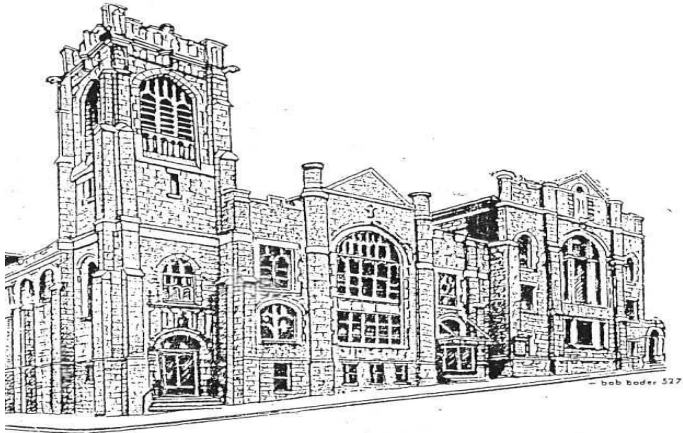


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14th Week of Pentecost
August 29-30, 2026

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Backpack Blessing

Confession

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

Congregation: Amen.

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

Pastor/LLM: 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/LLM: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
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: Justified By Faith

Edward Broughton

Entrance hymn: #873 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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.

Worship Assistant: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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

Prayer of the Day: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Celebrate Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 26:1-8	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Romans 12:9-21	Celebrate Insert

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

Pastor/LLM:	The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th Chapter
Congregation:	Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:	Matthew 16:21-28	Celebrate Insert
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Pastor/LLM:	The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	Bob Thomas, LLM
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Hymn of the Day:	#684 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace	(Next Page)
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Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

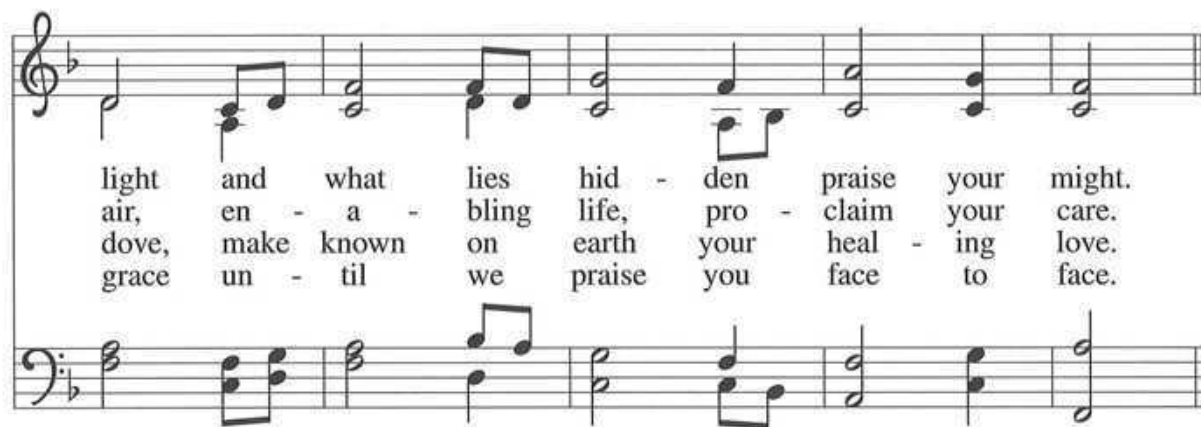
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1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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**

Offering

Anthem:

**I Need Thee Every Hour (9:30am)
Senior Choir**

Stan Pethel

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/LLM:

The Lord be with you.

Congregation:(sung)

And also with you.

Pastor/LLM:

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:(sung)

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor/LLM:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:(sung)

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor/LLM:

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/LLM:

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/LLM:

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation:

And also with you.

Pastor/LLM:

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: #492 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

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Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Pastor/LLM: 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/LLM: **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: #439 Soon and Very Soon

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1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there,
 3 No more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
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 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

*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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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: Bella Floral

Altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Louis Miller on his birthday, September 1st, by daughter, Barb Miller.

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of the children in our family born in August by Cathy Koons.

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 and in honor of our father, Ross Rismiller, on his 87th birthday, by children, Karen & Eric, grandchildren, Morgan, Derek, Kyle, & Julia, and great grandson, Artie.

Digital Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in honor of my parents, Brian & Laurie Tobin, on their wedding anniversary, September 5th, by daughter, Melissa & granddaughter, Madelyn Amburn.

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In memory of Albert Schneider by Alecia Schneider Fox

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PROPERTY/MEMORIAL GARDEN

In memory of Jim Honicker by Catherine Zimmerman

Prayer List

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

Members of Trinity with ongoing concerns: Donald Andrews, Twila Bair, Dolores Barton, Ruth Bensinger, Nancy Berger, Brian Bohr, Josephine Cicero, Carole Coyle, Tom Coyne, Virginia Coyne, Susan D'Ambrosio, Brenda Denning, Jodi Denning, Tony Downey, Paul Ebert, III, Debbie Ebert, Joel Ebling, Benjamin Evans, Wesley Evans, Nancy Fellows, Sharon Fessler, Margaret Gretskey, Jeff Holley, Diane O'Leary-Hughes, Ruth Ann Juranis, Ruth Ann Kerick, Jodi Klein, Kathy Kritak, Christina Linder, Betsey Lord, Dennis Lord, Andrea Madara, William Manness, Margie Mataka, Megan McGeever, Brandon Miller, Adam Morrow, Len Moser, Chester Moyer, Ray Moyer, Collin Pryce, Marilyn Reed, Suzanne Rich, Ruth Russell, Fay Russo, Paula Ryan, Jill Schaeffer, Linda Seiwel, Harold Seltzer, Ida Sheeler, Jack Shuey, Donald Smith, Margaret Snyder, Sally Spotts, Barbara Staller, Terry Stank, Pastor Frank Stinner, Richard Stoltz, Colin Studlack, Jill Weaver, Brock Weber, Ellen Wesnoski, David White, The Willard Family, Mary Jane Wilson, Sissy Wilson, Pat Wishousky, Donna Wood, Karen Wood, Damon Yost

Shut-Ins: Merle Amos, Delight & Paul Ashembrier, Jeanette Augustine, Leah Brokhoff, Earlamay Downing, Marsha Ehlers, Mary Evans, Helen Harvey, Carole Kline, Nancy Schrinier, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Edna Uranko, Carolyn Wire, Kathryn Wodack

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents: Yvonne Blankenhorn, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Louise Gradwell, Dianna Hutton, Mary Leary, 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: Joseph Alfonsi, Michael Allen, 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, Hayden Daubert, Donna Dayson, Jackie Dercole, Monique Derfler, Johnny Ebling III, Dolores Ege, Neil Eisenhard, John Fees, Ryan Fees, Arlene Fehr, Carol Fenton, Michelle Furman, Caitlin Sheehan Gaffney, Jeff Gates, Jamie Johnson, Connie Hale, Krista Hertz, Maureen Hill, Shalee Hindes-Ball, Melinda Hinnershitz, Brenda Hostetter, Anthony Hughes, Elizabeth Brady Jones, Warren Jefferson, Lindsay Kastner, Landon Killian, Kaylynn Klunk, Carol Lasco, Pastor Burlington Latshaw III, Samantha Lease, Margaret Ledford, Julia Leibensperger, Regnal Leibensperger, Rev. Janet Lewis, Cindy Liddick, Barry Long, Ronald W. Lord, Helen Love, James Lucas, Christine Masteller, Maria Masteller, Lenny McHugh, Margaret Meyer, Jess Marie Michael, Mabel Momohara, Jean Montgomery, Caralyn Mummert, Liz Navitsky, Brenda Nungst, John Olfhinski, Pastor Mary Owens, Carolyn Pahira, John Passierb, Patrice, Joy Paterson, Aimee Penny, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, 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, Ethan Selfridge, John Shuman, John Smolock, John Sullivan, Charlie Thompson, Faye Tom, Steven Tom, Tammy Uhrin, Charlie Wagner, Carol Weiss, Jean Wenger, Jane Winne, Eilene Witmier, Kelly & Jason Yondura, Donna Zermeno, Emily Zick

Those who mourn: Especially the family and friends of Karen Alban

**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, August 29	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, August 30	9:30 am	Worship
Monday, August 31	6:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, September 1	10:00 am	Exercise Club
Thursday, September 3	12:00 pm	Circle V Meeting & Trip to
Friday, September 4	10:00am	Exercise Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/LLM</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday, August 29	Pastor Chris/ Lay Minister Bob		
Sunday, August 30	Pastor Chris/ Lay	Brandon Miller	Ed Hauck

***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.

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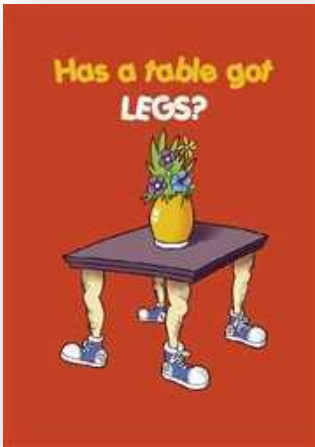
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Bulletins: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

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Digital Ministry: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

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



Apparently, YES!

As the 8 tables (plastic, 6 foot)
Bought for Trinity Hall several years ago
have all disappeared.

Thankfully, one of them recently found its
way home. If you see any of the wayward
children, please encourage them to do
likewise.

DRIVERS WANTED

We are looking for additional volunteers
to join our

Driver Ministry. Our drivers do a special
job of bringing our elderly who are un-
able to get to church on a Sunday morn-
ing for 9:30am service. This opportuni-
ty means the world to them, and they are
truly grateful for the kindness and sup-

port of our volunteers. If you have room in your schedule and
heart, please consider joining this wonderful ministry. Your time
behind the wheel can make a meaningful difference in someone's
life.



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date, 73 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.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. If you are unfamiliar with this outreach, Samaritans Purse takes the boxes that you fill with items for the child and delivers them to the children in the most remote areas of the world. Samaritans Purse shares the joy of being a follower of Jesus to the local people. It is a wonderful outreach program to participate in, and in the past has been very successful outreach here at our church. Thank you to those who participated in the past and we look forward to another successful outreach this year.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Who is ready for an ADVENTURE?

Join us as we kick off our new Sunday School year! Classes are getting ready for all age groups, offering a great space to learn, grow, and connect. as we travel back in time to experience Jesus alive today through the stories of the Bible, with snacks and crafts after our story time.

Called To Freedom - Called To Serve presentation (Celebrating Americas 250th anniversary)

Sunday September 20th at 10:30AM in the Main Sunday school room

Confirmation, First Communion, and Sunday School orientation Sunday, Sept. 27th at 10:30am.

Sunday School and Confirmation/First communion classes will start Sunday Oct 4th at 10:30am

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES...

Come and Join the ADVENTURE!!

Speak with Pastor Chris, Minister Robert Thomas, Minister Candidate Brandon Miller, or Christian Ed chairperson Debbie Sheehan know if you would like to volunteer...

Our kids would love YOUR help!

SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

September

Join us on **Thursday, September 10th** as we travel south on 81 to Harrisburg to dine at Dockside Willies. It is a nice restaurant on the water front. We will depart Trinity at 10am.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Embrace Tomorrow is have a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Embrace Tomorrow Memorial Garden. It will be Thursday, September 10th at noon at 410 Laurel Blvd. It is a memorial garden to honor lives loss to suicide and to support healing and bring hope to those who have survived suicide loss.

Circle V

September: Circle V will resume a regular meeting schedule on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at noon. After an informal mini meeting, we will travel to Providence Place for a 1:00pm social visit, with fellowship, a tour, and refreshments. Several of us will provide transportation to and from.

October: On the October 1, 2026 meeting we will have a program by Martha Fletcher, dietitian at Life Geisinger. The hostesses are Circle V Leaders.

November: On the November 5, 2026 meeting we will have a program by Hemlock Hannah of the Schuylkill Conservation District. The hostesses will be announced later.

Frieda Hoh

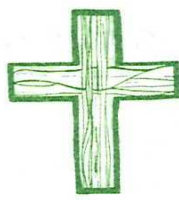
September: This is a correction from the Newsletter. Frieda Hoh will meet on Tuesday September 15th at 6:00pm for our picnic meeting.

October: On October 20th at 6:30pm we will have our Rummageless Rummage Sale. Each member is asked to donate \$5. Hostesses to be determined.

November: On November 17th at 6:30pm we will be making Christmas cards for our shut-ins. Hostess is Susan Morgan.

December: Christmas Party, date & place to be determined.





Celebrate

Sunday, August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me
on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me
away;
know that on your account I suffer
insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate
them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of
merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat
alone,
for you had filled me with
indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful
brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not
what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

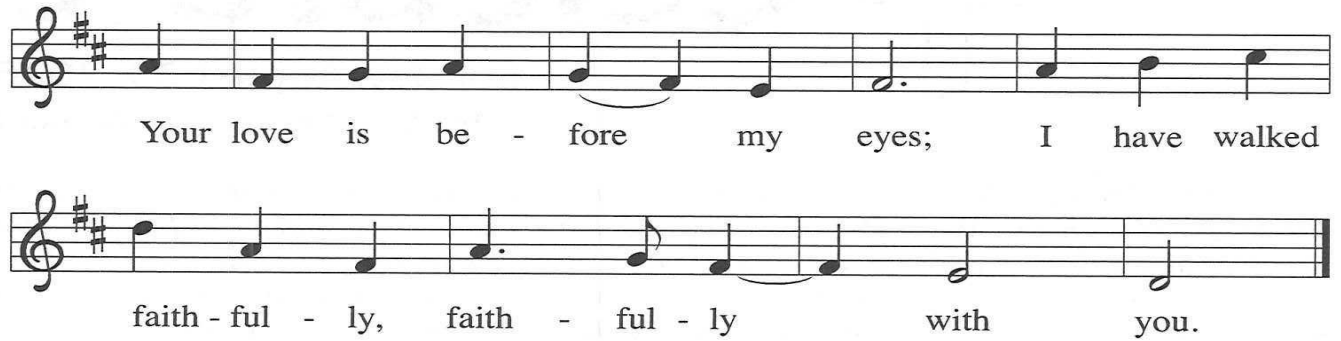
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of
the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of
the ruthless.

Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8; refrain, Ps. 26:3



Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.

²Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;

examine my heart ¹ and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.

⁴I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,

nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful. **R**

⁵I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;

I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,

that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell

and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser

than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."