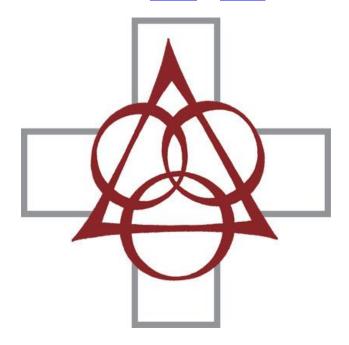
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

We ponder today the great mystery of God—that God is one and that this one God is three persons.

The liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be *understood* as it is truth to be *confessed*. We confess the **Father** from whom all things come, the **Son** who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the **Spirit** who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church, the confession of the Holy Trinity has been a hallmark of faithful believers. We sing of the Trinity and, with the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, we confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* (arr. Wilbur Held)

HYMN OF INVOCATION - LSB 905 - Come, Thou Almighty King



INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES – Isaiah 6:3b, 1 John 4:13–14, Psalm 41:13

- P Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
- **C** the whole earth is full of His glory!
- P By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

- **P** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
- **G** from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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.
- C Amen.

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INTROIT - Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: liturgical text

Leader: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.



- I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;* because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;* my flesh also | dwells secure.
 - For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,* or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

Leader: You make known to me the | path of life;* in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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

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KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark* 10:47

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 6:1-8 – The prophet Isaiah is overcome by his sinfulness and God's holiness.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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

GRADUAL - Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

- A Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

SECOND LESSON – Acts 2:14a, 22-36 – Three thousand people heard Peter's message of the resurrection of Jesus and Him being both true God and the Messiah.

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"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—

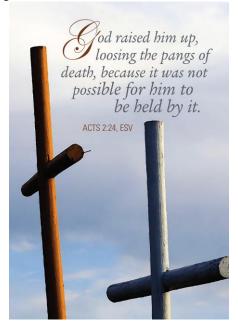
²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

""I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,



"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

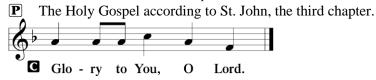
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- **C** Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL – John 3:1-17 – Nicodemus, the "teacher of Israel," is taken to school by Jesus, who shares God's plan of salvation in a nutshell.

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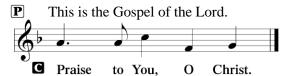


words of e-ter-nal life.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ¹Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' §The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

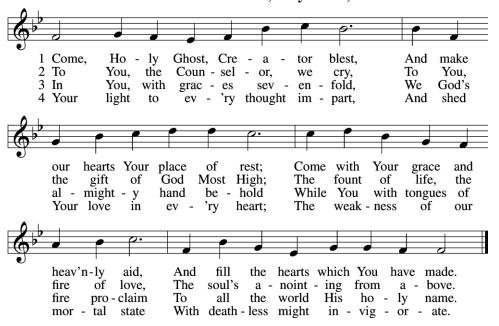
⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



8:00 am - Children's Message

HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 498 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow: With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- Teach us to know the Father, Son, 6 That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

And You, from both, as Three in One

SERMON – The Triune God is Like...

7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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ATHANASIAN CREED

Today we are marveling at the grace of God in paying attention to us and saving us, although we are a seemingly insignificant part of His creation. The grace of God is also apparent as the Church has sought to confess the witness of Scripture. As we cannot comprehend the vastness of space, so we cannot understand God's nature as three persons in one Godhead. As you profess truths about our majestic God, I will follow with the offsetting realities that also must be true. We cannot explain God; we can only confess our faith within the limits of human understanding.



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

 Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
- **P** neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **©** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- P But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **C** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **P** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **P** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

 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.
- The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
 The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
 The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

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

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

- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- 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: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
 - one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

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

who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, 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.

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

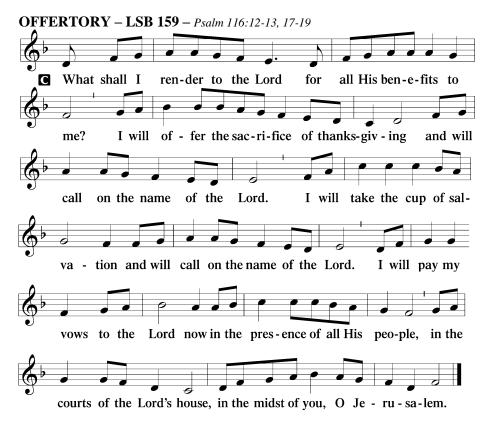
And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **A** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING – *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (arr. Kevin Hildebrand)



8 am – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** (pages 12-13) and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (page 17).

+ + + SACRAMENT + + + beginning at LSB 160

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

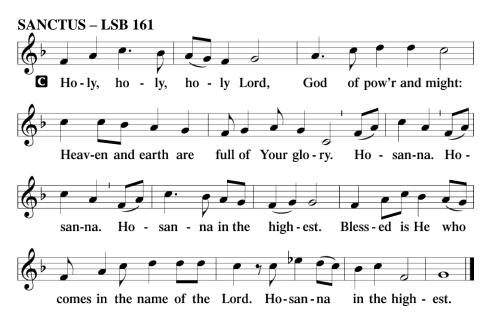
As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 singing:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

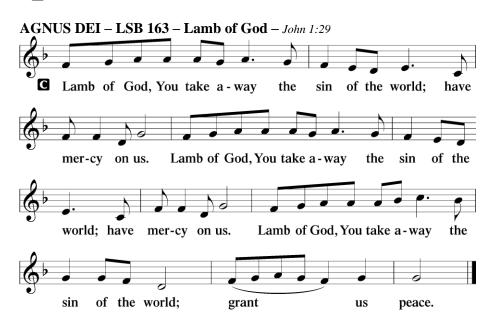
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

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





DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.





5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears. 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 507 - Holy, Holy, Holy



SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Holy, Holy, Holy* (arr. Kevin Sadowski)

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TODAY

- 9:15am NEW Adult Bible Study begins *Biblical Canticles*
- 6:00-8:00pm FLY (Summer Kickoff: Luau)

Monday, May 27 - Church office closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 1:00pm Fellowship Ministry Team
- 2:00pm Quilting (kitchen)
- **6:15pm** Men's Softball (Field 4) All games are at Twin Lakes and free to attend. *Weather hotline:* (812)349-3610



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) in thanksgiving for our three FLY graduates.

Thursday, May 30

• 5:30pm Lutheran Men's Gemütlichkeit (ULu)

NEXT Sunday, June 2

 9:15am Congregational Celebration of the 10th anniversaries of the ordinations of Pastor Beck and Pastor Sui, and also of Rachel Stults as Preschool Director



- 11:30am Congregational Safety and Crisis Management Training
 This training for volunteers at church events is required for all Spirit Camp volunteers and
 Servanteens, Sunday School teachers, and ministry team event volunteers who did not attend
 last year (those wanting a refresher are always welcome).
 - Topics covered will include general safety and emergency preparedness training and protocols within our facility, so **ALL members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.**
- **5:00pm Hymn Festival** featuring **Biblical Canticles**Come sing some well-loved tunes and new melodies at our Hymn
 Festival based on the most common biblical canticles, and featuring
 organ, handbells, violin, saxophone, and trombone. Want to hear the
 less familiar tunes ahead of time? Check out this playlist on Youtube,
 put together by Dr. Gabriel. This hymn festival is being held in
 conjunction with Pastor Beck's adult Bible study series on canticles.





Spirit Camp

Sunday, June 2 (11:30am)

Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training REQUIRED of all Spirit Camp Volunteers who did not attend last year's Training

Sunday, June 9 (11:30am) Spirit Camp Orientation

for all 2024 Servanteens and Adult Volunteers

Contact *Sarah Beck* or *Alyse Cannon* at spiritcamp@faithbtown.org for more information.

Spirit Camp Donations – by Sunday, June 9

Kitchen: Please stop by the "Kitchen Needs" poster in the narthex to help supply ingredients for staff lunches and camper snacks. Take a post-it note and return it to the kitchen (clearly marked) with the item(s) purchased.

OPERATION

Operation Christmas Child

You can help by donating any of the following items (please remember these must all fit together in the shoeboxes):

- **Toys** small toys for boys or girls: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch-A-Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, coloring/activity books
- **School Supplies** pens, pencils with sharpener, crayons (boxes of 24 or less preferred, but will take any and all!) or markers, small notebooks/notepads, solar calculators, etc.
- **Hygiene Items** toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- Other sunglasses, flashlight with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, hair-clips, watches, small picture books
- Financial Gifts each box costs \$10 to ship.

Operation Christmas Child provides the boxes.

Thank you for your generous donations of the items to fill them!

*Please contact *Tati Huss* with questions: 812-272-8986 or tatiana.m.huss@gmail.com



Wednesdays, beginning June 19 (6:30am)

Breakfast Bible Study: Galatians

Cloverleaf South Restaurant (in Winslow Plaza).

Contact the pastors with questions. Come hungry!

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23 (Danville, IN)

Indiana District LWML Convention

Contact Megan DeMoss for details (missabbott04@hotmail.com).

Sunday, June 23 (3:00pm)

Ordination of Jeff Arnold

Sunday, June 30 (11:30am)

Voters' Meeting

Saturday, July 13

Rummage Sale (to support FLY) – Donations of clean items in good condition are being received NOW in the youth loft (or leave them at the bottom of the stairs just inside the youth door), *clearly labeled* for the Rummage Sale. Contact Tati at fly@faithbtown.org with questions or to make arrangements for larger items.



<u>Subscribe</u> to the email groups of your choice to stay informed and be notified of opportunities to serve:



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