# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 – 9:30am Christ the Savior Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Welcome to our worship service this morning!

If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to Kathy as you leave worship, sign our guest book in the narthex and take a copy of our Trinity Trumpet newsletter. We are happy you're here and we hope to see you again!

Thank you to Sue Lovejoy for supplying today while Alex is on vacation.

Our service is live streamed on our Facebook page for those who are unable to be with us.

Our Nursery area downstairs is available, but please note, it is not staffed. Please see an usher for assistance.

# **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Meant To Be – Stephen Curtis Chapman **Brian Hoffner** 

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** Kathy Long, SALM

During the processional hymn, the crucifer is followed by the clergy.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW#367

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins. The assembly reads the bold print.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

# The minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please remain standing as you are able.

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The minister greets the assembly; The assembly responds in the bold print.

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.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The minister continues with the Prayer of the Day.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

#### FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

The reading is announced: A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

34The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

35Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

36As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

38He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

39When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

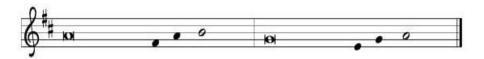
40But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God

# **PSALM 22:25-31**

The psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse. The assembly sings the bold print.



<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.

# <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow <sup>I</sup> down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead shall kneel be- <sup>I</sup> fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people <sup>|</sup> yet unborn, saying to them "The <sup>|</sup> LORD has acted!"

#### SECOND READING

1st John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

The reading is announced: A reading from 1st John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment,

because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word The assembly responds: Thanks be to God

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands welcoming the Holy Gospel and joins in singing the "Alleluia".





Your words, O Lord; are Spir-it and life. You have the words of ev-er-last-ing life.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

The gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

The assembly responds:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel concludes: The assembly responds: The assembly is seated. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **SERMON**

Kathy Long, SALM

Following the sermon, the assembly stands as able to proclaim the word of God in song.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW#434** 

"Jesus Shall Reign"

During the hymn of the day, the parent(s) and sponsor(s) present the one(s) to be baptized as the minister(s) gather at the baptismal font.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



#### **PRESENTATION**

The minister addresses the parent(s):

Parent(s) and Sponsor(s), called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Willow Mae Rupell* baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

Parent(s), as you bring *Willow* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and to work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life? Response: We do.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the parent(s).

Parent(s) and Sponsor(s), do you profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church? *Response:* **We do.** 

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw us away from God?

Response: We renounce them.

# The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *Willow* and pray for her in her new life in Christ? *Response:* **We do.** 

The assembly stands as able; the minister announces the Creed.

With the whole church, let us proclaim our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The minister continues.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given all honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, + in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All respond: **Amen**The assembly is seated.

#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

The minister continues with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Water is poured over the candidate's head three times in the name of the triune God.

**Willow Mae Rupell,** I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen

The minister continues with the ancient ritual of the Laying on of Hands. The presiding minister prays:

Merciful God, sustain *Willow Mae* with 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. *All respond:* **Amen** 

The minister marks the sign of the cross  $\oplus$  on the forehead of the newly baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says these words:

**Willow Mae**, child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked ⊕ with the cross of Christ forever.

All respond: Amen

#### BLESSING OF THE BAPTISM BLANKET

Blessed are you, Holy God, creator of the waters of the earth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this Baptism blanket handmade in prayer and love. In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### WELCOME

A lighted candle is presented as the minister continues:

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." May this candle be a symbol of remembrance of this day for *Willow* as she grows in faith.

The newly baptized is presented to the assembly as the minister continues with the "Welcome."

Let us welcome *Willow Mae Rupell*, the newest addition of God's family here at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and God's kingdom universal.

All may welcome the newly baptized with applause. The baptism candle is placed in the holder.

The family may be seated as the assembly sings the first verse of "Jesus Loves Me."

The certificates are presented to the parents and sponsors.

The service continues with our tithes and offerings.

#### THE OFFERING

The acolyte presents the offering plates to the ushers.

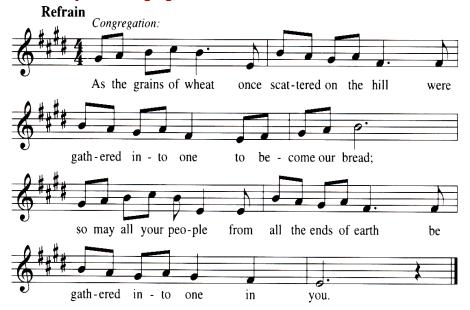
#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Don't Try so Hard **Brian Hoffner** 

Amy Grant

#### OFFERING HYMN

As the ushers bring forward the gifts, please stand as you are able and join in singing, "As the Grains of Wheat."



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

The minister blesses the gifts with the following prayer. The assembly reads the bold print.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The minister calls the assembly to prayer. Please remain standing as you are able.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence is kept.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. We lift up to you the following facing personal obstacles in their own lives:

# **Members**

Darryl Arner, the family and friends of Dawn Blocker, Carol Hunsberger, Sandy Edwish, Kelly Hoffman, Heather Kincaid, Deb Kunkle, Lester Miller, Louise Roth, John Rupell, Earl Schneider, Pauline Snyder, Ed Solt, Mike Steigerwalt, Herbert Werner, Joanne Werner;

#### Friends of Trinity:

Heather Bolton, Chad, David & Sandy Dietz, Ed, Teresa Fowler, Norma Grube, Connie Heckman, Jim Hoppel, Michael Kincaid, Dave Matsinko, Sarah Mills, Missy Neff, Jennifer Nielsen, Melinda Nothstein, Michele Nothstein, Thomas Reidenhour, Susan Rhoads-Procina, Vicki Romascavage, Thomas Roth, Nancy Schappell, Kris Snyder, Vanessa Snyder, Sean Steigerwalt, Kristie Sticka, Wendy Wentz and all we name in our hearts silently before you now ...

(We pause in silence)

God of grace, hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For all veterans, that they may receive the care and support they so need and deserve, and for those separated from family and friends, as they serve in the Armed Forces around the world, protecting our nation in freedom. God of grace, hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. We remember our beloved who have died, especially those we dearly miss and remember in humble gratitude silently before you now...

# (A brief silence is kept)

Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord, who said that when we pray we should say:

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

#### SENDING BLESSING

The minister proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

→ bless you now and always.

Amen

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

**ELW#881** 

"Let All Things Now Living"

During the final hymn, the crucifer is followed by the clergy.

The acolyte extinguishes the candles carrying one solitary flame representing the light of Christ into the world.

The lights will dim and all may kneel or sit as able for a moment of silent prayer.

#### DISMISSAL

The minister sends the assembly forth into mission.

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** Praise to the Lord - arr. Young

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Following our worship on Sunday morning, all are welcome to Luther Hall for fellowship and conversation during our Coffee Fellowship hour.

Sunday School and Confirmation students are invited to attend Fellowship Hour but must report to their classrooms by 10:45. **There is no opening worship today.** 

We invite you to check in frequently on our church website & Facebook page for updates.

Luther wrote that we should read a Psalm daily; check our Facebook page for postings of a daily Morning Psalm and Prayer!

# **SPONSORSHIPS**

The following sponsorships have been given to the glory of God:

# **BULLETINS** are sponsored by:

Lee Becker in honor of wife Kay's birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
 (all three sponsorships)

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are sponsored by Lee & Kay Becker in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ROSEBUD TRIBUTE** is placed by John & Rhonda Rupell in honor of their granddaughter Willow's baptism.

#### NEW BAPTIZED MEMBER ...

We welcome into our family of faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at our worship service today:

#### **WILLOW MAE RUPELL**

Daughter of Erin Rupell

# PANTRY ITEM for May is CEREAL

Please place your donation in the basket in the narthex or bring it to the church office.

We have the following items available for sale from our Pancake Brunch on 4/14:

Bread - \$2 per loaf - 3 Italian and 6 wheat are available Homemade diced breakfast potatoes (½ tray) (frozen) -\$5 each (10 available)

Call the church office to arrange pickup 610-377-4303. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8am to 4:30pm

# **CHRIST IN OUR HOME and WORD IN SEASON**

**DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** are available FREE in the narthex and literature rack by the church office. Large print copies of Christ In Our Home are available.

#### YOUTH DEVOTIONALS ...

The Evangelism Committee has provided five minute devotionals for our youth. They are specific for preteen, teen, and college age, boy and girls. Feel free to pick one up in the narthex and give it to a youth in your family or friends. Let's give them another tool to help them through this world of anxiety we live in!

#### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE ......

# **Bulletins** – \$10.00 each (3 needed per weekend)

June 2 (1), June 16 (2), June 23 (1), June 30 (1)

# <u>Chancel Flowers</u> – Florist of your choice!

May 26, June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30.

If you would like to sponsor any of the above dates, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office.



We'd "bee" happy if you could join us for a

# MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON Saturday, May 11, 2024

11:00am-1:00pm in Luther Hall This is a free event.

All mothers and daughters are welcome!

Reservation deadline is **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Call the church office at 610-377-4303 or email telc1872@ptd.net

#### DO YOU SHOP AT GIANT?

Just a reminder that we still have gift cards available as an ongoing fundraiser



for our youth group at no additional cost to you. They receive five percent of each card sold. They may be purchased in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Thank you for your continuing support of our youth group!



# **DISCOUNTED TICKET SIGN-UP**

- Orders and money due by April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Turn money or checks made to TELC into the church office
- Tickets can be used anytime in the 2024 season. (Valid thru January 1, 2025)

# **PRICES:**

- All-age Admission (ages 3+) \$43.10 save \$44.70
- Parking \$25.00 <u>save \$5</u>
- Meal Ticket \$19.06 (includes 1 entree, 1 side & 1 beverage)

# **FREE MOVIE NIGHT**

Saturday, May 18, 2024

7pm - Luther Hall

We will be showing:

"Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" starring Harrison Ford

Popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase to benefit projects of the Youth Group.

Feel free to bring a comfy chair with you Hope to see you there!!

# JACK AND JILL PRESCHOOL SPRING & MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER FUNDRAISER Blue Mountain Farms

"Colors may vary"

# Baskets - \$18.00 each

Choice of: Begonia Reiger, Million Bell Petunia, New Guinea Impatiens or Premium Mix

# Flats - \$18.00 each

Choice of: Marigold Sm Flower, Marigold Lg Flower, Salivia Red, or Impatiens mix

# 4.5" Planted Pots - \$5.00 each

Choice of: Cutting Geranium, Blue Wave Petunia in logo, Red Wave Petunia in logo, Coleus Kong

Order forms are located at the church office and narthex. The deadline to order is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Delivery is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to Jack and Jill Preschool.

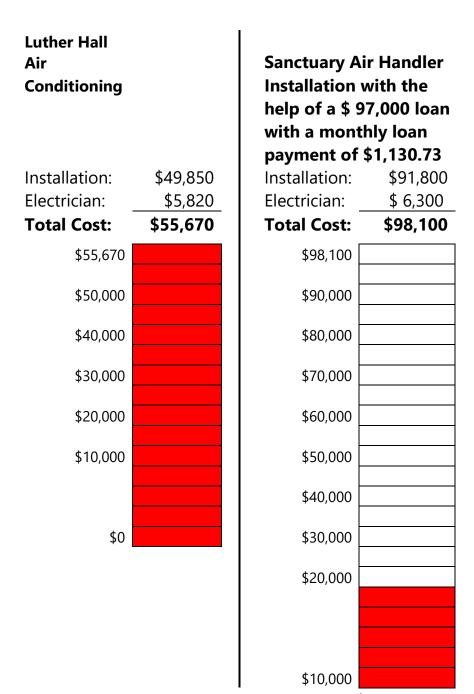
Fundraisers help to keep tuitions down and supports programming. Thank you for your support of the preschool.

We have handmade prayer shawls and lap robes available. If you have a friend or relative who is ill and is in need of comfort or healing, please feel free to take one from the buffet in the narthex or call the church office to arrange a



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

time to pick one up. Prayer shawl ministry blesses both the people who receive the shawls in their times of tribulation or celebration and the knitters and crocheters who create them.



**Total Amount Received as of 4/21/24: \$20,306.** If you are able to help, please use the envelope enclosed with your bulletin. *Any amount is appreciated!* 



Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!



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# COLLECTION BINS ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX and LUTHER HALL ENTRANCE



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

# FAITH NIGHT Friday, June 7, 2024

Iron Pigs vs. Buffalo Bisons

Game time is at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Fireworks following the game.

We will meet in the church parking lot by 5:00 p.m. to carpool down to Coca-Cola Park.

Cost is \$12 per person which includes \$2 in ballpark credit. The seats are located in section 102 near the main gate.

Age 2 and under are free if they sit on an adult's lap.

# The deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 5th.

Sign up by contacting the church office at 610-377-4303 or sign up in the narthex.

Payments can be dropped off at the church office during hours or placed in the drop box located at the office door.

Cash or Checks made payable to TELC.