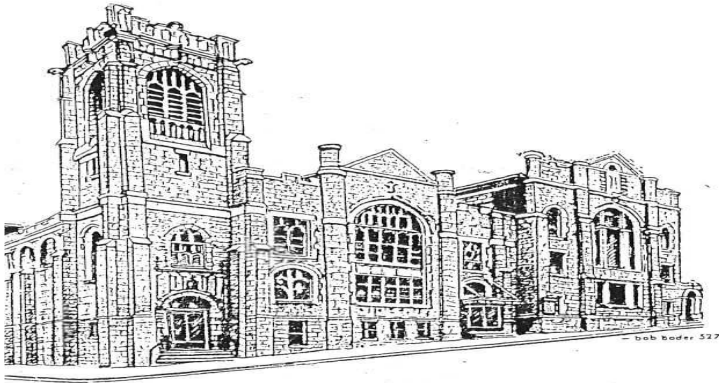


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Confession

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor/LLM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor/LLM: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and 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.

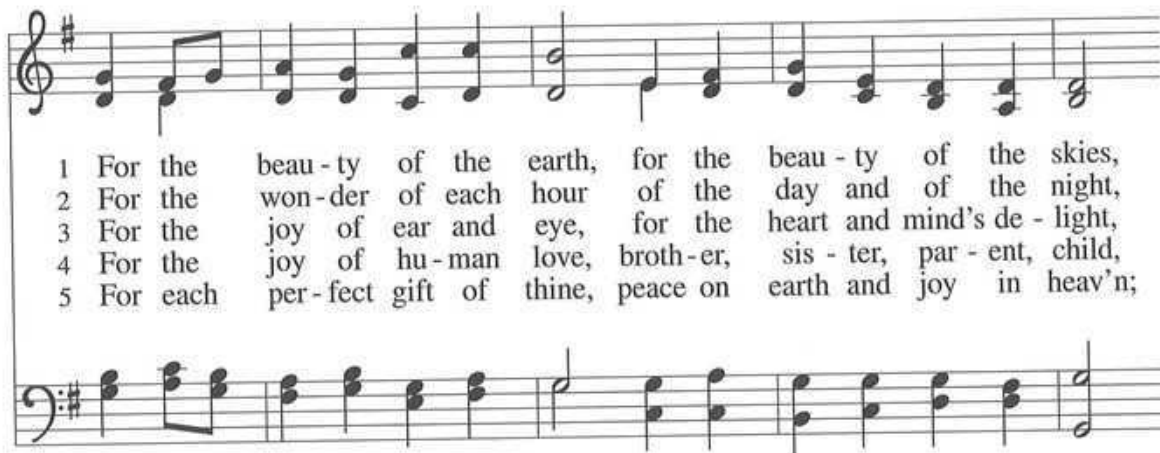
Pastor/LLM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,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

Congregation: Amen.

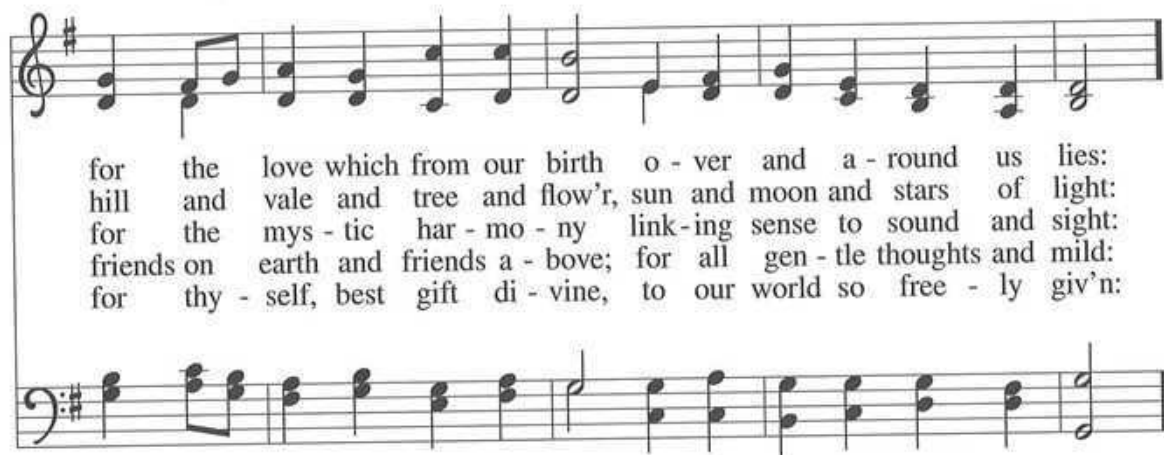
Prelude: Courante G. F. Handel

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For the Beauty of the Earth

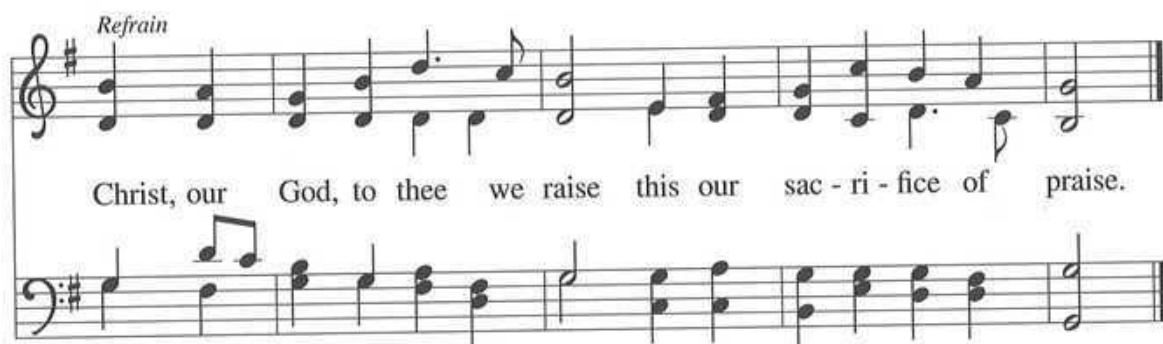


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

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.***

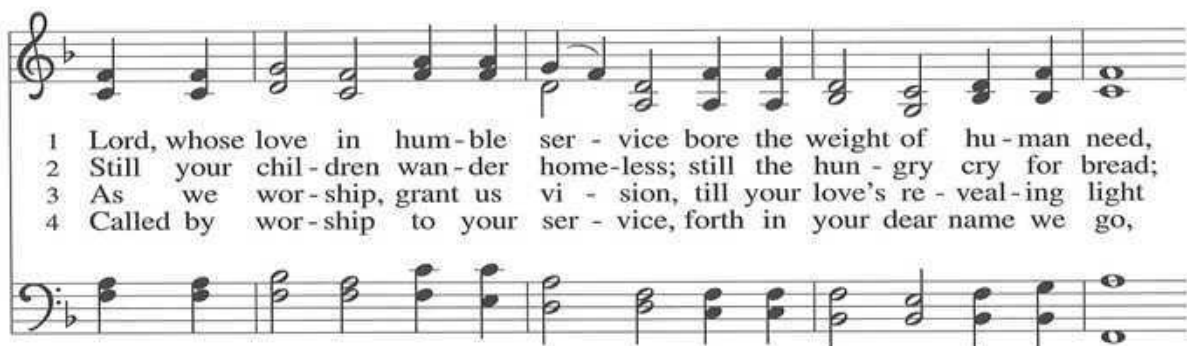
**2.Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayers.**

***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.***

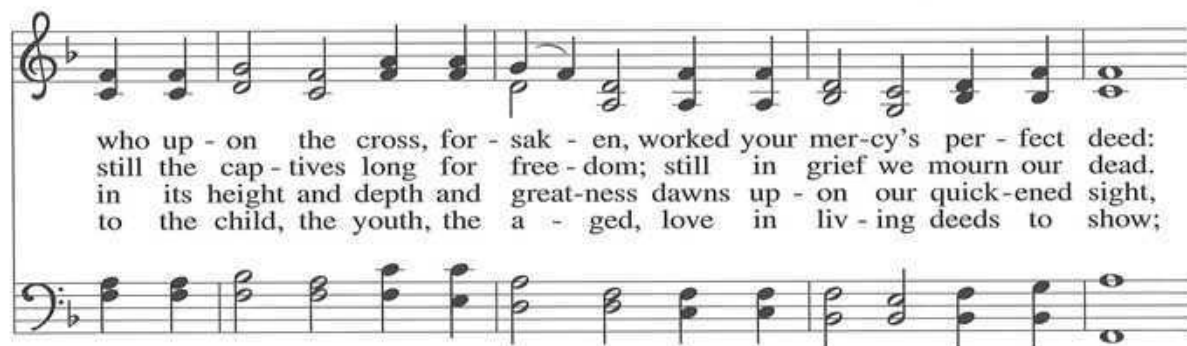
**3.For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

***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.***

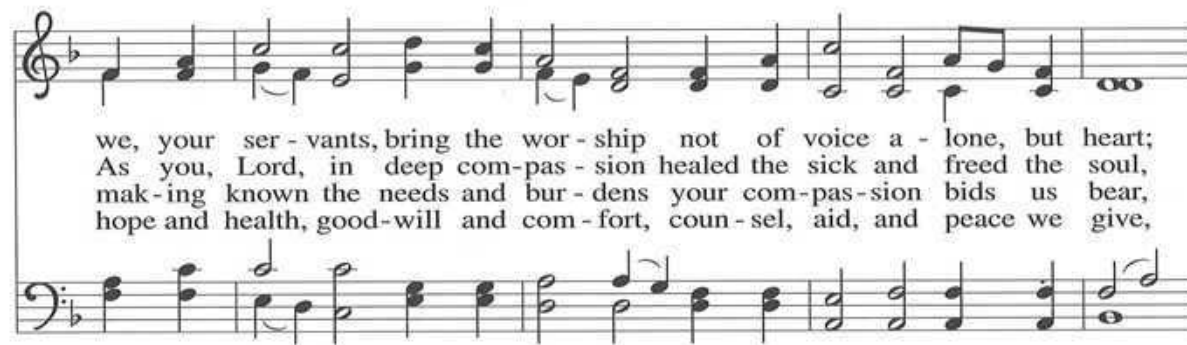
<u>Prayer of the Day:</u>	O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	
First Lesson:	Genesis 50:15-21	Celebrate Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Romans 14:1-12	Celebrate Insert
Congregation:	Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.	
Pastor/LLM:	The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the 18th Chapter.	
Congregation:	Glory to you, O Lord.	
Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35	Celebrate Insert
Pastor/LLM:	The gospel of our Lord.	
Congregation:	Praise to you, O Christ.	
Children Sermon Sermon		Minister Bob
Hymn of the Day:	#712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	(Next Page)



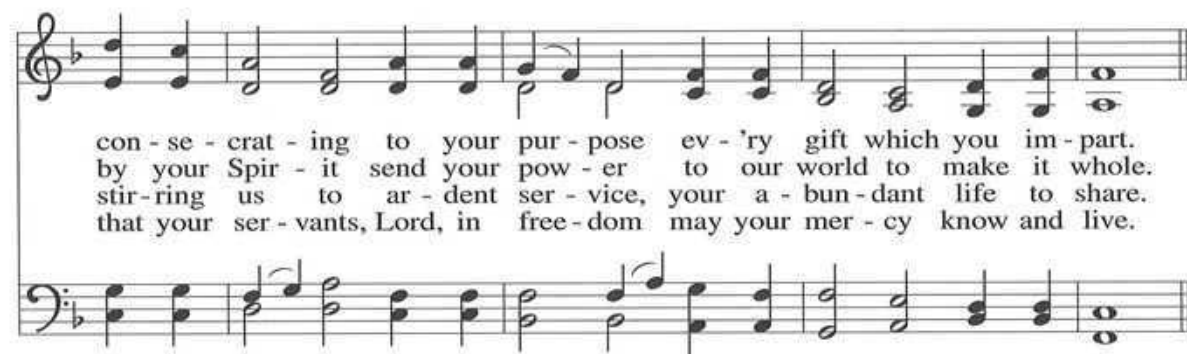
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead,
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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**

Order of Holy Baptism

(Sunday)

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We Welcome through Holy Baptism, *Eli Michael Corcoran*, son of *Ryne & Rachel (Ebling) Corcoran*. May God bless this child, his parents and all who are baptized in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Baptismal Napkin given to *Eli Michael* is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Jean Schraedley*.

Offering

Anthem:

**My Tribute (9:30)
Senior Choir**

Andre Crouch

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, Hosanna, 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: #496 One Bread, One Body

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One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat-tered	and grown,



wom-an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath-ered	to one	for	all.

Pastor/LLM:

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/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: #856 How Great Thou Art

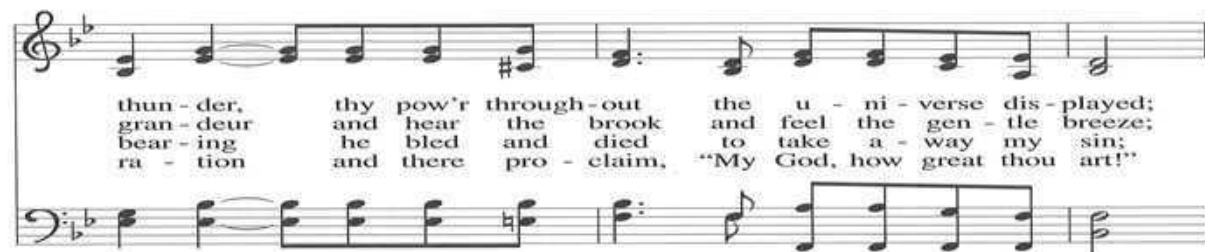
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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars; I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

*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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In memory of James Riotto by Beth Jones

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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

Prayer List

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Those who mourn: Especially the friends and family of Grace Otterbein, Camille Mattera, Ron Downey Jr., Richard Hubler, and Mabel Momohara.

**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, Sept. 12		6:00 pm	Worship	
Sunday, Sept. 13		9:30 am	Worship	
		10:30 am	Church Council Meeting	
Monday, Sept. 14		6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Adult Volleyball	
		6:30 pm	Bible Study: Women of the Bible	
Tuesday, Sept. 15		10:00 am	Exercise Club	
Thursday, Sept. 17		10:00 am	Lunch at Dockside Willies	
Friday, Sept. 18		10:00 am	Exercise Club	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/LLM</u>		<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. Sept. 12	Minister Bob			
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Celebrate

Sunday, September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

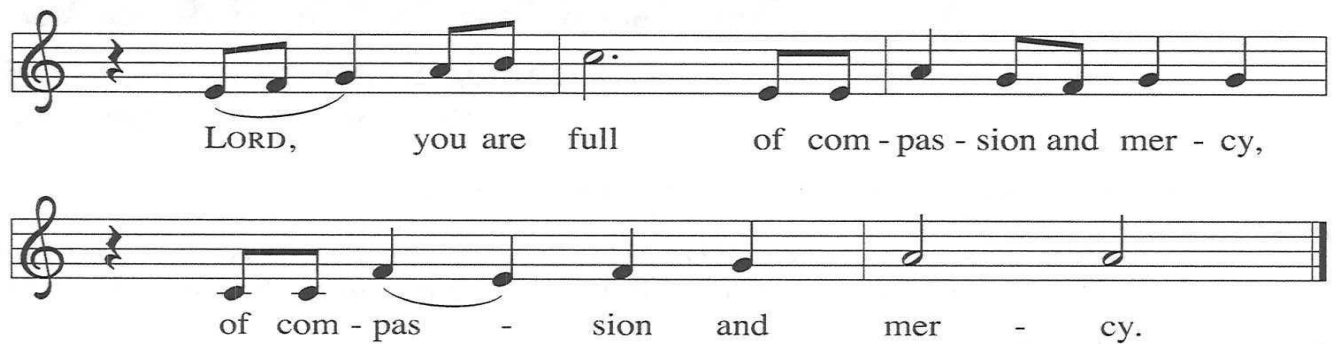
First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his

brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.



- [Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.
- ²**Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—**
- ³who forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your diseases;
- ⁴**who redeems your life ¹ from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast ¹ love and mercy; R**
- ⁵who satisfies your desires ¹ with good things
so that your youth is renewed ¹ like an eagle's.
- ⁶**O LORD, you provide ¹ vindication
and justice for all who ¹ are oppressed.**
- ⁷You made known your ¹ ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- ¹ dren of Israel.]
- ⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- ¹ sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love; R**
- ⁹you will not al- ¹ ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- ¹ ger forever.
- ¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according ¹ to our sins,
nor repaid us according to ¹ our iniquities.**
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high a- ¹ bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for ¹ those who fear you.
- ¹²**As far as the east is ¹ from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- ¹ sions from us.**
- ¹³As a father has compassion ¹ for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear ¹ you, O LORD. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii,

and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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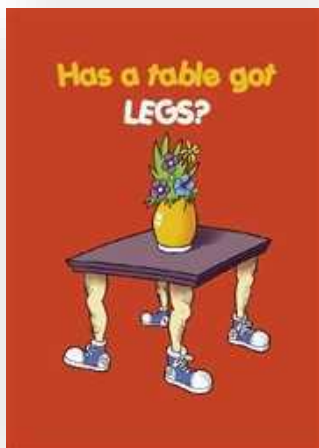
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Radio Ministry: 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

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.

