





The Season After Pentecost

June 22, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Song "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

Leader



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

All



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.

In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.



³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song: "No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

***I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God***

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins ***Chorus***

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God ***Chorus***

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

**Eric Archer
Brennan Grayson
Liam Jaskierny
Jacob Rosenthal
Lizzie Tallman**

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these young people whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R:/ I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R:/ I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R:/ I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

R:/ In faith I turn to Christ.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn.

R:/ I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those affirming baptism may kneel.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *[name]* the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

R:/Amen.

Let us give thanks for those affirming baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

MEAL

Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion



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Offering Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

And also 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.

Blessing at the Table

Lord's Prayer

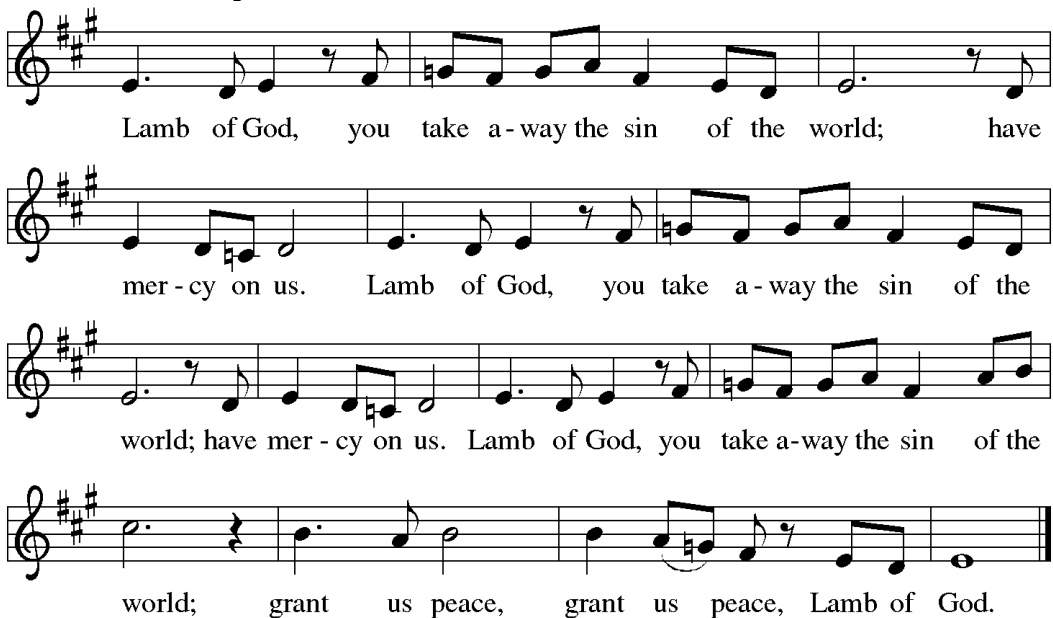
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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**

Distribution of Holy Communion



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, Lamb of God.

Hymn:

"One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song: "Will you Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.

Together

We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing Box

We are running low on: beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, baby supplies/formula/dry cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, tooth care, deodorant, dish soap.

Help needed with the **Community Garden**.

Please contact Angie DeOrio at (518) 542-4799 if you can help.

June Mission of the Month

The Good Shepherd Blessing Box

Sunday School

Thank you, students, families, and teachers, for another wonderful year!

Due to staff issues we will not meet through the summer this year.

However, we will be returning in the fall on September 14th, 2025. The day will include our first lesson and field day games to celebrate Rally Day!

The Hand-Held Prayer Quilt Ministry met on Saturday June 7th.

We sewed 20 + Hand-Held Prayer Quits (HHPQ). Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 10:30. We encourage anyone who is interested in helping out to please join us. There are many jobs besides sewing for this ministry to be on-going! Stacey dropped off Hand-Held Quilts to the following locations: St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam, the Rao Pavillion in Amsterdam and the Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care Home in Gloversville. These places were very appreciative of these HHPQ!

**Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church**

Youth Fundraiser


*Chicken, potato,
coleslaw.*

Take-Out Only

\$17 or \$12 for 1/2 chicken

July 15th, 4p - 7p

547 Saratoga Road (Route 50), Glenville, NY



**BROS
BIBLES & BEER**

Monday, July 7th, 7 - 8 pm


Bros, Bibles & Beer Event

Ken Moore's Home

1359 Lexington Avenue, Schenectady

Bring a lawn chair & your favorite beverage

**Guys are invited to this casual bible event
discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink**



**AUG 11-14,
2025**

8:45am check in,
12noon dismissal

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UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

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THROUGH ADULT

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AGE 17 & YOUNGER**
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**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP
AGE 18 & ABOVE**
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SCIENCE BIBLE STORY
RECREATION MUSIC/DANCE
CRAFTS SNACK

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**Today's altar flowers were given by the Weiler Family
in loving memory of Nick Weiler.**

Faith Statements

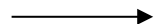
Eric Archer

I go to church sometimes, my mom has been influential in getting me to go to church and she has gotten me to go even when I have not wanted, which has been very good in helping my faith. Baptism is a symbol of joining the church. I am more aware of my baptism because I was older when I was baptized here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Jesus's death and resurrection means to me that he died and came back to spread words to try to save us. Christ's resurrection means that we are saved by God's grace, His death and resurrection means for creation that things can live and die and that it is a part of life. Being a Christian makes my life different because I go to church. The importance of Communion gives me a connection to God. Prayer is very important to me. I see me serving Christ in my life by being kind. Being part of a church community gives me opportunities to do things that I might not have done otherwise. Going to church has taught me a lot about how to live my life as a christian. Also going to youth groups has gained me friends and great experiences like going to New Orleans. Going through the confirmation process has enlightened me more about being a lutheran and what it means. My mom and grandmother have both encouraged me throughout my faith journey and it has been very helpful. I think that going to church here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has been a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

Brennan Grayson

My journey of faith began during a very difficult time in my life-the passing of my grandpa when I was a young boy. His death was the first time I truly faced loss, and in my sadness, I began to ask questions about life, death, and God. It was through that pain that I was first drawn closer to the church and began to feel God's presence in a real and comforting way. Even though I didn't fully understand it then, I now see how God was already beginning to work in my life, planting the seeds of faith.

My family, especially my mom, has played a big role in helping those seeds grow. Her love, encouragement, and example of living out her faith have shown me what it means to trust in God not just during the good times, but also in the hard ones. Her guidance, along with the support of my church community, has helped shape my relationship with God into something personal and meaningful.



My baptism is a powerful reminder to me that I am a child of God. Even though I was baptized when I was too young to remember it, I know that it marked the beginning of my life in Christ—a life of promise, forgiveness, and grace. It reminds me that God chose me, loves me, and has a purpose for me.

Jesus is at the center of my faith. He is my Savior, my friend, and my constant guide. His death on the cross shows the depth of God's love for me—taking on the weight of my sins so that I could be forgiven. His resurrection gives me hope, reminding me that no matter how broken the world or I may feel, there is always the possibility of new life and transformation. Through Jesus, I know I am never alone.

His sacrifice isn't just for me—it's for all of creation. I believe that Jesus' resurrection is a promise of healing, redemption, and restoration for the whole world. It challenges me to care for others and the world around me, because God loves all He has made.

Being a Christian means that I strive to live differently. It means showing kindness when it's hard, forgiving others the way I've been forgiven, and standing up for what is right even when it's not easy. It means trying to be more like Jesus every day, even when I fall short. My faith gives me strength in struggles, keeps me grounded in accomplishments, and helps me grow into the person God is calling me to be.

Prayer is an important part of my life. It helps me stay connected to God, whether I'm asking for help, saying thank you, or just sitting in quiet. It's in prayer that I find peace and strength to face whatever comes my way.

As I look ahead, I want to continue growing in faith and serving Christ in whatever ways I can. Whether that's helping others, being involved in my church, or simply showing love and kindness in everyday life, I know that God can use me to make a difference.

I am thankful for the journey God has brought me on—from a place of loss to a life filled with hope. I know I still have much to learn, but I trust that God will keep guiding me. I am proud to say that I am a follower of Christ, and I look forward to continuing this journey with Him by my side.

Liam Jaskierny

I've always considered myself a Christian, but over the past year, my faith has started to expand. I didn't just believe in Jesus - I started to *follow* Him. I began truly trusting Him in everything I do. He's not just a part of my life now - He *is* my life. Jesus is my Savior, my King, and my closest friend.

Following Christ means more to me than going to church or saying prayers. It means surrendering my plans to Him, seeking His will above mine, and letting His truth guide how I live. When I look back at this past year, I see how God has been shaping me, calling me deeper, and showing me that His way is always better. I've had moments of doubt, failure, and weakness, but Jesus never gave up on me.

Through confirmation, I want to say publicly that I am not just someone who *believes* in Christ- I am someone who *belongs* to Him. I'm choosing to live boldly for Him, not just with my words, but with my whole life. I want to love like Him, forgive like Him, serve like Him, and keep growing in my faith every day.

Jesus is King. He is the Lord of my life, and I will follow Him all my days.

Jacob Rosenthal

My attendance at church has been splotchy at best. For a very long time I loathed waking up in the morning to come to church. But as we got closer to today, I wished to go to church more often; in fact I was excited to help out in church. My mom has been very influential in my faith journey, whether it be bringing me to church, encouraging my involvement with the youth group, or encouraging my faith. My mom and my grandparents are the reason for my baptism and my faith. I am appreciative of my baptism, even though it wasn't my choice, I feel like it was the catalyst for many paths to open for me. I believe that being baptized allows for the Holy Spirit to enter our bodies, which therefore allows for faith and forgiveness by Jesus. So, baptism, to me, means faith. In my life, Jesus is everyone. I feel that everyone is the embodiment of Jesus, that they are the image of Jesus. I believe this because when God created us, he made us in his own image, and the same could be said about Jesus since he was born of the virgin Mary and was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Being a Christian really affects a lot of things in the way that I live. It has me waking up early on weekends to participate, and sometimes I even find myself praying to God or Jesus out of habit. Being a Christian has also changed the way that I act. I started to act more mature in some situations, albeit not as many as I would have hoped for, and I started to be more confident in myself. When I was younger, I couldn't really picture my future self at all, like I couldn't realistically picture what my future occupation or my place of residence would be. However, as the years flew by, my future image grew clearer and clearer.



Part of the reason why the image grew more refined was because Jesus and faith had become a bigger influence in my life. As I matured and as faith became more intertwined with my daily life, I started to realize that in my future image was Jesus. Not only did I see him in that image, I came to realize that I would be working in his image, or, rather I'd be working in God's image, for I plan to become an engineer, since engineers design blueprints and construct buildings, just as God did with the cosmos.

Although I see Jesus in my future, I still struggle with believing in a few things that are mentioned in the bible. One thing that I struggle to believe is that heaven and hell exist. I think that no matter what one does in their life, they will all go to one common place, that is neither torturous or luxurious. Sometimes, I doubt that Jesus can really answer my prayers, or if Jesus is really watching over us, but these doubts and worries do not last long, since I believe that Jesus is there for the weak and the poor. And he is here for us when we are strong in our faith and when we have questions

Lizzie Tallman

I remember being a kid each Sunday going to church in matching dresses with my sister. We would sit in a pew and I would sit through church as a normal kid would. Not really paying much attention and coloring on the back of the attendance forms. As me and my siblings got older we stopped going as much. Once Covid hit we started watching online, but that soon started to fade. Once the bans were lifted and we could go in person again we never really did. About a year later my sister and dad started to go again. I felt left out so one Sunday I decided to join them. For the many weeks after I kept continuously going. As I started to go more and more I started enjoying Church. I would see the same people sitting in our section and we all would sit in the same pews each week. It made me happy and gave me a sense of community. That is what my faith really means to me, the community Of us coming together Sunday mornings and worshiping together. Seeing the same people from the church always greet me with a smile is my favorite part. Going to church on Sunday makes me feel awake, accomplished, and energized. My alarm is now set for 8:25 every Sunday to get ready and go to church. When I'm here I now pay more attention and pray for the people I care about. After church I give Pastor a high five and get a sweet treat from the fellowship hall. I didn't realize at the time but going one random Sunday would change my faith journey completely. If I didn't end up going I would have never seen how happy it makes me.