



**Those  
who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted**

LUKE 14:11



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

The Sundays after Pentecost, also called “common or ordinary time,” constitute a season of growth in Christian faith, life, and ministry. Nearly half of the Christian year is reserved for this season, which spans the Sundays between Pentecost (50 days after Easter) and Advent (around Thanksgiving.)

Traditionally, the liturgical color of ordinary time is green. Green is the color of nature and growth. It symbolizes the need of Christians to be disciples, persons who live out the values of the gospel and share them joyfully with others. During this time, the scriptural texts, sermons, and hymns are usually directed toward the task of helping us grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and bear good fruit in our witness.

**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. **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:** *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.*



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

## **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.**

Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper. Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before our God.

**It is God who led our ancestors through hard times. It is God who leads us through difficult days.**

Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will. Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

**We will delight in the commandments of our God. We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.**

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**

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**

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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Holy God, at the banquet table we feast every day of our lives, we have been richly fed with good food and homes, education and work, and so many things we take for granted. Feed us now with your glorious presence and with your Word that humbles us, even as we are lifted up to heights we could not have imagined. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 25:6-7

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

### PSALTER

Psalm 112

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

## 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 imitate 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

**“How God Wants Us to Treat Others”**

**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 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.



For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Give wisdom and understanding to the Trinity Preschool staff, the children and their families, and the Preschool Board as we 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**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Beth Bossert** in celebration of Hillary Bossert-Davis' birthday.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Trinity U.C.C.** in gratitude of Karen Karosas' music ministry with us!

## **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Mark Shenk

Wednesday – Lori Gold

### **Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Rev. Sandy Morris
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron & Donna Denlingeer, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk, Sue Bowman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Dave Connor
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Deacons</b> Lon Wible <b>Called to Care</b> Nancy Enders <b>Visitation</b> Rev. Ken Trauger

<b>Attendance for Sun., August 24</b>	<b>7:45–12</b>	<b>9:30–61</b>	<b>TOTAL – 73</b>
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### **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed – Labor Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 PM – Preschool Sneak A Peek-Tiny Tots & 2 Day 6:30 PM - Preschool Sneak A Peek-3 & 4 Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	First Day Preschool – 3 & 4 Day
<b>Thursday</b>	First Day Preschool – Tiny Tots & 2 Day
<b>Saturday</b>	4-6:30 PM – Church Picnic at Rapho Township Park 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
<b>Sunday</b>	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:30 AM – Eucharist

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

#### **MEMBERS**

<b>Donna Zirkel</b>	<b>Lori Daly</b>	<b>Rev. Sandy Morris</b>
<b>Ron &amp; Donna Denlinger</b>	<b>Bob Siever</b>	<b>John Shelsky</b>
<b>Janice Jenkins</b>	<b>Mid Gockley</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Phyllis Zimmerman</b>
<b>Rhonda Hartenstine</b>	<b>Joann Peck</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Jane Owens</b>
<b>The Lehman family</b>	<b>Mary Lou Shaab</b>	<b>Carmen &amp; Jerry Richards</b>
<b>Donna Wolf &amp; Family</b>	<b>George &amp; Ellie Latsha</b>	<b>Himelwright Family</b>
<b>Sam Minder III</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Carrie Call</b>	<b>Rev. Bob Musser</b>
<b>Pat Seachrist</b>	<b>Erika Otthofer</b>	<b>Danielle Huggins Holbein</b>
<b>Betty Fogle</b>	<b>Betty Tyndall &amp; family</b>	<b>Michael McDonough</b>
<b>Denise Huggins</b>	<b>Don Miller</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Marlyn Wible</b>

<b>Ron Becker</b>	<b>Joann &amp; Dawn Garvin</b>	<b>Rev. Bob &amp; Judie Bistline</b>
<b>Arlene Hoxworth</b>	<b>Mary Lou Sturgis</b>	<b>Pastor Harry Royer</b>
<b>Rev. Jere &amp; Judy Chapman</b>	<b>Hank Fox</b>	<b>Kathleen Sensenig Adams</b>
<b>Rev. Dr. Rich &amp; Lainie Christensen</b>		
<b>The Daly family on the birth of Emma Delilah Daly</b>		
<b>The Husted family on the birth of Liam Paules</b>		

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**The family of Dr. Phil Billings** (Pastor Chris' college professor)  
**The family of Rev. Dr. Chuck Maxfield** (friend of several Trinity members)  
**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)  
**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

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

**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". **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DONATE!**

**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!

**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](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org).

**UPCOMING LEADERSHIP 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 on the table across from the church office by September 14 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!



# SAVE THE DATES

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Parish Life Committee is planning to hold the annual church picnic at the Rapho Township Park (960 Strickler Rd., Mount Joy) 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. Here's information about the different classes:**

1. The Children’s Class will meet in the downstairs classroom and will be using the Spark lectionary-based curriculum.
2. The Youth Class will meet in the side room by the kitchen in Isenberg Hall and use resources from the Bible Project website for their curriculum through November.
3. The Wired Word class will be meet in the choir room. Each week they will have a Bible study lesson linked to the latest headlines and current events using appropriate scriptures. Participants can opt in or out of receiving the lesson by email before Sunday. To opt in before the first session, contact Diane Rice with your email address.
4. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the front of Isenberg Hall and will be studying the Gospel of Luke through the Kerygma study series.



**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!

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.**

**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!



# Annual Breakfast & Ribbon-Cutting ♥

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**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 5 seats already reserved, so there's 3 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.

**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.



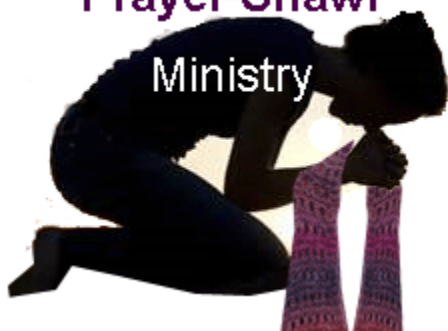


**Thursday, September 18, at 1:00 pm**

It's time to have fun and play Pinochle! Everyone is invited to come on Thursday, September 18, at 1:00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet across from the office. Bring a snack to share. We're happy to teach if you are new to this card game.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



## Prayer Shawl Ministry to Resume:

The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl is resuming meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The next meeting is September 16. Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.





**Tuesday, September 2**

**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872**

Grundtvig was one of two principal Danish theologians of the nineteenth century; the other was Søren Kierkegaard. Grundtvig's ministry as a parish pastor had a difficult start. He was officially censured after his first sermon, though he did receive approval a year later to be ordained. He served with his father for two years but was unable to receive a call for seven years after that. In 1826 he was forced to resign after he attacked the notion that Christianity was merely a philosophical idea rather than God's revelation made known to us in Christ and through word and sacrament. This belief would be a hallmark of Grundtvig's writing. He spent his last thirty-three years as a chaplain at a home for elderly women. From his university days he was convinced that poetry spoke to the human spirit better than prose. He wrote more than a thousand hymns, including "God's Word is Our Great Heritage".



## **Calling all Singers and Ringers 2025-2026 Season Starts**



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



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



**\*New Singers and Ringers Welcome  
Contact Michael or Dina Slechta**



**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](http://LutheranCamping.org) for the most updated calendar!**



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

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**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

Do not put yourself forward in the king's  
presence

or stand in the place of the great;  
<sup>7a</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a  
noble.

*or Sirach 10:12-18 [not printed]*

**Psalm 112**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8,  
15-16**

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that

is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"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; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."