. We ask that You would bless these quilts and those who receive them, and that through these quilts, those people would be pointed to Your love, kindness, and provision. Let these quilts that are given out of love and kindness point people to Your Word and to Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these quilts and those who use them.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

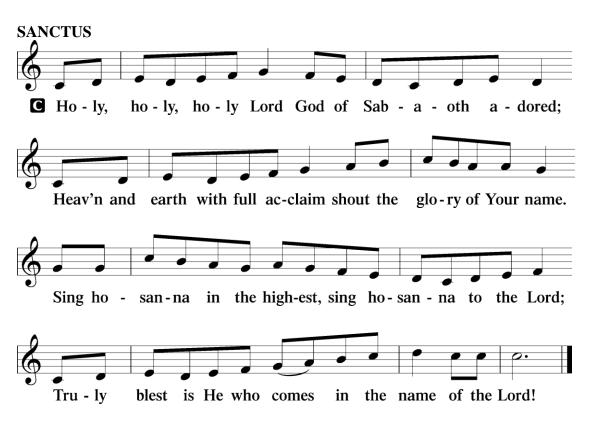
PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22 Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage

feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

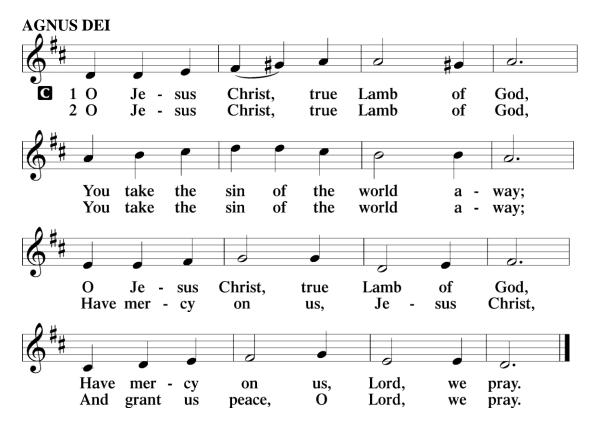
LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



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You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "How Great Thou Art" LSB 801

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1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed our spirits, nourished our faith, and forgiven our sins. Bless our days ahead and keep us sanctified in the truth, that we remain together as one Body in the confession and proclamation of You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

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1. Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith; Ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace. Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine; Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide, Christ in us our Cornerstone; We will go forth in grace alone.

2. Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach; Ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace. Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away; Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain twice*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: From the Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels in Isaiah 6 cry out: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are baptized into. We have been made a part of God's family. And so we are now called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind, and generous, so are we called to be.

THE QUILTS hanging in our sanctuary this Sunday are the combined efforts of women from Emmaus and members of the Quilting Queens, a local quilting group that meets monthly in our Social Hall. Their collaboration has turned tubs of donated fabric and batting into 54 unique and warm quilts. As we pray our blessing on them today, we give thanks for the hearts and hands that have fashioned them and pray for those who will receive them. On Tuesday, congregation members and youth participating in the summer service opportunity at Global Health Ministries will deliver these quilts to their warehouse in Fridley for distribution to places of need throughout the world.

WELCOME KITS COLLECTION: During the month of June we will be doing a collection to help the John1516 kids with one of their summer projects. They will be putting together welcome kits for Jim Seeman's ministry helping individuals returning from incarceration. His mission helps with basic needs they might have while getting settled and re-established in the community. Our collection will be of specific items for men and women: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, deodorant, nail clippers, shampoo, razor blades, shaving cream. Please bring them to church during the month of June and place them in the box in the Narthex. Thank you! Questions can be asked of Pastor Kooi or Marie G.

MISSING COFFEE POTS: Two 100-cup coffee pots are missing from the Emmaus kitchen. If you know where they are, please talk to Pam Nelson.

E-MAIL NEWSLETTER: Visitors, if you would like to receive the *Emmaus Footprints* (our monthly newsletter), please leave a note with your email address for Maria in the office. Members, please make sure we have your current email address.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "What's on Your Playlist?" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Book of Ecclesiastes offers perspective on life's alternating seasons of joy and sadness, gain and loss, war and peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

All members and friends of Emmaus are invited to join us for our summer service projects for John1516s. We have a variety of service opportunities and organizations that we will be serving. If any sound interesting to you, or if there are any that you would like to tag along for, please talk with Pastor Kooi. Below is the serving schedule.

June 14: Global Health Ministries

June 21: Trinity First Lutheran Church and School

June 28: Southwood Nature Preserve

July 5 and July 26: Feed My Starving Children/Jeremiah Project

July 12: Prison Ministry

July 19: New Life Family Services

Also, if you have young children, and are looking for things to do with them on Tuesdays, please talk to Pastor Kooi about coming with to the "fun events" for our group discount. Some of the things we will be doing include a movie, Bunker Beach, Grandslam, Zero Gravity, and more!

If you would like more information about the John1516s summer program, please talk to Pastor Kooi. Register youth ages 13-18 for the summer program here:

