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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Invited and inviting – that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

**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. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. 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.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS/MISSION MOMENT (CROP WALK)**  
*(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.**

Sing aloud, people of God, the Lord fills us with good things.

**Shout for joy, children of the Holy One, God feeds us with the finest wheat and satisfies us with the sweetest honey.**

Do not look to cracked cisterns to quench your thirst, for our God is a fountain of living water, a well overflowing with the water of life.

**Sing aloud, people of God, the Lord fills us with good things.**

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

**Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us.

**God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame.**

Let us silently confess our sin before God.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

**Gracious God, we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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)*

## ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

## COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God of days ancient and new, speak to us your ancient words of wisdom. Help us hear afresh Christ's message of love and servanthood. Soften our hearts to sense your presence. Open our eyes to see your guiding hand. Open our ears to hear your call. Change our lives to follow your path of justice and mercy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-13

*God who has been faithful in leading Israel through the wilderness into a good land, calls upon the heavens to witness the incredible foolishness of a people who, under the flawed leadership of priests, rulers, and prophets, willingly abandon God's life-giving water for leaky cisterns.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### THE PSALTER

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Shout for joy to God our defender; sing praise to the God of Jacob!

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt. Open your mouth, and I will feed you.

But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not obey me.  
**So I let them go their stubborn ways and do whatever they wanted.**

How I wish my people would listen to me; how I wish they would obey me!

**I would quickly defeat their enemies and conquer all their foes.**

Those who hate me would bow in fear before me; their punishment would last forever.

**But I would feed you with the finest wheat and satisfy you with wild honey.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

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

## **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

***Praise be to You, O Christ.***

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **SERMON**

**"Marks of The Christian Community"**

**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**

In joyous thanksgiving for the banquet of life, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter, or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor. We offer these gifts in Jesus' name. 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. Have we not heard? Have we not known? In the beginning, you swept across the earth with your Spirit of life and renewal. When we forgot or neglected your truth, you redeemed us and renewed us. From the earth's first gardens to the mountaintop storms, you have spoken to us, and entrusted us to be your people. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed

your covenant with us, reviving us and reclaiming us through your grace and love. And so, with your people on earth, with all of creation, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise:

**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!**

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your powerful love for the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, welcoming any and all, Christ continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, welcome now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

*(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.**

*(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 need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your 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.**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all elders, deacons, and pastors who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry leaders for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

## SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Loving God, in this Holy Communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CLOSE OF WORSHIP

### BENEDICTION



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers & the Worship Aids are given by Christine Oetama in honor of all the servants of Trinity church, and especially in honor of Ken Zimmerman for his many years of service as Trinity's Church Treasurer.

**Money Counters:** Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk

**Building Trustee:** Hank Fox

**Lector:** Rev. Jack Esbenshade

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Enders

### **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Douglas Hess, Carol Martan, Isabella Woerner

Monday – Kevin Daly, Gregory Gable, Kimberly Knoll,

Kerry Kreider, Hillary Bossert-Davis

Tuesday – Nancy Patton

Wednesday – Mark Shenk

**Attendance for Sun., August 21      8:00–21   10:30–58   TOTAL – 79**

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Thursday      7:00 PM - Lancaster Assoc. Mtg.

Saturday      7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday      7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Eucharist

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The Bossert & Davis families, the family of Sheryl Bell (friend of Pat & Stan Seachrist), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Hedwig Hunsicker, Carmen Richards, Kathy Baker (mother of Kayla Brennan), Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Brian Barr (son of John & Dolly Barr), Sam Minder III, Marlin “Moe” Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Carole Connor, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke’s), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Jim Newcomer (cousin of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever’s brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach’s brother), Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry’s granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger’s brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

**THE SEPTEMBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**VBS MISSION PROJECT :** This year's VBS mission project is the Navajo Water Project Through DigDeep Right to Water Project. You can donate to the offering by marking the special designation box on your offering envelope with "VBS Mission". **Today is the last day to make your donation.**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

**DEVOTIONALS:** The July-September edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

## Trinity Sunday School is Calling You!

Teacher Positions are available at ALL Levels starting in the Fall 2022  
Elementary, Middle/High School, and Adult!

Join the team. Be a part of Christian Education. No experience necessary. Training and mentors are available, if desired.

The only real qualification is to like learning and sharing of the Bible with others.

### Proverbs 22:6 (English Standard Version)

<sup>6</sup> Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it

**NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR:** Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty.



## *Fall Worship Hours*

Starting September 11th

**SERVICE TIMES**

**7:45 AM & 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:00 AM**

**KOINONIA-10:00 AM**



**Calling all Singers and Ringers**

**2022-2023 Season Starts**



September 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir

September 19, 8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

**\*New Singers and Ringers Welcome**

**Contact Michael or Dina Slechta**

**It's time to get ready for the  
2022 East Petersburg Day  
Parade!**

Trinity U.C.C. Catch The Vision...Share The Joy

**Saturday, September 17th**

**Meet at the church at 8:00 AM**

We will be decorating the float on September 16<sup>th</sup> around 6 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin.

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They 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 or Nancy Enders for more information.

## **2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS**

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: September 11, & 18. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: September 11, 18 & 25.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters:** To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

**Ushers:** We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 9:30 a.m. services.

**THE INTERIM COMPARATIVE (6 MONTH) FINANCIALS** for Trinity Church are available on both levels of the church building. For more information, speak to Scott Owens (church treasurer) or a member of the Finance Committee.

# SEEDS, CHICKENS & YOU

*the winning combo to end hunger*



Yabes and her daughter Sifralili are posing happily in their new vegetable garden in West Timor, Indonesia. Just outside the scope of the camera are a rooster, some hens and the chirping sounds of 50 baby chicks.

Before, Yabes struggled to keep her little girl healthy.

*"Sifralili was often sick...I had no water and could not keep our home in a hygienic way...we rarely ate vegetables because we couldn't plant a garden and we could not afford to buy them in the market, either."*

As part of the CWS Zero Hunger initiative, Yabes now has a protected clean water source. She received seeds and training to build a home garden. With the gift of a rooster and three hens, she's now collecting eggs and raising enough chickens to turn a profit. She has saved almost enough to build a latrine for her family.

When you support a CROP Hunger Walk, you are there investing in global neighbors like Yabes with this winning combo for a healthier, more prosperous life.

More mothers like Yabes need your help. Together we can continue to transform communities in Indonesia and around the world. **Give today!**



*\*seeds, tools, chickens & clean water access*

*"Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for in the days ahead you yourself may need much help."*

— ECCLESIASTES 11:1 (TLB)

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

Little Paint Brushes



Markers



Crayons



Tape (scotch, masking, painters)



Paper (construction, printer)



Gift cards to Amazon, Staples, Office Max, Michaels, A.C. Moore for Preschool Director to purchase supplies throughout the year.



**PRESCHOOL SUB FUNDRAISER:** There are still 11 Sub Coupons for S. Clyde Weavers available at \$8.00 each. Please contact the church secretary to purchase them.

**FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**GOSPEL. Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."