





Sunday, July 18, 2021

Pentecost 8

**Worship focus:**

*Built according to God's Blueprint: Chosen by God*

**OPENING HYMN**

386 – “Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation”  
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. Now I have found the firm  
foundation Which holds my life forever  
sure; 'Twas laid before the world's  
creation In Christ my Savior's wounds  
secure Foundation which unmoved  
shall stay When heav'n and earth will  
pass away.**

**2. It is that mercy never ending,  
Which human wisdom far transcends,  
Of him who, loving arms extending,  
To wretched sinners condescends.  
His heart with pity still will break  
Whether we seek him or forsake.**

**3. Our ruin God has not intended;  
For our salvation he has yearned.  
For this his Son to earth descended  
And then again to heav'n returned;  
For this so patient evermore  
He's knocking at our heart's closed  
door.**

**4. O depth of love, to me revealing  
The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ my wounds find perfect  
healing; There is no condemnation  
here! For Jesus' blood through earth  
and skies Forever "Mercy! Mercy!"  
cries.**

**5. Let mercy cause me to be willing  
To bear my lot and not to fret.  
While he my restless heart is stilling,  
May I this mercy not forget!  
Whatever comes my heart to test,  
His mercy is my only rest.**

**6. Lord, I will stand on this foundation  
As long as I on earth remain;  
This will engage my meditation  
While I the breath of life retain.  
And then, when face to face with you,  
I'll sing your mercy great and true.**

*Please stand.*

*Second service will continue with the Rite of Holy Baptism, found on pages 12-14 of the hymnal.*

*First service continues below.*

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

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Second service resumes here.*

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 44:1-5

*God chose Israel to be his holy people. It was his choice. His people were blessed through it. Mercifully, he calls us to be his own, like he did with the people of Israel. We are God's chosen people, because he made that choice.*

"But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. <sup>2</sup>This is what the LORD says— he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. <sup>3</sup>For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. <sup>4</sup>They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. <sup>5</sup>One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; and still another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and will take the name Israel.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 143

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*Spoken responsively*

P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

**C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

P: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

**C: for no one living is righteous before you.**

P: My spirit grows faint within me;

**C: my heart within me is dismayed.**

P: Answer me quickly, O Lord;

**C: do not hide your face from me.**

P: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

**C: for I have put my trust in you.**

P: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

**C: may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

**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.**

## **SECOND LESSON – Ephesians 1:3-14**

*God chose us before the creation of the world. It was his choice before we had done anything. He made that known to us as just the right time. Rejoice that we hear about his choice to save and love us.*

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. <sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

### **THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 11.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL – Matthew 11:25-28**

*God made a choice to reveal the deep spiritual truths with his children. He did that through Jesus Christ. Take heart and find rest in the truths that God has made known to you, because you are his dear child.*

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. <sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

753 – “Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us”

**1. Father, God of grace, you knew us,  
Chose us, named us as your own,  
Through eternal ages planning  
To redeem us in your Son.  
Praise the Father, God who loved us  
Ere creation was begun!**

**2. We, your creatures, sinned against you,  
And our guilt was crimson red,  
Son of God, you came incarnate,  
Crushed the crafty serpent's head,  
Died our death now live triumphant:  
Praise the firstborn from the dead!**

**3. Counselor, you bring as promised  
From the Father and the Son  
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,  
Free forgiveness, heaven won.  
Praise the Spirit! He assures us  
Our salvation's work is done!**

**4. Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,  
Spanning time, transcending space.  
Water, bread, and wine sustained us  
When the darkness hid your face.  
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,  
By your saving means of grace!**

**5. Forward lead us; Christ, we follow,  
Drawn by Word and promise true:  
"To all nations preach the gospel;  
I am evermore with you."  
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus,  
Quickly come! Make all things new!**

**6. Praise the Father, great Creator.  
Praise the Son, who took our place.  
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,  
God of free and faithful grace!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

**SERMON**

Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

Theme: Hang in there! It's All Going according to God's Plan.

**OFFERING**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION**

**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

***Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you.***

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

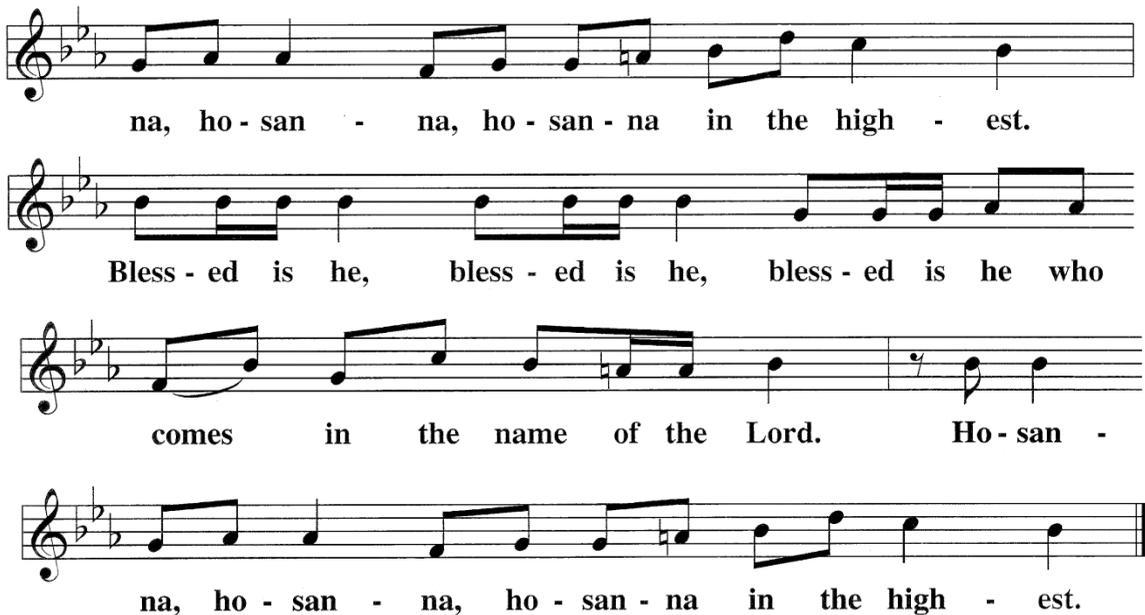
### HOLY. HOLY. HOLY



**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

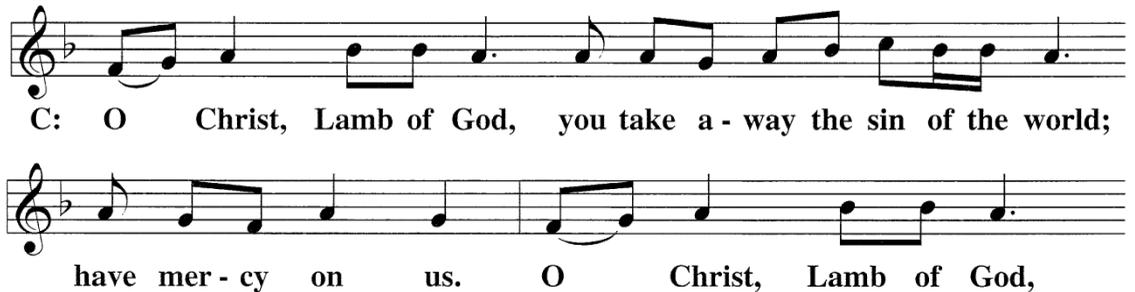
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

**C: Amen.**

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

## THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

394 – “Blessed Are the Saints of God”

**1. Blessed are the saints of God;  
They are bought with Christ's own  
blood. They are ransomed from the  
grave; Life eternal they shall have.  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity.**

**2. They are justified by grace;  
They enjoy the Savior's peace.  
All their sins are washed away;  
They shall stand in God's great day.  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity.**

**3. They are lights upon the earth,  
Children of a heav'nly birth.  
One with God, with Jesus one,  
Glory is in them begun.  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity. Amen.**



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**GREETERS**

today are:

Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart – Early Service  
Charlotte Brown – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service  
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – Late Service

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE** (week of July 11, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 219; Early: 112; Late: 107; Adult Bible Study:21; Sunday School 13. On-line worship service views for July 4 were 39.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through July 31 are the members of James Heldman’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, August 1st will be the members of Steve Bormuth’s Undershepherd group.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY** (July 18 through July 25)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School 9:20.

**MON** MWM Jenera Park, 9:30; Church Council 7:00; VBS 6:00-8:00 (through Friday).

**TUE** Reports Due for Semi-Annual Meeting; Monthly Midweek Service, Communion 7:30.

**THU** Good Samaritan Bible Study 11:00a.m.

**FRI** Ice Cream Social 7:30pm.

**SAT** School cleaning (through Monday).

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School 9:20; School cleaning.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. Prayers for before and after Communion and worship are on pages 10-11 in the hymnal.

**THE MONTHLY** Midweek service will take place this Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Vicar Lilienthal from Grace Lutheran in Weston will preside. Thank you, Vicar Lilienthal, for sharing God's word with us this evening.

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held on **July 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. Non-voting members, men and women, are also invited to attend. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. You may sign on as a voter at this meeting. All those who wish to give input beforehand may do so by contacting Trinity officers: Pres. Jamie Siferd, VP David Baumann, Sec. Jim Heldman, Ray Curth, Elder; or any Church Council member.

**REPORTS** for the July Voters' meeting are due by **July 20<sup>th</sup>** (*this Tuesday*). Please email them to the school office at [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org).

**CARD SHOWER:** There will be a card shower celebrating Betty Burkholder's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Her address is 18225 CR 15, Bluffton, Ohio 45817. There will also be a drive-by "Honk for Betty" on the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-6 p.m. Come on out and help celebrate this wonderful lady's birthday!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 23 at 7:30 PM. The VBS children will sing a few of the songs they learned during VBS. Join us to enjoy some fellowship and ice cream. . . and water balloons for the kids.

**VBS SNACK DONATIONS:** Last chance to donate some snacks for this summer's VBS! If you are able to help, please have all donations in the church basement by 11:00 AM today, Sunday, July 18. Questions? Contact Lauren Siefker at (419) 615-5991.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY:** The Outreach Committee is organizing a Christmas themed Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, July 31 at 10:00 AM. Take a walking or biking tour of Jenera as you search for three Christmas items. We will give you a map and instructions. Watch out for the decoys! No need to sign up. Meet in the school parking lot.

## *Baptism*

*Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the second service today is Hadleigh C. Mullins, daughter of Kurt and Katie Mullins. Her sponsor is Jason Stutzman. We rejoice at Hadleigh's spiritual rebirthday.*

**FOOD DONATIONS:** We are gathering donations of non-perishable food items, gift cards, etc., for Ms. Brittany Jensen, our new 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. You may place your items in the box by the south door, or in the basement.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** begins tomorrow, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m, and runs through Friday. All classes and events will be held in the school.

**MORNINGS WITH MOMMY** Summer Park Play Dates: Bring all your kids/grandkids—both big and small. Join us at the Jenera Park starting at 9:30 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of June, July, and August. Our regular Mornings with Mommy program will start again on September 20 and 21. Online registration is open at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org). Pick up theme schedules, play date information, and brochures in the back of church. Questions?--Contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY!** Trinity Lutheran Church continues to seek an adult choir director and handbell choir director. Contact Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com) or 419.302.5271.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SYNOD?**

### **WELS Synod Convention**

From July 26-28, WELS will be conducting its 66<sup>th</sup> biennial synod convention. You can follow what's happening and learn what's new in the mission and ministry of our synod at [wels.net/2021synodconvention](http://wels.net/2021synodconvention).

### **Reflections on Our Unique Callings**

Sign up for a twice-weekly devotion series, *Reflections on Our Unique Callings: Men, Women, and the Body of Christ*, that explores biblical principles and applications, poses thoughts and questions for further reflection, and encourages conversations on how our unique callings find their fulfillment in the home, the church, and the world. Sign up today at [wels.net/unique-callings](http://wels.net/unique-callings).

### **Calling all college-bound students!**

Are you heading to college this fall? Do you know someone who is going to college? Don't leave your faith life at home! Sign up with WELS Campus Ministry to get connected with the local campus pastor near your school and to receive free copies of *Meditations* devotions and *Forward in Christ* magazine. Sign up at [wels.net/college](http://wels.net/college).

## *A Prayer*

*Home Missions* – Lord, we thank you for the gifts, the planning, and the work that has allowed us to open seven new missions around the country. We ask you to continue to bless these churches with dedicated called workers and faithful members who will share the gospel of Jesus with many others. Open hearts to hear, believe, and confess your saving truth. Amen.

### **CALL RESPONSE**

My fellow believers at Trinity Lutheran Church in school,

This letter is to acknowledge that I have received your divine call to serve as associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and school. I am humbled by this calling, and look forward to learning more about your ministry in Jenera Ohio.

Please keep my family in your prayers as we deliberate this calling. If you wish to reach out to me directly, my email is [pastorkrueger@hotmail.com](mailto:pastorkrueger@hotmail.com).

In Christ Jesus,  
Brian Krueger

**PLEASE RESERVE** the back pews for families with small children to lovingly provide this space for the little ones and their parents.

**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.



*He predestined us to be  
adopted  
as his sons through  
Jesus Christ,  
in accordance with his  
pleasure and will  
Ephesians 1:5*

