

Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

LUKE 19:38



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## **PALM SUNDAY**

**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. **Activity bags for children can be found in the Narthex.** Please sign our guest book in the Narthex and receive a gift of Trinity Bread from our greeters. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

*Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES** –If you have trouble with hearing, please check with one of the ushers for a Hearing Assist Sound Receiver.

**Prayer As You Enter:** *Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'" ([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No\\_Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).

**BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!**



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



**TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:**

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

**Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:**

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;  
Wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**This is the day that God has made;**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;  
Watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.**

**We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;  
Enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The choice is ever before us: discipleship or rejection, authentic response or play-acting, commitment that will go all the way to a cross or hypocrisy which is a living denial and death.

**Like the fickle crowds of the first Palm Sunday, we need to examine ourselves and question the genuineness of our commitment.**

Let us confess our sin in silent prayer.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us return to God, confessing our sins in the assurance of God's abiding love.

**Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.      Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.    Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.      Lord, have mercy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Let us pray the collect together.

**Eternal God, whose whisper silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us now through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show forth Christ's love in lives committed to your service. Amen.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

The Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God!**

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, **"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Luke 19:28-40

*Jesus arranges for a colt to be brought to him for his entrance into Jerusalem. The disciples hail him as the procession leaves the Mount of Olives and moves on to the city. Some Pharisees standing by urge him to silence his disciples, but he responds that if they were quiet, the stones would cry out.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

SERMON

"Humility in the Wilderness"

Pastor Rankin

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

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 were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

## PEOPLE'S OFFERING

### OFFERING DEDICATION

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to your altar, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated whenever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the Cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise. With angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, the church on earth and the church in heaven we praise you with your holy name:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**



The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.**

## **RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew or ask the ushers to have the pastor and assistant come to you in the pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors, altar guilds, musicians, lectors, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### *SILENT PRAYER*

Let us pray together.

**Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CLOSE OF WORSHIP

### **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we walk the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches of palms that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

### **BENEDICTION**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of Joan Hammer Yohe.

**The Worship Aids** are given by the **Rohrer Family** in loving memory of Nancy Rohrer to mark what would have been her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 14.

## Ministering Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Rice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Pat Sensenig
<b>Koinonia</b>	Paula Dennes
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Evangelism Committee (Betty Tyndall) <b>Called to Care</b> Betty Tyndall <b>Visitation</b> Paula Dennes

<b>Attendance for Sun., April 6</b>	7:45–18	10:30–69	<b>TOTAL – 87</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>19</b>		
<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>17</b>		

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Monday	7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM – Bells
Tuesday	1:00 PM – Prayer Shawl
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Holy Wednesday Service
Thursday	2:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday-Monday	No Preschool
Saturday	11:30AM—Pat Miller Service at the Blue Collar 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	6:00 AM – Sunrise Service 8:00 AM – Eucharist 9:15 AM – Breakfast 10:30 AM – Eucharist

## **Happy Birthday**

**Monday – Zachary Lehman**

**Tuesday – Betsy Bailey, David Krantz, Cherie Cataldi**

**Thursday – Jordan Ditzler**

**Friday – Zachary Baynard**

**Saturday – Gretchen Woerner, Denise Pfeiffer**

## **PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE**

### **MEMBERS**

<b>Lauren LaRouche</b>	<b>Pat Seachrist</b>	<b>Dottie Schadt</b>
<b>Ron &amp; Donna Denlinger</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Carrie Call</b>	<b>John Shelsky</b>
<b>Janice Jenkins</b>	<b>Mid Gockley</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Phyllis Zimmerman</b>

<b>Rhonda Hartenstine</b>	<b>Joann Peck</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Jane Owens</b>
<b>The Lehman family</b>	<b>Mary Lou Shaab</b>	<b>Carmen &amp; Jerry Richards</b>
<b>Donna Wolf &amp; Family</b>	<b>George &amp; Ellie Latsha</b>	<b>Lainie Christensen</b>
<b>Sam Minder III</b>	<b>Betsy Bailey</b>	<b>Hank Fox</b>
<b>Rev. Bob Musser</b>	<b>Donna Zirkel</b>	<b>Danielle Huggins Holbein</b>
<b>Kathleen Sensenig Adams</b>	<b>Betty Tyndall &amp; family</b>	<b>Michael McDonough</b>
<b>Denise Huggins</b>	<b>Erika Otthofer</b>	<b>Rev. Ken &amp; Marilyn Trauger</b>
<b>Ron Becker</b>	<b>Joann &amp; Dawn Garvin</b>	<b>Rev. Jere &amp; Judy Chapman</b>
<b>Arlene Hoxworth</b>	<b>Mary Lou Sturgis</b>	<b>Rev. Bob &amp; Judie Bistline</b>
<b>Betty Fogle</b>	<b>Autumn Shenk</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Marlyn Wible</b>
<b>Himelwright Family</b>		

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**The Family of Pat Miller**  
**Billy Schoffstall** (uncle of Kayla Brennan)  
**Rev. Bill Swisher** (friend of Trinity members)  
**Matthew Davis** (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
**Zach Pfeiffer** (son of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**John Zittel** (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**Carol Rogers** (mother of Jamy Shelly)  
**Jessica Clawser** (daughter of Betty Tyndall)  
**Bishop Nathan Baxter and family** (friends of Trinity Members)  
**Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
**Tom Riley** (friend of Bud McCarty)  
**Ryan Dennes** (son of Paula Dennes)  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**Rev. Pam Illick** (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)  
**Nancy Scholl** (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
**David Haverstick** (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
**Dan Congelton** (friend of Nancy Enders)  
**Audria Husted** (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)  
**Cindy Greiman** (friend of Betty Fogle)  
**Carmen Sweigert** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Marianne Gible** (friend of Trinity)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Ken Hoshauer** (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Kurt Kalbach** (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Mary Call** (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)  
**The Herr Family** (Former Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Harvey Sick** (friend of Judy Chapman)

James Malone & family

Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)

Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

## OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Disasters

World Peace

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

## LENTEN SERVICES 2025 "SHADOWS OF THE CROSS"

Each Wednesday we will focus on a particular event in Christ's journey to the cross. The shadow of the cross looms over every interaction, to give spiritual insight.

April 16/Holy Wednesday Order of Healing (The Shadow of Death): Rev. Jack Esbenshade

April 17 (Maundy Thursday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

April 18 (Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin



Look for the Easter breakfast sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!

The Sunrise Service is in the parking lot, but will be moved to Isenberg Hall if it is raining. Those attending the service are invited to bring your own chair or we will have some available.

## Good Friday Breakfast at YMCA of the Roses

Join us for community gathering that brings people of faith together to mark this important holy day with an inspirational message and ecumenical worship service in keeping with the Christian traditions of the YMCA.

**When:** Friday, April 18 @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am)

**Where:** Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

**Details:** The speaker will be Rev. Dr. John Gordon Smith, Lead Pastor from Lampeter United Methodist Church, along with live music, and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$25 per person.

**We have 3 tickets left!! Call the church office to reserve your ticket.**



**As we have done in previous years, we invite people to place real or artificial flowers on the crosses at the front of the building beginning on Easter morning!**

**THE SERVICE FOR PAT MILLER** will be held on Saturday, April 19 at the Blue Collar Restaurant in Landisville (where we had our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon). The family invites you to arrive at 11:30 a.m. and we will begin shortly before noon.

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** The Board of Deacons decided to support the work of Church World Service (CWS) through this year's Lenten Denial offering envelope. CWS and other faith-based relief organizations have been denied government funding for the important work that they do with refugees. This lack of funding has also impacted the way these organizations put an end to hunger and poverty and respond to natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world. Our offering will be sent to both the national office and the Lancaster office of CWS. You can find that envelope in your box of offering envelopes.

**THE APRIL PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**GRIEF GROUP UPDATE:** Pastor Rankin has scheduled two sessions for the grief groups: April 28 at 1:30 p.m. and April 30 at 7:00 p.m. We will be reading *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred work of Grief* by Francis Weller. If you would like to participate in one or both of the sessions, contact Pastor Chris or the Church office.

**DEVOTIONALS:** The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance. **There are also Lenten devotionals available on the table across from the church office!**

**OPEN DATES FOR KOINONIA:** There are still two open dates for Koinonia during the month of March. The open dates are **April 27, May 4, 11, 18, & 25**. If you could volunteer for any of those dates either use the signup sheet outside the kitchen or call the church office.

**2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **May 4**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **April 27, May 11 & 18**. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.



**TUESDAY, April 22, 1:30 PM**  
Sign-up sheet on table outside office

**2025 CONCERT SPONSORS:** Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.

## A Message from Christian Education for April

“ .. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed. (I Corinthians 15:3a-11, NRSVUE)

The apostle Paul reminds us that as believers we understand Christ's death and resurrection is not based on popular opinion or historical accounts alone; it stands firmly grounded in sacred texts. This connection is vital for strengthening our faith, as it draws us back to the revelations of God throughout history.

During the Sundays in April, Christian Education Classes will be meeting at 9:00 am through Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Trinity's Easter Breakfast will take place on April 20 and classes will not be held.

The Children's Class will be continuing work with SPARK! in the downstairs Sunday School room as we explore additional opportunities in which to engage our children.

Youth and adults are invited to join The Wired Word studies with Diane Rice meeting in the Choir Room, or in a study of Adam Hamilton's The Call – The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul led by Pastor Chris, Sue Bowman and others in Isenberg Hall. Paul's struggle to learn what was expected of him as a person of faith has impacted people the world over. This study invites the participant to hear Paul's story and his message, to reflect on the meaning of his life. At this time of Lenten introspection, we are invited to look within to discern how to respond to God's call to become the people we were meant to be. **Please contact Pastor Chris for a class session link if you will be joining us online.**

Looking ahead this month

On **April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00 am in Isenberg Hall, we are pleased to invite the congregation to hear the **Rev. Dr. Richard Christensen** presenting "**Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, centurions, and tax collectors in the New Testament: Who were all these people really, and why does it matter?**" The Rev. Dr. Christensen has had a long career as a pastor, campus minister, mission teacher in Botswana, and professor of philosophy and the religious history of the United States.



**VBS INFORMATION:** This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 14-18. You can find more information about VBS in the April Parish Post. Volunteer forms are on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, speak to Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

**SPRING BOOK STUDY:** Pastor Chris is planning to do book study this spring (after Easter) via Google Meet. We will be reading Henri Nouwen's book *With Open Hands: Bring Prayer Into Your Life*. Contact the church office or Pastor Chris if you are interested in participating.

**Summer Church Camp:** There are copies of the camp schedule for Nawakwa and Kirchenwald (Lutheran camps) on the table across from the church office. There is also an opportunity to go back to Hartman Center (former U.C.C. camp in Milroy, PA) July 27-August 2. The Rankin family will be participating in the Lutheran camps and the Hartman Center reunion week. Remember....church camp is for all ages!

You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with "Camp Scholarship"**. For more information about church camp, speak to Anne Rankin, Trinity's Certified Camp Liaison.

**Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00**  
**Deadline to Order: April 15, 2025** Pick up at church office.

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**TRINITY PRESCHOOL  
SUB SALE**

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

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lettuce · tomatoes · onions · marinated onions · sweet peppers  
banana peppers · hot peppers · black olives · pickles  
salt · pepper · herb mix · Parmesan

Please make checks payable to: **TRINITY PRESCHOOL**  
Sign-up sheet on table outside office.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS** are available on both floors of the church building. If you have any questions, contact Amy Grube (Trinity Preschool Director) at [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org).

# Trinity UCC Summer Camp

Come Learn, explore,  
and create at our  
Science and Art  
Camp



**Week 1 -Science Camp**  
**9:00-11:30**  
**May 12-May 16**

**Week 2: Art Camp**  
**9:00-11:30**  
**May 19- May 23**



*Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 4 and 5 year olds \$90/week*  
*Tuesday and Thursday – 2 and 3 year olds \$65/week*

Based on a minimum of 8 students  
Tell a Friend!

\*Please submit your check and form below to save your spot!

\*For those new to Trinity UCC Preschool, you will be sent our emergency form, car rider information and permission page to fill out after registering.

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My Child \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_ will attend Science Camp\_\_\_\_, Art Camp\_\_\_\_,  
Both camps\_\_\_\_. Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell#(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Tuition enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

## LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The signature event will be held on **April 27, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at Santee Chapel featuring recognition messages, music, guest speakers, and milestone highlights of the Seminary's two centuries of theological education and community service.

Guest speakers include Dr. Emilie Townes (Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Religion & Black Studies at Boston University School of Theology) and Dr. Teresa Smallwood (Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at United Lutheran Seminary).

**The event is free, but registration is requested. Speak to Pastor Chris if you want to register!** The program will be broadcast via livestream on the LTS website and a reception will follow the event.

The second major event is a concert on **June 1** to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Santee Chapel. More information will be forthcoming!

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on May 20 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

**CHURCH GIVING CARDS:** Since some members give online or on a monthly basis, they don't have anything to place in the offering plate during worship. Pastor Rankin recently shared with the Consistory an idea that he received from a church he visited for a concert. They have laminated cards in the pews for those people to place in the offering plate as their act of worship (you can see a picture below). The Consistory decided to try this after Easter. Look for these cards to be placed in the pews beginning in May! If you have any questions speak to Pastor Rankin, Jeff Hackenberger (Consistory President), or Lon Wible (Chair of Deacons).





**East Petersburg - Scout Troop #33  
(Trinity is the charter organization)**

**Annual Pancake Breakfast FUNDRAISER  
Our 34th annual breakfast!**

**Located at the East Petersburg Mennonite Church  
Saturday, April 26, 2025  
7:00am – 11:00am**

- ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!!**
  - 2 SAUSAGE LINKS (\$1.00 FOR 2 EXTRA SAUSAGES)**
  - COFFEE, TEA, O.J. OR WATER**
- Pre-sale tickets - \$6.00 (2 & under, free)**  
**Stop by the Scout Hut (end of Pine St.) Mondays 7:00-8:00**  
**or, the neighborhood Ticket Blitz on Saturday 4/12/25)**  
**OR**  
**At the door - \$8.00 (2 & under free)**  
**Raffles Available**

**Donations are graciously accepted at the breakfast.**



**Lancaster Stormers Game**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Penn Medicine Park**  
*Stormers vs. York Revolution*



**The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity).**  
**Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account**  
**and those under 4 are free.**

**You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office.**

**We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!**

**Gates open at 5:30 PM – Buffet served. Game – 6:45 PM.**

**Deadline to sign up is June 9**



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**(Lancaster Newspaper Readers' Choice Awards)- 2021**  
**TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS**

**Before you pay your bill, please mention Trinity United Church of Christ and 10% of your bill will be donated to Trinity.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me  
 the tongue of a teacher,  
 that I may know how to sustain  
 the weary with a word.  
 Morning by morning he wakens—  
 wakens my ear  
 to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
 and I was not rebellious,  
 I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the  
 beard;  
 I did not hide my face  
 from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
 therefore I have not been disgraced;  
 therefore I have set my face like flint,  
 and I know that I shall not be put to  
 shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
 Who will contend with me?  
 Let us stand up together.  
 Who are my adversaries?  
 Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
 who will declare me guilty?

**Psalm 31:9-16**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in  
 Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,  
 being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of  
 death—  
 even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the  
 earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL: Luke 22:14—23:56  
 or Luke 23:1-49 [not printed]**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18.

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