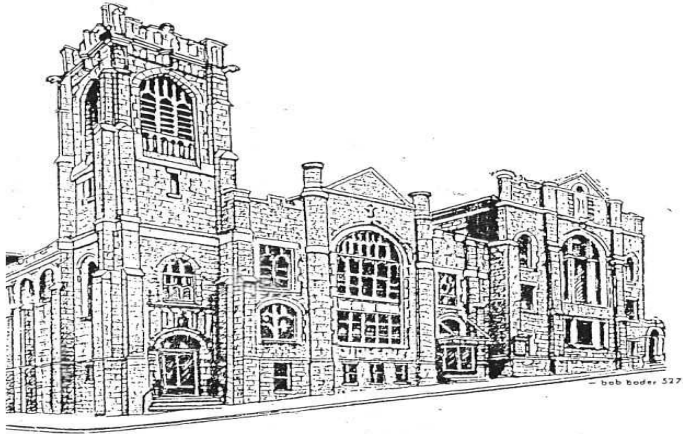


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September 5-6, 2026

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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.
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: A Northwoods Prelude

Gilbert M. Martin

Entrance hymn: #766 Lord of Our Life

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Lord of Our Life

766



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, star of our
2 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing, see how your
3 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; Lord, you can
4 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing, peace in your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: hear and re - ceive your
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their poi - soned
save when dead - ly sin as - sails us; and, in the day when
church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing, peace, when the world its



church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
ar - rows they are hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.
hell it - self ap - palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:
end - less war is wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.

Greeting

Pastor/LLM: 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: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Celebrate Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 119:33-40	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Romans 13:8-14	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 18th Chapter
Congregation:	Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:	Matthew 18:15-20	Celebrate Insert
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Pastor/LLM:	The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	Pastor Chris
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Hymn of the Day:	#453 Baptized and Set Free	(Next Page)
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Baptized and Set Free

453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Nicene Creed

(Saturday)

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.

Order of Holy Baptism

(Sunday)

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We Welcome through Holy Baptism, *Brynlee Grace Zapolsky*, daughter of *Eric & Angel (Uroskie) Zapolsky*. May God bless this child, her parents and all who are baptized in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Brynlee's* sponsors are *Ray & Chris Wampole, Shawna Provost, & Melissa Roth*. The Baptismal Napkin given to *Brynlee Grace* is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Jean Schraedley*.

Offering

Anthem:

We Would See Jesus (9:30)
Senior Choir

Trenton Watkins

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/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.

Communion Hymn: #494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the Bread Which You Have Broken 494

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

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

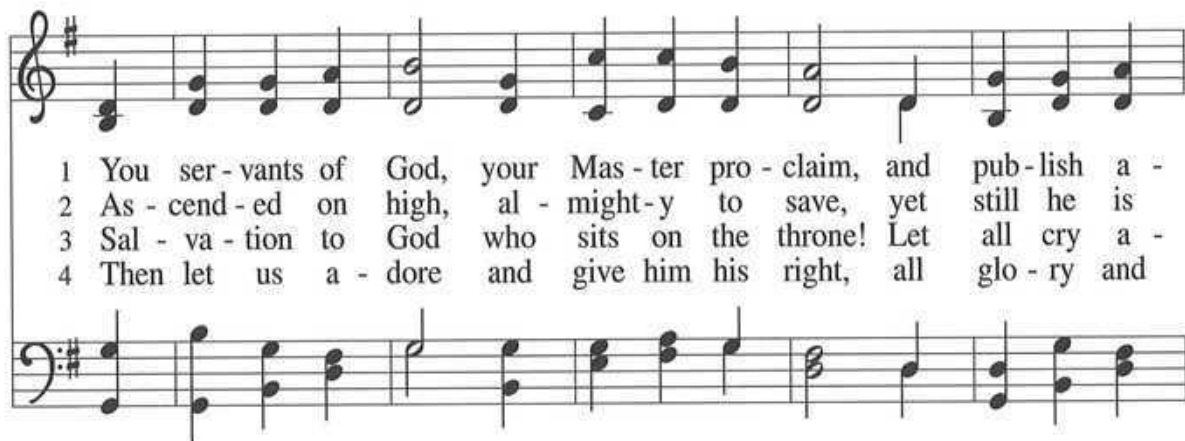
**Pastor/LLM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace
In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.**

Dismissal

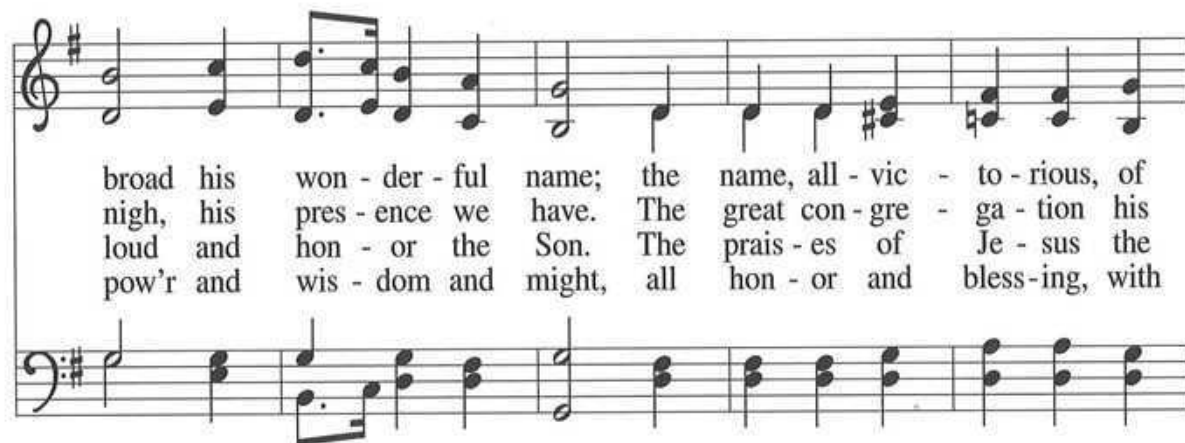
**Worship Assistant: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: #825 You Servants of God

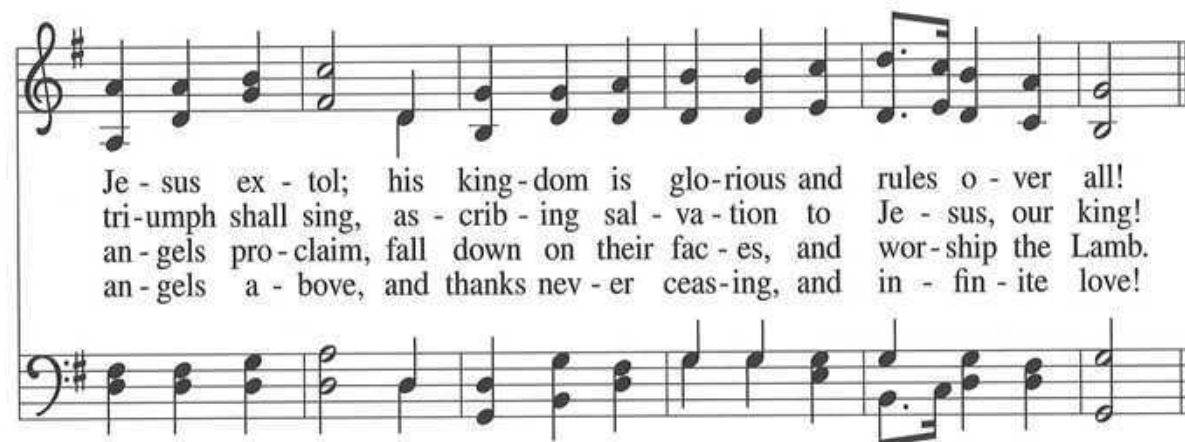
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1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

*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.*

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Those who mourn:

**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, September 5	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, September 6	9:30 am	Worship
Monday, September 7	6:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, September 8	10:00 am	Exercise Club
	5:30 pm	Staff & Records Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 10	6:30pm	Bible Study: Deborah
Friday, September 11	10:00am	Exercise Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/LLM</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday, Sept. 5th	Pastor Chris/ Minister Bob		
Sunday, Sept. 6th	Pastor Chris/ Minister Bob	Mark Laubenstine	Pat Wishousky

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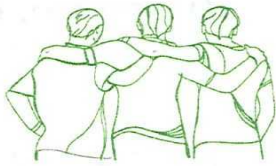
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Robert Thomas, a LLM, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation.



Celebrate

Sunday, September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their

iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?



Teach me, O LORD, the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall ¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ¹ all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees
and not to ¹ unjust gain. R**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding falsehood;
give me life ¹ in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise ¹ to your servant,
which is for ¹ those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach ¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for ¹ your commandments;
by your righteousness en- ¹ liven me. R**

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the

moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen

even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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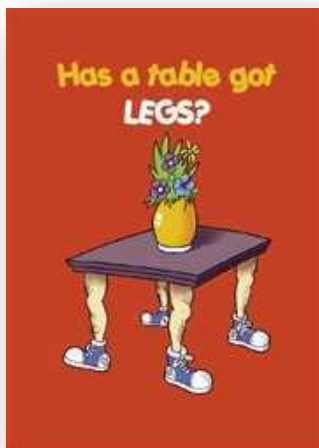
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Radio Ministry: 9/6, 9/13, 9/27

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!

"Let the next generation know the Lord." — Psalm 78:4

SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

September

Join us on **Thursday, September 17th** 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. ***** this is a change from the newsletter. Change has been made due to office vacations.***

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Movie Night: Luther October 25th 4pm Main Sunday School Room. Come see the remarkable true story of Martin Luther—his faith, courage, and the stand that changed history.

Bible Study: Women of the Bible starting Thursday, September 10th, then Monday, September 14, 21, 28, and ending on Thursday, October 1. Bible Study will take place at 6:30pm. If interested see Minister Bob. All are welcome, come as you are, grow in faith with us.

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: **Program is changed due to Hemlock Hannah's personal schedule she will be unavailable until our March 4, 2027 meeting. November Program TBA
The hostesses will be announced later.

December: Thursday, December 3rd meeting will be our Christmas Gift Exchange Meeting.

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.

