



***Do you think that I have come
to bring peace to the earth?***

LUKE 12:51

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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.

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

Prayer As You Enter: *O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



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*
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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.**

Return, beloved of God, to the fold. God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

God calls us by name and awaits our coming. God summons us out of hiding.
Worship the one who longs for our coming. Sing praise to the one who expects our faithfulness.

We call on God, who gives us life. May God's face shine on us to save us.
As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power.

Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Baptized in Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. We confess all of this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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)

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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God of abundant grace, whose judgment is a part of your love for humankind, bring fire among us that we may be united in faithfulness rather than divided by competing interpretations of your Word and our present times. Make us not predictors of the future, but people who practice faithfulness in this present moment. Speak to us now as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

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

PSALTER

Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?”

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Gracious God, whose creative power has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the ministries we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures. In your great love, you stood by us in spite of our disobedience, correcting us with gracious reproof, and welcoming us again into your loving embrace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sings to the glory of your 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!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born of Mary, he came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. To all who believed, he gave power to become your children. In ministry among your own Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living and displayed in his life, death, and rising again to the power of your Spirit.

(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.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 someone near you 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.

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Send your Spirit upon teachers, students, and other school employees as they begin a new school year. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.
Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Anne, Zachary, Rachel, and Andrew in honor of Pastor Chris’ birthday on August 20.

The Worship Aids are given by Janice Jenkins in memory of Ken Jenkins.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Diane Rice
Money Counters	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Steve Gold
Ministries	Deacons Lon Wible Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Rev. Ken Trauger

Attendance for Sun., August 10	7:45–18	9:30–59	TOTAL – 77
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Happy Birthday!
Today – Jane Portser
Tuesday – Thomas Dennes, Chuck Husted
Wednesday – Don Miller, Pastor Rankin, Bohdi Davis
Thursday – Kristen Richards

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday	7:00 PM – Christian Ed. Planning Mtg.
Tuesday	1:30 PM—Grief Group
Thursday	2:00 PM – CROP Walk Planning Mtg.
Saturday	8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist-Order of Healing 9:30 AM – Worship-Order of Healing 12:00 PM – Lunch Bunch at Loxley’s

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Donna Zirkel	Rev. Ken Trauger	Rev. Sandy Morris
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	John Shelsky
Janice Jenkins	Mid Gockley	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Rhonda Hartenstine	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Himelwright Family
Sam Minder III	Harry Himelwright	Rev. Bob Musser
Pat Seachrist	Erika Otthofer	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Betty Fogle	Betty Tyndall & family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Don Miller	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Pastor Harry Royer
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Hank Fox	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen		

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Marjorie Derck (sister of George Latsha)
The family of Dr. Stephen Gould (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)
The family of Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)
Betty Lenker (sister-in-law of Jack & Charlene Cristy)
Janet Latsha (sister-in-law of George & Ellie Latsha)
Claudia Esbenshade (cousin of George DeLong, Jodi Keller, & Denise Gobrecht)
Sherry Kline (former substitute organist at Trinity)
Dennis Amour (father of John & Kayla Brennan’s friend)
Lynnette Fritz (cousin of Betty Tyndall)
Deb Wealand (sister-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)
Andrew Hicks (husband of Katie Weeber)
Billy Schoffstall (uncle of Kayla Brennan)

Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)
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)
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)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)
Terry Kratz (Carol Kratz's husband)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Disasters

World Peace

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

VBS MISSION PROJECT: This year's VBS mission project is the Wycliffe Bible Translators. You can donate to the offering by marking the special designation box on your offering envelope with "VBS Mission Offering". We will receive donations through the end of August.

THE JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building. **The deadline to submit information for the September Parish Post is tomorrow!**

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.

2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to Carol!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE MT. GREтна TABERNACLE: We have brochures available on the table across from the church office with information about the worship services, concerts, and other events at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle this summer!

August 17 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

The

Susquehanna

Chorale One of the premier choral groups in the nation makes its traditional late summer appearance. Directed by Linda Tedford. *Sponsored by Traditions of Hershey*



August 24 Sunday

7 p.m. Concert

QuintEssentially Brass

A quintet with their engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances end another season. *Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.*



CALLING ALL TEACHERS AND HELPERS FOR THE 2025-2026 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY: The Board of Elders would like to meet with members of Trinity Church who are interested in serving in our Christian Education ministry (children, youth, and adults). We are planning a meeting **TOMORROW** from 7-8:00 in Isenberg Hall. We will do some planning for this year (curriculum, teaching schedules, etc.). Look for a sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Rankin or one of the Elders (Sue Bowman, George DeLong, Bob Kilgore, or Karen Olley).

GRIEF GROUP: The next session will be on August 19 at 1:30 p.m. We continue to read Francis Weller's *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred work of Grief*. If you would like to participate in one or both of the sessions, contact Pastor Chris or the Church office.

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING: The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast August 23 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office!

VISITORS FROM SENDAI, JAPAN TO WORSHIP AT TRINITY CHURCH
Professor Yudai Fujino and Mr. Satoshi Hino from the Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan will be at Lancaster Theological Seminary later this month. They will be worshipping with us at the 9:30 service next Sunday. They will also be joining us for lunch at Loxley's! Look for more information in the July/August Parish Post about Trinity's connection with our partners in Sendai!

THE ORDER OF HEALING will be included in both services on August 24!



**Lancaster Association
Mission & Ministry Team**
invites the churches of
Lancaster & Lebanon Associations
to a

SUNDAY
August 24, 2025
2:00-4:00

Summer Ice Cream Social!!!

**RADER PARK
PAVILION AT
Church of the Apostles
1850 Marietta Ave.
Lancaster**

TABLE CONVERSATION TOPIC:
Come willing to talk about the challenges and graces around spiritual formation and education in our congregations for children and adults. How can our Associations encourage experimentation with joint events and programs? Are there organizations in our communities that have educational experiences that can tie into mission as well?
Bring questions and ideas!

See Diane Rice (a member of the Mission & Ministry Committee of the Lancaster Association) for more information!!!

THE JULY-SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES are available on the table in the Narthex.

BOOK STUDY: Pastor Chris is planning to do book study in the coming months 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.

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

You are invited to enjoy the following activities sponsored by the Lutheran Camping Corporation. Speak with Anne Rankin for more information!

2025 Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

September 27	Party with a Purpose at Kirchenwald
October 5	Capture the Flag at Kirchenwald
October 7-9	Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa
October 19	Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa
October 26	Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald
November 2	Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa
November 7-9	Women’s Craft Retreat at Nawakwa
December 6	Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm
January 2-4, 2026	Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald

Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
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SAVE THE DATES

**Lunch Bunch At Loxley's
August 24 at Noon**

Sign-up sheet on table outside the office.

Deadline to sign-up is TODAY!!!



Trinity Preschool Fundraiser

Monday, August 25th

6 – 9 PM

1991 Miller Road

East Petersburg, PA 17520



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.



CHURCH PICNIC: The Parish Life Committee is planning to hold the annual church picnic at the Rapho Township Park on Saturday, September 6 from 4-6:30 p.m. **The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office!**

RALLY DAY will be on Sunday, September 14. The theme will be “Growing Together in God’s Love”!

We will return to our regular schedule:

- 7:45—Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:00---Christian Education Classes for all ages
- 10:00---Koinonia (fellowship time)
- 10:30---Worship (Holy Communion twice a month)

Pastor Chris is planning to sing our VBS songs at the 10:30 service! Watch for more details in the September Parish Post & the weekly bulletins about the kick-off to our Sunday School classes!



THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING TO HAVE A FLOAT AGAIN THIS YEAR!

WATCH FOR DETAILS IN AUGUST AND THE SEPTEMBER PARISH POST TO SEE HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR’S PARADE!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 19, 2025

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk registration is open

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. Program

2:00 p.m. Walk begins

(Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others through the Lancaster Food Hub and Church World Service!

You can register to walk or support one of our walkers at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-east-pete>

The members of Trinity who have already registered to walk are: Mark & Chris Eyer, Hedwig Hunsicker, and the Rankin Family.

Pastor Rankin is once again serving as the coordinator of the Lancaster CROP Walk. Thanks to Mark & Chris Eyer for serving as Trinity's coordinators again this year!

SPECIAL COMMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

August 20--Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died in 1153

Bernard was a Cistercian monk who became an abbot of great spiritual depth. He was a mystical writer deeply devoted to the humanity of Christ who emphasized the inner human experience of prayer and contemplation. He was critical of one of the foremost theologians of the day, Peter Abelard, because he believed Abelard's approach to faith was too rational and did not provide sufficient room for mystery. Bernard's devotional writings are still read today. His sermon on the Song of Solomon treats that Old Testament book as an allegory of Christ's love for humanity. Bernard wrote several hymns that are still sung today in translation, including *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (hymn #274).



Annual Breakfast & *Ribbon-Cutting* ♥

Come for breakfast! Celebrate an astonishing year of supporting and empowering tens of thousands of neighbors and cut the ribbon for our new Outreach Center.



Wednesday, September 10th
8 am

Lancaster County Food Hub
812 North Queen Street, Lancaster

Doors Open: 7:30am Presentation & Breakfast: 8am

Trinity Church is sponsoring a table of 8 for the Lancaster Food Hub's breakfast! We have 4 seats already reserved, so there's 4 more seats available! Contact Pastor Chris if you are interested in attending.



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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: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed

by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

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