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

Today's Theme: Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through 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

THE ORDER OF HEALING will be included in today's service!

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.

Assemble before God, our rock and refuge. Come together to listen, for the voice of our Creator.

The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth. We expect to be changed by God's message to us.

God rescues us from cruelty and injustice. In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

We remember the rich heritage we have received. We give thanks for God's grace and mercy.

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.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, 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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

O God, whose will is broader than our best traditions and whose mercy runs deeper than our finest sympathies, speak your Word to set us free from attitudes that cripple, habits that are hurtful, and dispositions that divide. Enlist us as willing disciples so others may meet Jesus Christ through us. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear, only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON "What Do You See?"

Pastor Rankin

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.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE ORDER OF HEALING

Sentences of Scripture

Blessing of Oil

Act of Anointing (You are invited to come forward to be anointed with oil as a way of receiving God's healing. If you choose not to come forward, then remain seated in a time of prayer and reflection.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALING

We give praise and thanks to you, O God! In Jesus Christ, you have given us life; brought ministry, forgiveness, healing, and peace; commanded the disciples to heal the sick; and continued the healing ministry among us to this day. Keep us mindful of your love and mercy that we may be faithful throughout all our days, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

O God, we cannot forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all you have given us and for all you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others. May healing come to all who suffer and freedom be granted to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world. We pray in the name of 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.

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 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.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to pastors, elders, deacons, staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this congregation in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. 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 and The Worship Aids are given by Robert Siever in memory of MaryLin Siever.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by George & Ellie Latsha in celebration of their 77th Wedding Anniversary on August 28th.

Happy Birthday!

Wednesday – Bradley Olena. Rylan Shelly, Hillary Bossert-Davis

Thursday - Douglas Hess, Carol Martan, Isabella Woerner

Friday - Kimberly Knoll, Kerry Kreider, Gregory Gable, Kevin Daly

Ministering Today

Pastor Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Lector Rev. Jack Esbenshade

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 17

7:45-13 9:30-53

TOTAL - 66

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today 12 Noon – Lunch Bunch – Loxley's

Monday 6-9 PM – Preschool Fundraiser – Son's Ice Cream

Saturday 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Eucharist

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Donna Zirkel Lori Daly 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 Rev. Ken Trauger 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

Kevin & Julie Daly on the birth of Emma Delilah Daly

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Betty Lenker (sister-in-law of Jack & Charlene Cristy)

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 and Jack & Karen Olley)

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

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS FROM SENDAI, JAPAN

Today we welcome Professor Yudai Fujino and Mr. Satoshi Hino from the Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan to our 9:30 service. The Tohoku Gakuin University was founded by Rev. William E. Hoy, an 1885 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary.



REV. PAUL L. GERHARD

Two of the missionaries sent to Sendai were Rev. Paul L. Gerhard (a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary) and Mary Gerhard, the grandson and granddaughter to Rev. W. T. Gerhard (Trinity's pastor in 1867 and then 1868-1870). Paul and Mary were also the brother and sister of Rev. Wiliam S. Gerhard (Trinity's pastor from 1920-23). Paul's wife, Blanche, was the sister to Mary Ault Hoy, wife of Rev. William Hoy. Paul was later

ordained at First Reformed Church in Lancaster, which is where Pastor Chris was ordained.

One more connection to Sendai, Japan.....Revs. Charlie & Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe, Anne Rankin's parents, served in Sendai from 1973-1975. Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe also served as Associate Pastor of Trinity Church from 1989-90. The Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek is currently serving in Japan and we partner with him every year in sending Christmas cards to churches in Japan.

Professor Fujino and Mr. Hino will be attending our luncheon today at Loxley's.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE MT. GRETNA 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 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.



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.

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!

BOOK STUDY: Pastor Chris is planning to do a 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.

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

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.

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.

UPCOMING LEADERSHP SEMINAR: The Pastor-Parish Committee will be sponsoring another leadership seminar in Isenberg Hall on Saturday, October 11 from 9-11:00 a.m. Myka Kennedy Stephens will be returning to do a seminar on leadership strengths. Please sign-up so that we can order the materials for the seminar. This seminar is for all members of the Consistory and the committees/boards of Trinity Church. Speak with Pastor Rankin for more information!



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

SAVE THE DATES



Trinity Preschool Fundraiser

Monday, August 25th
6 – 9 PM
1991 Miller Road
East Petersburg, PA 17520



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 theme for the picnic is a luau! Look for the sign-up sheet 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---Devotions/singing, recap of VBS, and launching our Christian Education ministry for the 2025-26 school year!

10:00---Koinonia (fellowship time)

10:30---Worship (we will be singing VBS songs during the service)

The Sunday School classes will begin on September 21. Look for information in the September Parish Post about the various classes.



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

There is a sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office for those who want to ride the float and those who are willing to donate candy. We are looking for hard candy or gummy candy (chocolate often melts)! We will assemble the bags of candy during Rally Day!



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.

There will be a pre-walk rally at the Church World Service office in Lancaster on Saturday, September 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. Speak with Pastor Rankin if you would like to attend!

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 24—Bartholomew, the Apostle

Bartholomew is mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The list in John does not include him but rather Nathanael. These two are often assumed to be the same person. Except for his name on these lists of the Twelve, little is known. Some traditions say Bartholomew preached in India or Armenia following the resurrection. In art, Bartholomew is pictured holding a flaying knife to indicate the manner in which he was killed.

August 28—Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died in 430

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. Born in North Africa, he was a philosophy student in Carthage, where he later became a teacher of rhetoric. Much of his young life was a debauched one. As an adult he came under the influence of Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, and through him came to see Christianity as a religion appropriate for a philosopher. Augustine was baptized by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. He was ordained four years later and made bishop of Hippo in 396. Augustine was a defender of the Christian faith and argued, against the Donatists, that the holiness of the church did not depend on the holiness of its members, particularly the clergy, but the holiness comes from Christ, the head of the church. Augustine's autobiography, *Confessions*, tells of his slow move toward faith and includes the line "Late have I loved thee."



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 3 seats already reserved, so there's 5 more seats available! Contact Pastor Chris if you are interested in attending. We will need to submit the names of those who are attending the breakfast.

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

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.