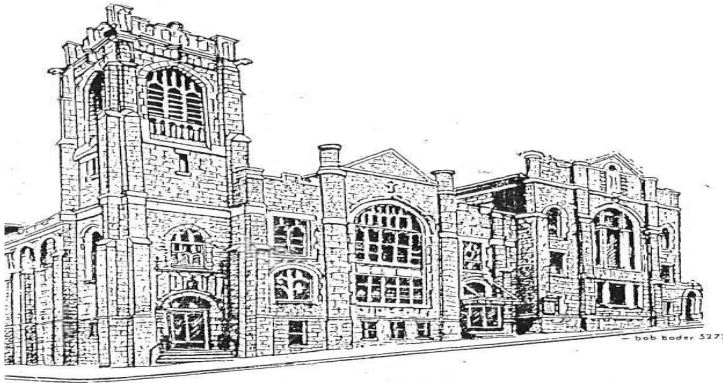


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July 18-19, 2026

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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 of the Holy Spirit.

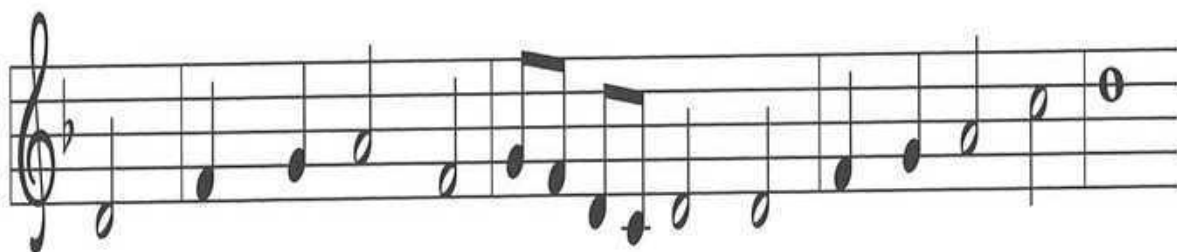
Congregation: Amen.

Prelude: Land of Rest Lani Smith

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Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

605



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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

Cantor: Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy:

Cantor: Chri—ste e—le—i—son:

Congregation: Christ, have mercy:

Cantor: Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy:

**Congregation: *Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**1.Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**2.Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayers.**

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**3.For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

***Final refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the Highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and
peace to God's people on earth.***

Prayer of the Day: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:	Isaiah 44:6-8	Celebrate Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 86:11-17	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Romans 8:12-25	Celebrate Insert

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

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the 13th Chapter.

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

Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Celebrate Insert
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Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon	Pastor Chris
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Hymn of the Day:	#437 On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand	(Next Page)
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On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
 there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
 sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?

Refrain

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;

oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Apostles' Creed

(Saturday & Sunday)

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

Order of Holy Baptism

(Sunday After Service)

We Welcome through Holy Baptism, *Avery Suzanne Dolbin Kurtz*, daughter of *Eric Heinrich & Alica Anne Palmer Dolbin Kurtz*. May God bless this child, her parents and all who are baptized in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Avery's* sponsors are *Stephen Kurtz, Chase Powell, Laura Dolbin Kriehagen, & Raeff Doblin*. The Baptismal Napkin given to *Avery* is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Jean Schraedley*.

Offering

Anthem: I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked (9:30)
Senior Choir

Geoffrey O'Hara

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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, Hosanna, 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.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion hymn: #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

484



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Pastor:

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

Post Communion Canticle #200

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

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: #763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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My Life Flows On in Endless Song

763



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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

Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of George Dillow on his birthday, July 21st, by his daughter, Dorothy Renninger.

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Prayer List

Members of Trinity with immediate concerns: Donna Albert, Andrea Antolick, Cindy Bohr, Gary Bruen, Mike Ciccanti, Susan Fees, Carolyn Gauntlett, Arline Hufnagle, Carole Kline, Richard Kline, Thelma Mansfield, Missy White Marshall, Meagan McGeever, Gail Newton, Owen Rossachacj, Cindy Seltzer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Barbara Wagner, Helen Walasavage

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Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents: Yvonne Blankenhorn, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Louise Gradwell, Dianna Hutton, Mary Leary, Albert Schneider, Linda Shollenberger, Judy Thomas.

Military Personnel: Jacob Barton, Savannah Butler, Elizabeth Chattin, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Wil Hanson, Ashton Muncy Humphrey, Aaron Oswald, Zachary Reichert

Family Members/Friends: Karen Alban, Joseph Alfonsi, George Allison, Mackensie Archibald, Bonnie Baker, Martha Balboa, Bob & Christine Baum, David Bechtel, Dennis Benjamin, Tawnya Bickelman, Heather Boltz, Xavier Bowman, Robert Bruce, Joan Buehner, Jerry & Brenda Christensen, Donna Dando, Hayden Daubert, Donna Dayson, Jackie Dercole, Monique Derfler, Johnny Ebling, Dolores Ege, Neil Eisenhard, John Fees, Ryan Fees, Arlene Fehr, Carol Fenton, Michelle Furman, Jeff Gates, Jamie Johnson, Connie Hale, Maureen Hill, Shalee Hindes-Ball, Melinda Hinnershitz, Brenda Hostetter, Anthony Hughes, Elizabeth Brady Jones, Warren Jefferson, Landon Killian, Keith Kreinhagen, , Carol Lasco, Pastor Burlington Latshaw III, Margaret Ledford, Julia Leibensperger, Regnal Leibensperger, Cindy Liddick, Barry Long, Ronald W. Lord, Helen Love, James Lucas, Christine Masteller, Maria Masteller, Lenny McHugh, Mabel Momohara, Jean Montgomery, Margaret Meyer, Liz Navitsky, Brenda Nungst, John Olfhinski, Pastor Mary Owens, Carolyn Pahira, John Passierb, Patrice, Joy Paterson, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Frank Peron, Sue Petresky, Joe Piazza, Robert Pomian, Ava Potts, Evelyn Potts, Alice Powers, Cheryl Powis, Kathy Pritchard, Daniel Prutzman, James Pryce, Jr., Rachael Rabalais, Debbie Reed, Stacy Reed, Elaine Riotto, Tina Robinson, Derek Roland, Nancy Roshannon, Don Roth, Pastor Stephanie Roth, Andrew Rothermel, Kay Russell, Angel Saez, William Schuettler, Linda Schweigert, Sandy Schlemmer, Anne Schock, Donna Schumacher Katei Schumacker-Cawley, Cameron Schuster, Julia Shemanski, Pastor Jim Seifert, John Smolock, John Sullivan, Charlie Thompson, Faye Tom, Steven Tom, Tammy Uhrin, Charlie Wagner, Carol Weiss, Jean Wenger, Eilene Witmier, Kelly & Jason Yondura, Donna Zermeno, Emily Zick

Those who mourn: Especially the family and friends of Les Blankenhorn.

**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:

Saturday, July 18	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, July 19	9:30 am	Worship
Monday, July 20	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, July 21	10:00 am	Exercise Club
	6pm-8pm	Mini Golf Tournament Heisler's
Friday, July 24	10:00 am	Exercise Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/LLM</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. July 18	Pastor Chris/ Bob Thomas		
Sun. July 19	Pastor Chris/ Bob Thomas	Debbie Sheehan	Desiree Weikel

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

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Meals on Wheels is in need of one or two volunteers to deliver meals each Wednesday on Route 6 which is the Trinity Route. Currently there are less than 10 clients with in the 3.5 radius of Arch St. Meals are picked up at the Senior Center and deliveries take less than an hour. If interested, contact Pat at 272-245-5050.



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.

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 **7/29**: 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!



August

On **8/5** join us as we travel to Turkey Hill Experience in Lancaster. Cost is \$25/person for admission. We will Tour how they make the ice cream then create our own flavor! We will depart Trinity at 10am.

On **8/13** join us as we travel to the Joy Book Store and stop for lunch. The Joy Book Store is a Christian book store with many genres of books. We will also be stopping for lunch. We will depart Trinity at 10am.

8/15 & 8/16 We will be having a used book sale. On the 15th it will be from 5-8pm and on the 16th it will be 12-4. Cost will be paperback books \$1.00 and hard cover \$2.00. The proceeds benefit the church.

On **8/25** we will travel out to Heisler's Dairy Bar for an afternoon of ice cream and relaxation. We will be departing Trinity at 1pm.

8/29 & 8/30 We will be having the backpack blessing for students, teachers, and paraprofessionals.

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.

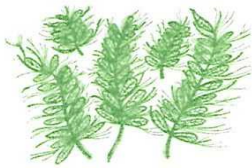
If you are interested please sign up in the church office or Call Amie Tobash at 570-617-4501.



CAR WASH

Sunday, August 2nd the Lady Tide Soccer Boosters are holding a car wash from 10am-2pm at Saunders Real Estate, at the corner of CVS & Sonoco on Rt. 61. Not only is it a carwash, but they are selling Guers Iced Tea, Soft Pretzels, & Crumbl Cookies. Show your support by stopping by and getting your car washed or grab a snack. Proceeds help pay for the pink out jerseys worn in October for Breast Cancer Awareness. See You There!!

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



Celebrate

Sunday, July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost

It is an age-old question: Why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

Thus says the LORD, the King of
Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of
hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let them
proclaim it;
let them declare and set it
forth before me.

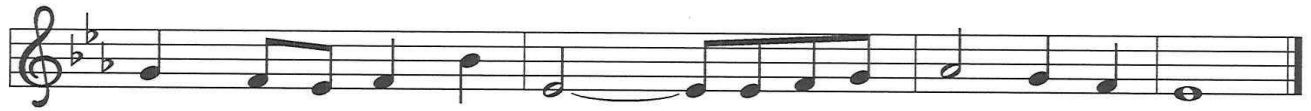
Who has announced from of old
the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old
and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know
not one.

or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 [not printed]

God's deeds of forgiveness and gift of hope indicate that God's faithful people must also show kindness. No other god cares for all people.

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17; refrain, Ps. 86:11



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore. R**

¹³For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child | of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me. R

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry,

“Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation

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waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it

suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"