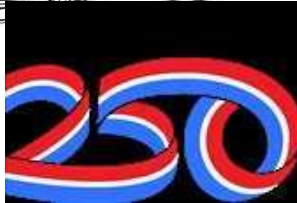
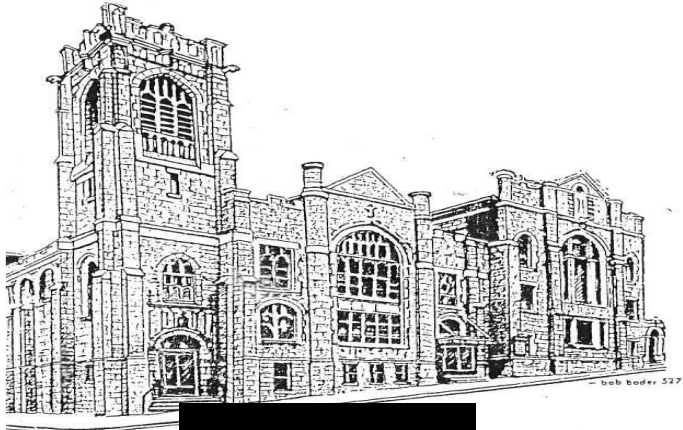


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## Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin  
to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness,  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

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

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
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.  
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.**

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Prelude:** Reflections on America

**James Southbridge**

**Entrance hymn:** God of Our Fathers

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## God of Our Fathers

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Your love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
make your strong arm our ever sure defense;  
your true religion in our hearts increase;  
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace,  
until at last we meet before your face.

## Greeting

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Worship Assistant: In peace, let us pray to our Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant: 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 our Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Congregation: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free  
to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day:** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12 Celebrate Insert

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14 Celebrate Insert

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a Celebrate Insert

**Congregation:** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th Chapter

**Congregation:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Celebrate Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

**Congregation:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Chris

**Hymn of the Day:** **America (Next Page)**

# America

My country, 'tis of Thee,  
Sweet Land of Liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let Freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet Freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of Liberty,  
To thee we sing,  
Long may our land be bright  
With Freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by thy might  
Great God, our King.

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things are made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate  
of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**And his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offering

**Anthem:      Battle Hymn of the Republic (9:30)  
Senior Choir**

**Peter Wilhousky**

## Offertory Response: #182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a  
harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather  
the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our  
table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

**Prayers**

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:(sung)**

**And also with you.**

Pastor:

Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:(sung)**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation:(sung)**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation:(sung)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor:

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**Congregation:**

**And also with you.**

Pastor:

Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

### Hymns during communion:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

### **Communion Hymn: #482 I Come with Joy**

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## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion  
4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er  
5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in  
fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.  
strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.  
live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Pastor:            May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
                      Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Canticle Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with  
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**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.**

**Blessing**

Pastor:            **The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                      The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
                      The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace  
                      In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**  
Congregation: **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Worship Assistant: **Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.**  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn: #888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

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## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

**Organ Postlude**

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Trinity has been so blessed by the generosity of our members, family members and friends through their monetary donations in the form of memorials or honorariums.

Each week, individuals have an opportunity to support our Worship Ministries by sponsoring altar flowers, bulletins, and radio/digital broadcasts in honor or in memory of a loved one. Altar Flowers are \$35.00, and Bulletins, and Digital Ministry are \$30.00 each; Radio Ministry is \$50.00

(Radio Ministry half-sponsorships are also available). (Please contact the church office at 570-622-9910 to reserve your date.)

### **Altar flowers provided by: Forget Me Not Florist**

*Altar flowers* are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of my father, Jack Hoffman, on his birthday, July 7th, by his son, John.

Also in loving memory of my sister, Mia Wapinski, on her birthday, July 11th, by sister, Megan Staller.

*Bulletins* are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Jack Hoffman on his birthday, July 7th, by wife, Barbara.

*Children's Bulletins* are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of deceased class members, by Craft Class.

*Radio Ministry* is presented to the Glory of God

*Digital Ministry* is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Scott Haffey on his birthday, July 10th, by mom, Sharon.

### **MEMORIALS**

#### **Digital Ministry**

*In memory of Frances Thomas by Betsey Lord*

*In memory of Frances Thomas by Cecelia Angst*

#### **Bendle Scholarship**

*In memory of Jim Honicker by Amie & Michael Tobash*

*In memory of James Riotto by Amie & Michael Tobash*

## Prayer List

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**Military Personnel:** Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Elizabeth Chattin, Ryan Devaney, Noah Elison, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Wil Hanson, Edward Mady, Tom McMurtrie, Ryan Miller, Ashton Muncy, Allison Ney, John Nomland, Aaron Oswald, Eddie Padinski, Kevin Potts, Larry Reedy, Zachary Reichert, Michael and Stephen Reier, Steven Sleva, Nicholas Starner, Jamie Watt

**Family Members/Friends:** Kathy Abraham, Karen Alban, Joseph Alfonsi, George Allison, Michael Allen, Catherine Eleanor Ambrose, Michelle Ambrose, Mackensie Archibald, Millie Bachert, Bonnie Baker, Martha Balboa, Kathy Addy Banks, Sando Barnes, Lisa Bashore, Kathy Bauers, Bob & Christine Baum, David Bechtel, Dennis Benjamin, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Pastor Jim Berggren, Tawnya Bickelman, Heather Boltz, Linda Borchardt, Ron Boris, Bobby Bowers, Xavier Bowman, Bernie Bremer, Doug Broughton, Robert Bruce,

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**Those who mourn:** Especially the family and friends of Ardis Martin

*\*Members are encouraged to call the church office to place individuals on our prayer list. If an individual is not a member of Trinity, we will place them on the Family Members/Friends list for a period of two weeks. If an individual needs to remain on longer, please call the church office. Thank you!*

**TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Saturday, July 4th</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, July 5th</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Monday, July 6th</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Volleyball</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 7th</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Exercise Club</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Staff &amp; Records Meeting</b>
<b>Friday, July 10th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Exercise Club</b>

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor/LLM</u></b>	<b><u>Worship Assistant</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>
<b>Saturday, July 4th</b>	<b>Pastor Chris/ Bob</b>		
<b>Sunday, July 5th</b>	<b>Pastor Chris/ Bob</b>	<b>Zach Jefferson</b>	<b>Pat Wishousky</b>

***STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

*Adopted by the Congregation  
January 25, 1998*

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**Robert Thomas, a LLM, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation.**

**TLC July 4—July 10, 2026**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bulletins: 7/19/2026, 7/26/2026**

**Radio Ministry: 7/5/2026, 7/19/2026**

**Digital Ministry: 7/12/2026, 7/19/2026**

If you would like to sponsor any of the dates above, please call Melissa in the church office (570) 622-9910

**BOYER'S KEY CARDS**



Boyer's is changing the way they do the Caring & Sharing Rebate Program. They will no longer be using the key cards. You must register for their Boyer's Reward Program and assign their designated charity to the account. If you would like to help the church you can register Trinity Lutheran Church as your charity. Thank you for continuing to help!

**PARKING**

If you are a member and would like to park in the lot while you run an errand in town, please either call the office or stop in to let us know. In a few weeks we will be enforcing the signage that is posted in regards to parking. Thanks so much for your cooperation in the matter.



# SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date, more than 70 shawls have been distributed to recipients experiencing difficult times. Please keep that ministry in mind if you identify someone in that situation. Anyone is welcome to pick up and deliver a shawl/blanket/lap cover to anyone in need. Please just sign out in log so each recipient doesn't receive duplicates. As pages are filled, please just place new one on top, but filled pages are always available. Anyone talented in crocheting and knitting is welcome to participate so this ministry can continue. Start-up supplies are available in the Prayer Shawl room off Main Sunday School for your use. Thank you.

## Recycling Projects

Please continue to save newspapers, prescription and non-prescription glasses and sunglasses. We are also restarting our collection for pull-tabs from aluminum cans. All your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and will continue till the end of the year.

## Butterfly Release

The Butterfly Release, Hospice of Central PA, will be having a Butterfly Release, Sunday July 12, 2026 at Bubeck Park, Washington Street in Schuylkill Haven. The program begins @ 2:00PM & lasts approximately one hour.

There will be a Memorial Program, snacks, bottled water, & crafts will be provided. The Butterfly Release is a symbolic gesture of hope, transformation, & remembrance. Give the name & donation of a loved one in Memory or in Honor of, & contact Lisa Kimball ASAP @ 717-303-5381. Names of loved ones will be included in the 2026 keepsake program, which will be given out that day.



## Stuff the Bus

During the month of July, the United Way will be hosting their “Stuff The Bus” for the collection of school supplies for our area students. Trinity will join them in that effort in the later part of June through July.

There will be a display in the Main Sunday School room. Suggested

School Supply Donations for Stuff The Bus: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, notebooks, packs of paper, folders, book bags, dry erase markers, hand sanitizer, highlighters, erasers, backpacks, pencil cases, etc.



**Next Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, July 30th.**

## SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

### July

On **7/9**: we are going to the Reading Museum and then out to lunch. Departing Trinity at 10am. On **7/12**:

Shannon is back again for a beach themed paint party at 2pm in the Lower Social Hall! The cost is \$25/person.

On **7/29**: Join us here at church from 6pm-7pm for an ice cream social. Come make a sundae or float it's a great way to beat the heat this summer!

In August we will be doing a used book sale here at the church if you are looking to donate any of your books you don't read, we will accept them. Thank you. Proceeds will go to the church.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Night at the Reading Phillies

Trinity night at the Reading Phillies! Sunday, August 2nd. We will be in the Moyer Auto Group Deck like we were last year. The buffet will from 4:15pm-6:45pm with the game starting at 5:15pm. The Phillies are playing the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Join us for



a great day at the ball park! Cost is \$36/person for your ticket. If you are interested, please stop by the office or call 570-622-9910.

## MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us Tuesday, July 21st at 6pm for a Mini Golf Tournament at Heisler's Dairy Bar. We are looking at 12 teams of 4 to participate.

Don't worry if you can't find a group of 4 you can still sign up and we will find you a group! The cost of the tournament is free, but there will be food and ice cream you can purchase at Heisler's.



If you are interested please sign up in the church office or Call Amie Tobash at 570-617-4501.

**Please check your bulletin inserts for upcoming events and ways to volunteer your time and talents.**



# Celebrate

Sunday, July 5, 2026  
6th Sunday after Pentecost

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

## Prayer of the Day

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You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

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*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter  
Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from  
Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to  
the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of  
the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood  
of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from  
the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold,  
O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to  
you double.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14; refrain, Ps. 145:8

The LORD is gra-cious and full of com-pas-sion, the

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The LORD is gracious and full <sup>|</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>|</sup> steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are <sup>|</sup> good to all,  
and your compassion is over <sup>|</sup> all your works. **R****

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
and your faithful <sup>|</sup> ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory <sup>|</sup> of your kingdom  
and speak <sup>|</sup> of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know <sup>|</sup> of your power  
and the glorious splendor <sup>|</sup> of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through- <sup>|</sup> out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in <sup>|</sup> all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all <sup>|</sup> those who fall  
and lifts up those who <sup>|</sup> are bowed down. **R**

## Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it

is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”