



*Mary anointed
Jesus' feet,
and wiped them
with her hair*

JOHN 12:3

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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: *Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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.**

God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks! Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

How good it is to be chosen by God; We gather to sing our praises and thanks.

God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

We are waiting to hear what God would have us do; We are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.

Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water. Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; We press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

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.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Let us pray the collect together.

God of the poor and oppressed, whose mercy and pardon are for all those who put their trust in you, teach us to be faithful to all we have learned from Jesus Christ. We seek the power of resurrection faith and the strength to achieve the goals you set before us. May we answer your call and bear fruit for your realm, attracting others to your loving embrace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the Waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Discipleship 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

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that, even in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. 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

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Jeff Hackenberger
Money Counters	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Pat Sensenig
Koinonia	Bob & Hedwig Hunsicker
Ministries	Card Evangelism Committee (Betty Tyndall)
	Called to Care Betty Tyndall
	Visitation Paula Dennes

The Chancel Flowers are given in gratitude for the altar guild, the bakers of Trinity bread, and those who had it out each week.

The Worship Aids are given in memory of Chuck Portser by **his family.**

Attendance for Sun., March 30	7:45–10	10:30–69	TOTAL – 79
Sunday School	24		
Lenten Service	18		

Happy Birthday

Today – Sammy Minder

Monday – Wendy Harley

Wednesday – Lauren Eyer, Anita Rohrer

Friday – Janet Harriger

Saturday – Roger Bradley

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 7:00 PM – Consistory/Bds.

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Lenten Service

Thursday 10:00 AM – Mercersburg Study Group

6:00 PM – Cub Scouts

7:00 PM – Finance Committee-Choir Room

Saturday 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast

7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Lauren LaRouche

Ron & Donna Denlinger

Janice Jenkins

Rhonda Hartenstine

The Lehman family

Donna Wolf & Family

Sam Minder III

Rev. Bob Musser

Kathleen Sensenig Adams

Denise Huggins

Ron Becker

Arlene Hoxworth

Betty Fogle

Andrea Paulukow

Pat Seachrist

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Mid Gockley

Joann Peck

Mary Lou Shaab

George & Ellie Latsha

Betsy Bailey

Donna Zirkel

Betty Tyndall & family

Erika Otthofer

Joann & Dawn Garvin

Mary Lou Sturgis

Autumn Shenk

Himelwright Family

Dottie Schadt

John Shelsky

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman

Scott & Jane Owens

Carmen & Jerry Richards

Lainie Christensen

Hank Fox

Danielle Huggins Holbein

Michael McDonough

Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger

Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline

Bob & Marlyn Wible

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Family of Pat Miller

Kellie Wilson & Family (daughter of Gail Kogut)

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 Gibble (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

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

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.

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 9 (The Shadow of a Last Chance): Rev. Dr. Joel Hummel

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

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday	Holy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter
7:45 AM - Eucharist	7:00 PM	2:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 AM Sunrise Service
9:00 AM Sunday School		7:00 PM		8:00 AM Eucharist
10:00 AM - Koinonia				9:15 AM Breakfast
10:30 AM Worship				10:30 AM Eucharist

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

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 4 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 175th anniversary luncheon). The family invites you to arrive at 11:30 a.m. and we will begin shortly before noon.

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING: The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast on April 12 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

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

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.

PRAYER SHAWL: The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on April 15 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.



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

A Message from Christian Education for April

“ .. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴ and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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 13th. 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 27th and May 4th**, 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.

WANTED: Mystery Readers For The Trinity Preschool

If you would like to come in to the preschool to be a Mystery Reader, please follow the link below, sign up for one slot, and surprise our students with your favorite children's book. If you have any questions, you can contact Amy Grube, Preschool Director, at preschool@trinityeastpete.org

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AE23A4FBC52-54859987-mystery>

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:

**Sweet Bologna • Ham • Italian • Turkey
Roast Beef • Chicken Salad • Tuna Salad**

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

BREAD OPTIONS:

white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:

mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:

American • Provolone • Swiss

YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:

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.

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.

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.

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 200TH 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 100th anniversary of Santee Chapel. More information will be forthcoming!



Lancaster Stormers Game

June 25th

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

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.



**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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found

in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own; because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.

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