

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025
Divine Service-Setting Two-LSB 167

I have told you these things, so
that **IN ME** you may have
PEACE

In this world you will have trouble.

BUT TAKE HEART!

I have overcome the
WORLD

John 16:33



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Confession and Absolution

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

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- 3 My own good works all came to naught,
No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great,
He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son:
“It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever.”

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C 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.

C 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.

P 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

My heart is in anguish within me;

the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

But I call to God,

and the LORD will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

for many are arrayed against me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



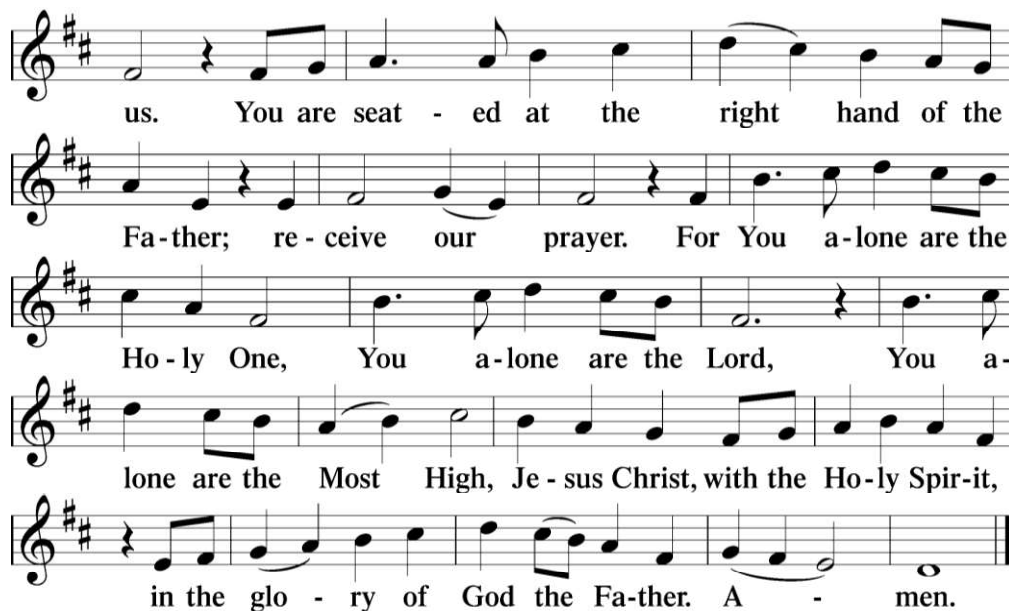
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

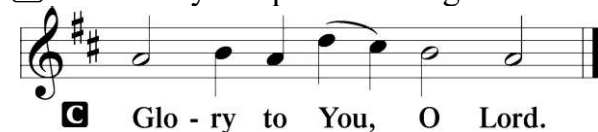
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Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



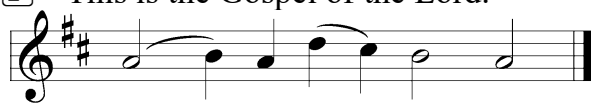
²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold,

the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

- 9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for the new life and salvation with which You have brought beauty into our lives and our world again through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray that You open the ears of all who hear Your Word, that this salvation come to many in true repentance and faith, the gift of Your own Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Send Your Spirit mightily especially upon those called to preach, proclaim, and teach Your life-giving Word. Guide all pastors, teachers, and servants of the Church to be faithful in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P When suffering for Your truth comes our way, remind us of the certain victory that is ours by our Baptism into Christ. Give us the vision of Your mercy and grace, that we endure any opposition to the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Visit with Your peace and healing all who suffer illness, injury, or any painful difficulty, [*especially . . .*]. Let not their hearts be troubled or weighed down with any fear, but lift their eyes to Your sure and certain promises of eternal life and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions may be added here.

P With reverence and affection, we remember before You, O everlasting God, all our departed family and friends who have followed Christ and now are with Him in glory. By Your grace, keep us faithful and steadfast, that we see the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Your offerings are gifts to God. They help us serve Him as a witness to our community. As you continue to place your offerings in the baskets, mail them to the church office, or give through our online giving opportunities, (follow the "Giving" link on the Trinity website at www.trinitymonitor.org or text the word "GIVE" to 989-270-0281 and follow the directions) know that we seek to use these resources to the glory of God and the furthering of His Kingdom.



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

Dedicating the Seed and Soil to the Lord

- P** Great God, bless the seeds we plant. They are storehouses of the rich blessings You shower upon our earth. They are Your promises of harvests to come.
- C** Bless our seeds, dear Father, that growth may occur.
- P** Bless the soil in which the seeds lie. Bring it a balance of nutrients, that the seeds may be enriched with all that they need to grow tall, strong and healthy.
- C** Bless the soil, dear Father, that growth may occur.
- P** Bless the growing season with sufficient rains to moisten the soil to feed the plants, and with sufficient sunshine to enrich the plants, so that growth will be prosperous.
- C** Bless the weather, dear Father, that growth may occur.
- P** Protect our seeds and plants from drought and flood, from insects and pestilence, from weeds that choke out life, and from blights and growths that destroy. Let our plants be healthy throughout their lives.
- C** Bless our plants, dear Father, that growth may occur.
- P** Guide all who plant seeds in the ground, whether farmers or gardeners. Guide, too, those whose work assists the growers, by research, development, information sharing, maintenance of equipment, transportation and marketing.
- C** Bless our people, dear Father, that growth may occur.
- P** And, Lord, according to Your will and purpose, please give us bountiful crops, and beautiful bouquets, that the growing things we plant may nourish us in body and spirit, that the produce of our land may feed and beautify the world and provide us with sufficient income to live in comfort and peace. Help us always to see Your hand of goodness in the fruits of the earth which we enjoy, and may we always be moved to thankfulness toward You.
- C** Lord, bless our seeds and soil, that they may be a blessing upon our lives. Amen

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me?”

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”

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CALENDAR			
Monday	5/26	Memorial Day No School-Office Closed	
Tuesday	5/27	5:00pm	Elders
		6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	5/28	8:15am	Chapel
		6:00pm	Worship On Wednesday
Thursday	5/29	Ascension Day Service @ Pilgrim Lutheran, Essexville @ 7:00pm	
Sunday <i>*Mite Box Sunday</i>	6/1	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship w/Communion
		9:40am	End of Sunday School-will resume in the fall.

APRIL	TOTALS	ATTENDANCE		
General Fund	\$52,966.96	5/18	1st	83
Missions	\$1,030.00		2nd	66
BFF	\$935.00	5/21	WOW	11
Church Maintenance	\$2,670.00			
School Maintenance	\$195.00	Total		
Tuition Assistance	\$125.00			
Christmas Tree Fund	\$40.00			
TOTAL	\$58,011.96	160		



MISSED CHURCH ON SUNDAY? No worries! We've got you covered! Join us for **WOW! (Worship On Wednesdays)** at **6:00 PM**, for an uplifting evening of praise, following our Creative Worship format, featuring the same scripture readings and sermon from Sunday's service.



Want to be part of the experience? **WOW is looking for volunteers!** If you would like to contribute, we'd love to have you join in. Whether it's reading Scripture, leading songs, or playing an instrument, there's a place for you. **Scan the QR code to sign up!**

*Please note that there will not be a WOW service on the following dates:
June 18, July 23, and August 6.*

NEWS FROM VLHS: Registration is now open for Valley Lutheran Youth Football and Youth Cheerleading for the fall! These developmental programs are open to students from throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. Football is available for boys in 3rd - 8th grade, while cheerleading is for middle school aged girls. Head to www.vlhs.com/youthsports to learn about these programs and to get signed up!

There are still spots in many of our VL summer camps for this June! Check out the offerings and register at www.vlhs.com/camps.

MEALS FOR SARAH EARLE & FAMILY: Sarah Earle is undergoing major surgery and will be unable to do many things for several weeks. We've organized a Meal Train to help her and her family. You can sign up with this link (or by using the QR code): <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/mv42w6> At the moment we have three weeks of meal dates. More may be added later as needed. Thank you for helping your fellow sister in Christ and her family!



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Celebrate the mothers and fathers in your life by changing lives! When you fill a baby bottle with spare change, cash, or a check, you are helping LifeClinic provide free and confidential medical services, parenting education classes, and resilience support to anyone in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Pick up a baby bottle today and return it to church by Father's Day, June 15th. Bottles are on the table in the back of the church. Thank you for your generous support!

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: On June 8 we will be giving special recognition to the members of Trinity who graduate from high school or college this year. This recognition will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service. Please wear your cap and gown as well as any medals, stoles, or cords you may have received. Meet in the church basement by 10:15 a.m. Recognition for the 8th-grade graduates of Trinity Lutheran School will also take place during this service.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you had your picture taken for the Church Directory, you will be able to pick up your copy next Sunday, June 1, at the back of the church. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase for \$10 in the office beginning Monday, June 9. If you would like a copy, please call the church office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Treasures in Heaven

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells that we are to "*lay up for [ourselves] treasures in Heaven.*" (Matthew 6:20). What are treasures in heaven? Someone once said that the only things we can take to Heaven are the things we've returned to God. Words on an old gravestone read: "What I spent, I used; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have." Obviously this person had much wisdom. He realized that, during his life, only that which was given to the Lord had any lasting value. The things that he had purchased while alive were used up and gone, and the possessions he owned at death were of no good to him now.

We lay up treasures in Heaven when we love and help others. Helping others involves our time, abilities, and money. When we give cheerfully to God through our church, we store up treasures for ourselves in Heaven. As the epitaph said, "What I gave, I have." God is blessed and honored through our faithful giving. When we are ministering to others, we are doing the work of the Lord and making investments for eternity. All that we do in Christ's name for Him stores up treasures in heaven.

Trinity Is Looking



For a long-term substitute teacher for Mrs. Setula's maternity leave! Come work with preschool children, 4-5 years of age for the beginning of the school year!

We are looking for someone who...

- has, or is working toward a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education
- Is 18 years of age or older
- Experience working with children
- Has availability Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm starting in August & continuing until November (Tentatively)



Join Us & Send your resume to:

rsteffey@trinitymonitor.org
OR call 989-662-4891 for more information!



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

WE'RE HIRING

GSRP PRESCHOOL AIDE

Come join our team! We are looking for an energetic, loving preschool aide to work with students ages 4-5 years old.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have Child Development Associates or working towards one
- Must be 18 years of age or older & some experience working with kids.
- Must be available Monday-Friday 7:45am-3:30pm. Starting in August, 2025.

INTERESTED?

Contact Director Rebecca Setula at rsteffey@trinitymonitor.org OR call 989-662-4891




Veterans of Foreign War

MEMORIAL DAY Cemetery Schedule

May 26, 2025

- 9:30 am --Fremont Cemetery
- 9:55 am --Lutheran Home Cemetery
- 10:15 am --Auburn Veteran's Memorial
- 10:30 am --St. Anthony's Cemetery
- 10:55 am --Zion Lutheran & Beaver Twp. Cemetery
- 11:15 am --St. Valentine's Cemetery
- 11:35 am --St. Anne's Cemetery Linwood
- 11:55 am --Calvary Cemetery
- 12:10 pm --Heavenly Rest Cemetery

Linwood /Kawkawlin Post 6950 & Ladies Auxiliary

"ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, WE HONOR AND REMEMBER THE BRAVE HEROES WHO SACRIFICED FOR OUR FREEDOM."