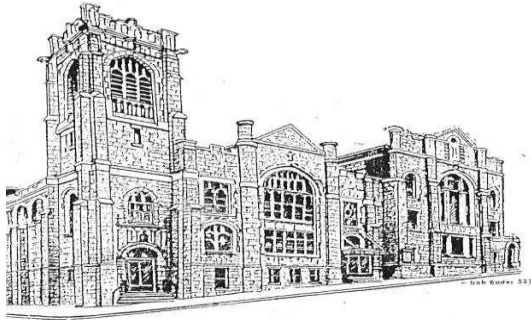


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Confession

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:

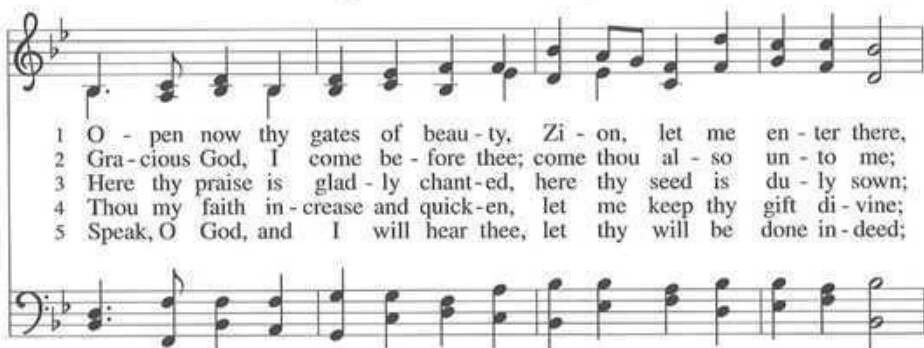
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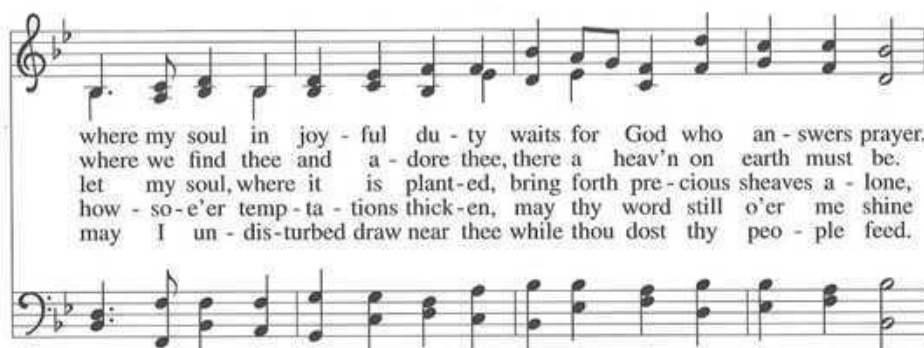
Entrance Hymn:

#533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife,
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:	Isaiah 25:1-9	Celebrate Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 23	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Philippians 4:1-9	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 22nd Chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 Celebrate Insert

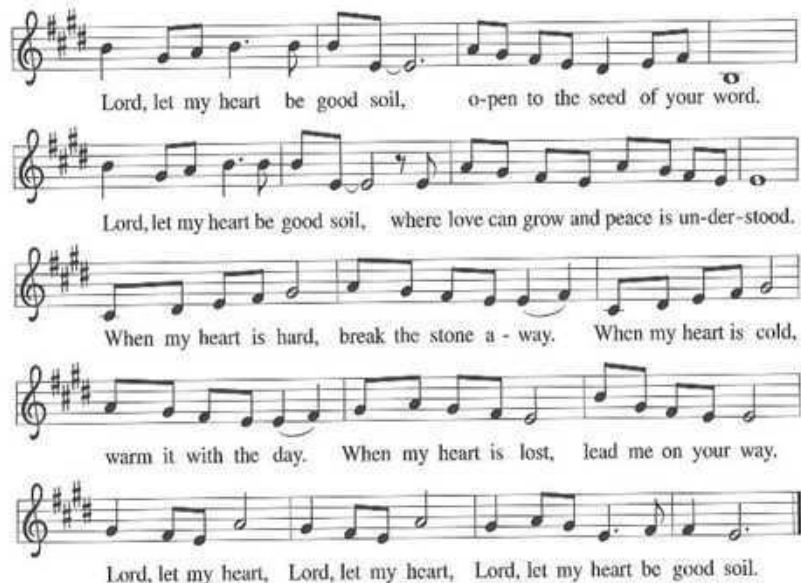
Pastor/LLM: The gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Minister Bob

Hymn of the Day: #512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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: Headin' for the Promise Land Natalie Sleeth
Senior Choir (9:30am)**

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: #502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul - eth he lead - and, the where ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

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: #634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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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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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all,
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

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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 Alda Brady Howells on her birthday, October 15th by daughter, Aldajean.

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our 45th anniversary on October 10th, by Nancy & Carl Berger.

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Radio Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Peg & Al Shukwit and Aranetta & John Wagner, by Barb and Charlie.

Digital Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in honor of my sister, Nancy by Sharon Haffey.

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*

Prayer List

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

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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 Koslosky Buehner, Jerry & Brenda Christensen, Aiden Corby, Jean McHugh Cosby, Rebecca Cronin, Hayden Daubert, Donna Dayson, Jackie Dercole, Monique Derfler, Dolores Ege, Neil Eisenhard, John Fees, Ryan Fees, Arlene Fehr, Carol Fenton, Michelle Furman, Caitlin Sheehan Gaffney, Jeff Gates, Jamie Johnson, Connie Hale, Patricia Hallman, Maureen Hill, Shalee Hindes-Ball, Melinda Hinnershitz, Tim Holden, Brenda Hostetter, 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, Cindy Liddick, Barry Long, Ronald W. Lord, Helen Love, James Lucas, Christine Masteller, Maria Masteller, Lenny McHugh, Margaret Meyer, Jess Marie Michael, Liz Navitsky, Brenda Nungst, John Olfhinski, Pastor Mary Owens, Carolyn Pahira, John Passierb, Joy Paterson, Aimee Penny, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Sue Petresky, Joe Piazza, Ava Potts, Evelyn Potts, Alice Powers, Cheryl Powis, Kathy Pritchard, Daniel Prutzman, James Pryce, Jr., Stacy Reed, Elaine Riotto, Tina Robinson, Derek Roland, Nancy Roshannon, Don Roth, Pastor Stephanie Roth, Andrew Rothermel, Kay Russell, Angel Saez, Michael Scharadin, William Schuettler, Linda Schweigert, Sandy Schlemmer, Anne Schock, Donna Schumacher Katei Schumacker-Cawley, Cameron Schuster, Julia Shemanski, Pastor Jim Seifert, Ethan Selfridge, John Smolock, John Sullivan, Patti Travisano,

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**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, October 10, 2026: 6:00pm Worship

Minister Bob preaching.

Sunday, October 11, 2026: 9:30 am Worship

Pastor Chris, Minister Bob preaching. Zach Jefferson, worship assistant, Pat Wishousky Lector

10:30 am Sunday School, First Communion, & Confirmation

Monday, October 12, 2026: 6:00pm Adult Volleyball

Tuesday, October 13, 2026: 10:00am Exercise Club

Thursday, October 15, 2026: 11:00am Roman Delight Rt. 61

Friday, October 16, 2026: 10:00am Exercise Club

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Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this
congregation.**



Celebrate

Sunday, October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your
name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify
you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their
distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a
shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of foreigners like heat in a
dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of
well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all
peoples,
the covering that is spread over all
nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the
tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited
for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.”

Psalm

Psalm 23; refrain, Ps. 23:5



The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not ¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹ fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever. R**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready,

but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Flowers: 10/25

Bulletins: 10/25

Radio Ministry: 10/18, 10/25

Digital Ministry: 10/18, 10/25

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New Members Classes

Sunday, October 25th & November 1st after
worship, we will meet in the church lounge.

Sunday, November 8th during the 9:30 worship service, new
members will be welcomed into the

Congregation.

Please see Pastor Chris if you have any questions or call the church
office
(570) 622-9910.



Live Nativity: Follow the Star

We would love some volunteers to help with the Live Nativity
again. Meetings will be on 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23,
11/30 at 6:30pm in the Main Sunday School Room. **October 5th**
we will be planning and assigning roles.

Christmas Carnival

Step right up and volunteer for the greatest event with Santa
himself! We need your help! We will need help setting up on
November 6th and take down on the 7th when it is finished. We also
need helpers to man the games and crafts, run tickets and plates,
and bus tables. If you are interested in helping please call the
office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE STATS:

September 30, 2026 Goal: 34 units

36 heroes registered to give

35 units of lifesaving blood were collected

3 First Time Donors

2 Power Red Units Collected

Next Blood Mobile: November 30th

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.

National First Responders Day

We will once again be collecting prepackaged snacks for the first responders. They provide such an incredible service for us, they deserve to be recognized. We will be collecting from now until mid October. We will be delivering the snacks on 10/28/2026.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Who is ready for an ADVENTURE?

Join us as for another year of Sunday School! Classes have already started...and we have room for everyone, 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. For our younger students we offer snacks and crafts after our story time.

Come and Join the ADVENTURE!!

SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

October 8th we will be heading to Kitchen Kettle to do some shopping. It is a great way to do some Christmas shopping!

October 15th come out to lunch with us at Roman Delight on Rt. 61 in Orwigsburg. **October 21st** join us in the St. Clair Halloween Parade. We need people to walk and pass out candy and some to ride on the bus. Sign up in the Church Office. **October 27th** we also will be once again participating in the Merchants Trick or Treat in down town from 4-6. Then we will be in Pottsville's Halloween Parade the same night. If you would like to join us for any of these activities, please sign up in the office or call (570) 622-9910.



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.

November 7th we are looking to do a kids Santa themed breakfast. We will be looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call the church office or see Mike Vigoda

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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.

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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.

