



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WORSHIP at 10:00AM

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

In preparation for worship, as the prelude begins,  
please observe a period of silence and contemplation.

The \* indicates when the congregation stands, if able.  
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

**PRELUDE** "Finlandia" Jean Sebelius (1865-1957)  
setting by Robert J. Powell (b.1932)  
setting by J. Wayne Kerr (b.1958)

*God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

**\*WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**      To Be Your Presence      **ELW #546**

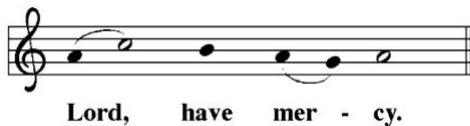
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



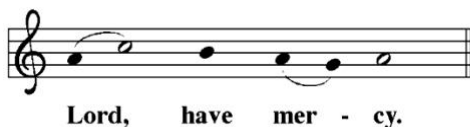
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



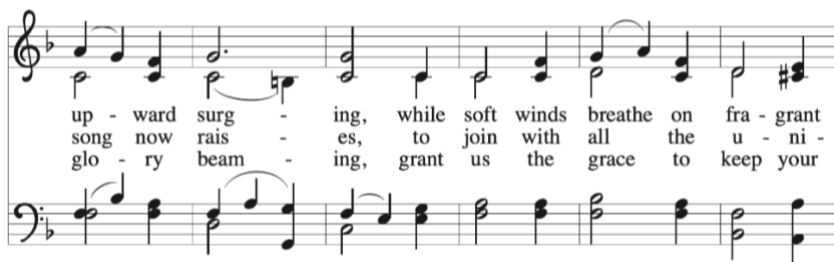
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



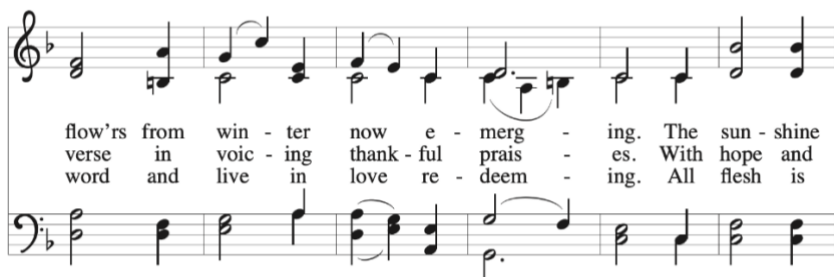
# HYMN OF PRAISE    The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe – vs. 2



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es  
 2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its  
 3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's



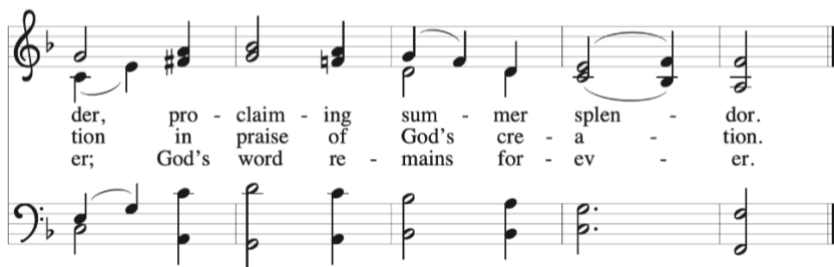
up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant  
 song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -  
 glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine  
 verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and  
 word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -  
 joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -  
 grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.  
 tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.  
 er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

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

**P:** O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

[<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

<sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL:        Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

## SERMON

Pastor Ken Johnson

**\*CREED**      *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into Hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of (*Jan Hus and*) all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain (*especially*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy,  
O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **\*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.  
There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you!
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

*Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folders at this time.*

Offertory Music: "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel Schutte (b.1946),  
sung by Anna Lane & Don Anderson

*Please stand as we begin singing  
and the elements are brought forward.*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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,**

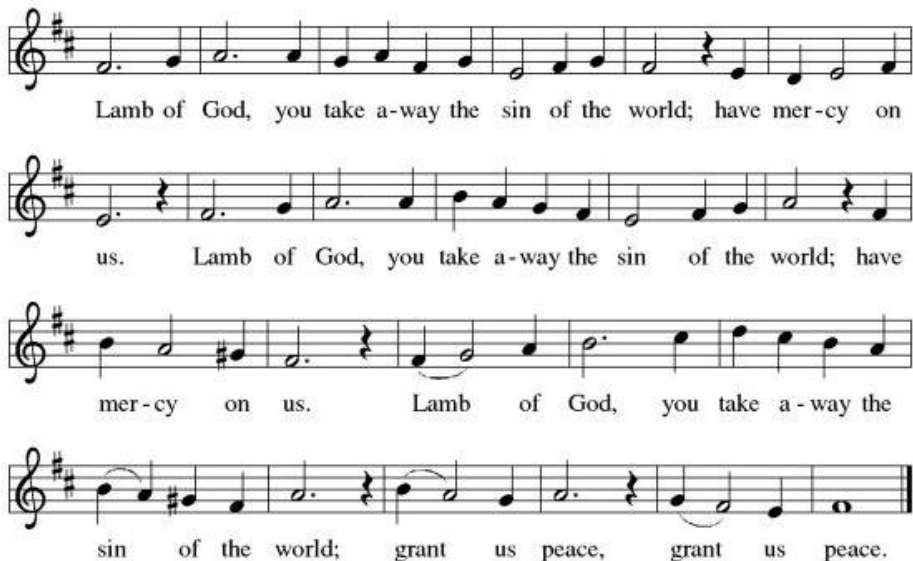
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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**

*(Please be seated)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION** by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and  
return to your seat by the side aisles. Those desiring to kneel  
or pause for prayer at the rail after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: "Finlandia" Jean Sebelius (1865-1957),  
Debbie Harding, Piano

## \*THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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\*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Before You, Lord, We Bow" John Darwell (1731-89);  
setting by G. Winston Cassler (1906-90)

*\*Our nursery is available for children 5yrs and younger at each service. The nursery is located on the south side of the building adjacent to the elevator and gathering space.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Magerlein and Sharon Kokales

WELCOME TEAM: Greta Decker and Carolyn Kana'an

LECTOR: Heidi Albertson

ACOLYTES: Miryam Greenman

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, Linda Ward, David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Wallace, Marge Bateman

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Emily Wright in celebration of Shaun Wright's birthday.

Please note:

The church office hours will also be very limited through the summer through September 1. The office will plan to be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9am–12noon,

Be sure to call ahead if you are coming down to make sure someone will be available!

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Sun	July 6	Worship with Holy Communion at 10am
Mon	July 7	Prayer Shawl Mtg 10am-12
Tue	July 8	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	July 9	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:30 @ Fletcher's Pub
Sun.	July 13	Worship with Holy Communion at 10am Youth & Family. Picnic 12-3pm @ Markin Glen Park
Tue	July 15	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves and Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30 Parking Lot Concert 6pm

## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Starting this Sunday, July 6** through August 31, Trinity will switch to ONE Sunday service at 10:00AM. All Sunday School classes are on summer break will resume in September.

**Ladies Lunch** – July 9 at 11:30am at Fletcher's Pub in Texas Corners. All women are welcome! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Greta Decker.

**Youth and Family Ministry Swimming and Picnic** at Markin Glen Park Sunday, July 13 12-3pm. Bring a picnic lunch for your family and your beach stuff and we'll hang out by the lake and swim and play! Please note that it does cost each car \$5 to enter the county park. Sign up by Friday, July 11 via email (hmfuerst@aol.com) or on Facebook (TLC Family Ministry or TLC Youth Ministry). \*If it rains, the event will be cancelled.

**Summer Concert:** Trinity is once again partnering with the Kalamazoo Pipe Band and our friends from Whiskey Before Breakfast to host an



evening of live music in our parking lot on Tuesday, July 15 from 6-8pm. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and have chips and bottled water available. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring chairs, and whatever else you'd like to

eat or drink! Food will be served at 6pm and music will begin at 6:30. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall by July 13 if you can attend so we know how much to grill.



**VBS Volunteers needed!** Help us decorate for Vacation Bible School on Saturday 7/19 from 10-12pm. We will also need people for each session to help with games, crafts, dinner prep, and general child-wrangling! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Ashley Wineland.

**Meeting of the Men - Summer Schedule:** An “informal, come as you are, when you can” kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know other guys who call Trinity home. Come on out and bring a friend!

- Thursday July 24, 5-6:30pm - Stienspark Biergarten – *Meeting of the Everyone! (Men..Women..Everyone..All are welcome)*
- Thursday August 21, 5-6:30pm - Latitude 42 (Portage location).

**Our refugee family** of 5 would like to get to morning worship. If you have room for 5 or a portion of their family and are willing to drive them to church or home on occasion, please contact Bess Fitzgerald 269-382-4264. Thanks!