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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

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: *Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

EVANGELICAL & REFORMED HERITAGE SUNDAY: Our ancestors in the faith gathered in Cleveland, OH on June 26, 1934 for the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States. The liturgy today will include prayers and hymns that celebrate our E&R heritage.

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.

The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

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

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore thou those who are penitent according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. 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 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Almighty God, Fountain of all goodness and truth, receive our thanks for the revelation of thy grace, which is able to make us wise unto everlasting life; and mercifully grant, we beseech thee, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy blessing be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honor and praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Elijah's ministry is finished as he is taken up into heaven, and a new chapter begins as Elisha inherits the mantle and the spirit of his teacher. Like the great prophet Moses before them, both Elijah and Elisha part a body of water through the power of the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I cry aloud to God; I cry aloud, and God hears me. **In times of trouble I pray to the Lord; all night long I lift my hands in prayer, but I cannot find comfort.**

I will remember your great deeds, Lord; I will recall the wonders you did in the past. **I will think about all that you have done; I will meditate on all your mighty acts.**

Everything you do, O God, is holy. No god is as great as you. **You are the God who works miracles; you showed your might among the nations. By your power you saved your people, the descendants of Jacob and of Joseph**

When the waters saw you, O God, they were afraid, and the depths of the sea trembled. **The clouds poured down rain; thunder crashed from the sky, and lightening flashed in all directions.**

The crash of your thunder rolled out, and flashes of lightening lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. **You walked through the waves, you crossed the deep sea, but your footprints could be seen. You led your people like a shepherd, with Moses and Aaron in charge.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power of guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“The Past Tells Us Who We Are” Dr. Christensen

(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

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received; accept, we beseech thee, this offering of thy people. Remember in thy love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, 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 very right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You did make us in your own image, and your tender mercies are over all your works.

For all your mercies, known to us and unknown, we give you thanks. Most of all, we praise you, the Father everlasting, for the gift of your adorable, true, and only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who by his appearing has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. We bless you for his holy incarnation, for his life on earth, for his precious sufferings and death upon the Cross, for his resurrection from the dead, for his glorious ascension to your right hand. We bless you for the giving of the Holy Spirit, for the institution of the Church, for the means of grace, for the hope of everlasting life, and for the glory which shall be brought to us in the coming, and in the kingdom of your dear Son.

You, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With matriarchs and patriarchs, apostles and martyrs, with the holy Church throughout all the world; the heavenly Jerusalem, the joyful assembly and congregation of the firstborn on high; with the innumerable company of angels round about your throne, the heaven

of heavens, and all the powers therein, we worship and adore your glorious Name, joining in the song of the Cherubim and Seraphim:
Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

*(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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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 are given by Gary, Brenda, and Harry Himelwright in loving memory of LouAnn Himelwright.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by Cherie Cataldi in honor of Kate & Jimmy's birthday.

The Worship Aids are given by Brenda & Harry Himelwright in memory of Brenda's brother, Art Kissinger June 20, 2017.

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor, John Shelsky

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen **Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

Building Trustee: Nevin Cooley

Altar Guild: Nancy Enders

Attendance for Sun., June 19

8:00–17 10:30–44

TOTAL – 61

Happy Birthday!

Today – John Barr

Monday – James Cataldi

Tuesday – Katie Weeber

Wednesday – Rev. Frank Lantz

Thursday – Kristopher Hillegas

Friday – Bud McCarty, Matthew Minder

Saturday – Raymond Brian, Nancy Enders

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today VBS Planning Meeting after 2nd Service

Monday – Friday 9:00-Noon – Preschool Summer Camp

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

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Eucharist

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Dr. Christensen is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained on June 7, 1970. He has participated in the life of Trinity Church as a lector, an adult Sunday School teacher, and the Children & Eucharist Task Force. Dr. Christensen is involved with the Mercersburg Society and the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society. He has served the following ministries:

- 1998-12 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion; Director of the Mission House Center for Theology, Lakeland College
- 1992-98 Professor of Church History, Phillips Theological Seminary
- 1988-92 Ph.D. in Church History, Union Theological Seminary (VA)
- 1983-88 Pastor, Salem U.C.C., Campbelltown
- 1980-83 Chaplain & Teacher of Religious Ed., Maun Secondary School, Botswana
- 1974-80 Pastor, St. Peter's U.C.C., State College
- 1972-74 Pastor, Congregational U.C.C., Amherst, OH
- 1971-72 Assistant Pastor, Faith U.C.C., State College
- 1970-71 Assistant to Director of Development, Lancaster Theological Seminary
- 1970 Summer Pastor, First Congregational U.C.C., Brookfield, VA

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Dave Miller (husband of Cherie Cataldi-Miller), the family of Elaine Sturgis (friend of Chuck & Sue Husted/Mike & Shelley Wagner), Brian Barr (son of John & Dolly Barr), Sam Minder III, Marlin “Moe” Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Betty Cox (Preschool Teacher), George Latsha, Jane Portser, Carole Connor, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Dick & Sheryl Bell (friends of Pat & Stan Seachrist), Don Miller, Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Betty Fogle, Donna Zirkel, Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Nancy Crawford (Pastor Rankin’s mother), Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Sheldon Paulus (son-in-law of Chuck & Sue Husted), Sean McKelvey & family, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), 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, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Jim Newcomer (cousin of Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), 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, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever’s brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach’s brother), Scott Summers, 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 JULY-AUGUST PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

THIS WEEK'S CAMPERS: Zach & Rachel Baynard will be attending church camp this week. Please keep all the campers and staff in prayer. You can send notes to Zach & Rachel at the following address:

Rachel Baynard---Arts & Crafts
Zach Baynard---Rail Trail Trek
Nawakwa Camp
P.O. Box 459
Arendtsville, PA 17303

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.

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.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: If someone is graduating in your family, please submit their name, school, and future plans with the church office!

Here's what's happening at
Zion Lutheran Church
1905 Broad St East Petersburg, PA 17520



Children's Bible Story Hour

for ages 3-7 from 10am -11am

Please RSVP to 717-569-1359:

by June 29th for July 13th

by July 27th for August 10th

Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian

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

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

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: Beginning in June, we will return 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 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

MT. GRETTA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2022

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

Summer at the Tabernacle

Worship, Speakers and Concerts

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page

June 26 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

New Holland Band Patriotic & Spiritual Favorites, directed by Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch
Formed in 1829, the New Holland Band is the second oldest municipal band in the nation.



July 3 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

An Evening of American Music with locally renowned vocalists Amy Yovanovich and Christyan Seay. Include folk songs, spirituals, musical theater, and patriotic themes.



July 10 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

LeeP Productions presents
"Then Sings My Soul" Beloved
Hymns & Songs Inspired by the Ministry of Billy Graham



July 17 Sunday 7 p.m.

Preacher

Herbert Smith, M.Div., Ph.D Professor of Philosophy and Religion at McPherson College, Kansas will be our Preacher for the evening.

July 24 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

King's Brass

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. King's Brass is one of the premier brass groups in the country. These instruments blend together to create a time of innovative worship that will be enjoyed by all generations.



July 29 Friday 7 p.m. Concert

Special musical program presented by **Joe Martin**, pianist/composer, and his wife **Sue Martin**, soloist at Disney World for 20 years, best known as Ariel in the stage show version of *The Little Mermaid*. A program of sacred and secular music: hymns, Broadway show tunes, film music, and original piano compositions.



July 31 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Massed Choir Composer Joe Martin will direct over 150 voices in a joyous Sunday concert. Sponsored by Losers Music, Inc. and Cornwall Manor

August 3 Wednesday 7 p.m. Hymn Sing

Hymn Sing led by **Bob Kettering** and **Dr. Rod Shearer**. Congregation favorites from the Celebration Hymnal



August 6 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert

Handbell Festival Ringing to the praise and glory of God, under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich. Sponsored by Albright Life.

August 7 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Michael Faircloth recording artist, Christian concert pianist and pianist/accompanist for The National Christian Choir will present a piano concert



August 10 Wednesday

7 p.m. Concert

Brothers in Grace Gospel Quartet

Music Group presentation with a unique Southern Gospel style. Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show



August 14 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Men in Harmony

directed by Nathan Minnich. An all volunteer men's chorus of 20+ voices. Their musical repertoire includes sacred, classical, gospel, spirituals, hymn tunes, and patriotic songs.



August 21 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

The Susquehanna Chorale One of the premier choral groups in the nation, directed by Linda Tedford, makes its traditional late summer appearance. Sponsored by University Music Service of Hershey



August 28 Sunday

7 p.m. Concert

QuintEssentially Brass

A quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another season.



PRESCHOOL SUB FUNDRAISER: There are still 30 Sub Coupons for S. Clyde Weavers available at \$8.00 each. Please contact the church secretary to purchase them.

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: July 17 & August 7, 14 & 28. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: July 10 & 24, August 7, 14, 21 & 28.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY U.C.C.



Join us for fellowship and game between Lancaster Barnstormers and the York Revolution!

GATES OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

GAME/DINNER BUFFET BEGINS AT 6:30 PM



FOOD TRUCKS:

Stoney's Burgers & Fries
Walko Taco
Rock N Treats Ice Cream

Tri-County Barbeque
Next Level Pizza

MAGICIAN (Eric Vera)

AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT



VBS 2022

Crafts VBS Fun
Water
Food Music

No charge.
Register through the
VBS/Rally Day Page at
www.TrinityEastPete.org

VBS 2022 *All Ages*

July 17 3:00 - 7:00 PM
Friendship Fest

July 18 – 21 6:30 – 8:30 PM
VBS


Caretaker And Me Class - Under 5 With Caretaker
Children's Classes - 5 Through Finished 6th Grade
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta
Adult Program - With Rev. Esbenshade
Mission Project - Navajo Water Project Through
DigDeep Right To Water Project

July 22 Closing Program 6:30 PM
With Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program
"Life in the Water"



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July 22 Closing Program 6:30 PM

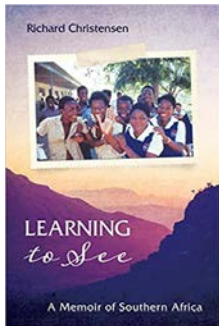
Join Rev. Jack Esbenshade in studying the book, "Living Under Water," by Nevin J. Adams. This book has been described as incorporating various traditions in looking at baptism as a gift to us as Christians, which transcends race and politics. It explores what it means to live under the waters of our baptism. Focus will be on chapters 1 - The Script, 4 - Renouncing Evil, 7 - Identity Politics, and 10 - Race. Let us know in your online registration form, accessed through the VBS/Rally Day page from the church website, if you would like us to try to get a copy of the book for you. If you need help registering, please call the church office.

SNACKS FOR VBS : Please leave the items you sign-up for in the kitchen marked VBS by Monday, July 11. In order to claim an item to donate, please use the signup sheet in hallway or call the church office, at 717-569-1632, or email Carol, at secretary@trinityeastpete.org. Thank you for your generosity.

100% Juice Pops - individually packaged (pack of 24) 2 needed
String Cheese - Individually packaged (4 packs-packages of 12 needed)



Learning to See: A Memoir of Southern Africa by Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen



Teaching in the southern African nation of Botswana in the early 1980s, Richard Christensen faced a new world, one endlessly fascinating and challenging. Experiencing warm hospitality from many people, sharing both joyful celebrations and painful struggles with students, he and his family encountered a deeper sense of the true meaning of

community. Travel in apartheid South Africa and war-weary Zimbabwe gave him a fuller understanding of the reality of oppression and how people of faith endured their plight and kept hope alive. In this experience, so surprising in many ways, he came to a deepened realization of the genuine freedom of the gospel and the hope it affords us. He saw that relationships are what save us, that the salvation of God in Christ is not merely personal and individual, but communal, and that we are thus more dependent upon one another than we realize. Learning to see the world with new eyes, he discovered not only a more expansive vision of the church and the world, but also a more honest and complete understanding of himself as a product of an affluent and segregated society. You can purchase book at either [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [wipfandstock.com](https://www.wipfandstock.com)

Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

Heritage Sunday 2022

Heritage Sunday is a time to celebrate our past. Each of us should take a moment to reflect on the journey that brought us here, to this moment of celebration. Traditions, memories, and moments from the past are part of our story and that story would be lost without the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. Our mission is to collect and preserve historical material, provide educational opportunities, and to make information and resources accessible to all and this cannot be done without your support.

In our walls is a lifetime of history that should never be forgotten or misplaced. We cannot do this alone and we need your support. During this time of celebration, we are asking each church to commit to a minimum gift of \$100 that will be used to preserve our history, ensuring future generations will be able to see where we have been. The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society holds denominational records, records of regional classes, districts, and synods, records of more than 900 local churches, and over 350 manuscript collections. An extensive artifact collection relating to the denominations, and the fields served by them are also housed in our archives.

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society could not operate without the support of its faithful donors and volunteers. Our churches lead by example and by taking the lead you are giving the children who sit in your church today, the gift of faith and knowledge, that one day as adults they will be able to walk through history and visit our past. You can make your gift online, by text, or by using the QR code below. We are proud to celebrate this Heritage Sunday with you and your congregation as we continue to preserve the past and plan for the future!



Scan the QR Code to GIVE NOW



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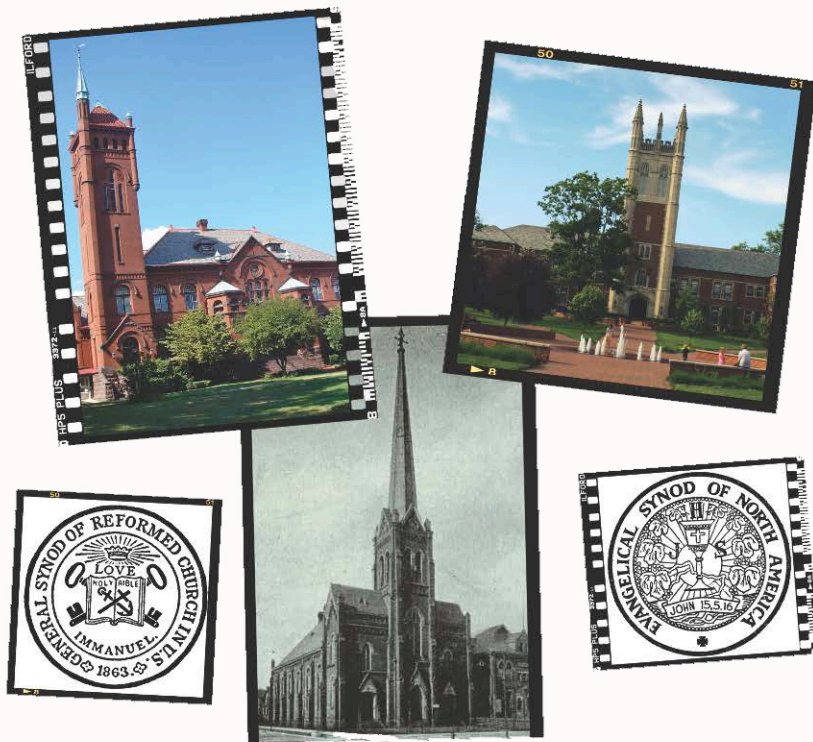


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Heritage Sunday of the Evangelical and Reformed Church



The consummation of the merger of the Reformed Church in the U.S. and the Evangelical Synod of North America was declared during an impressive communion service held at Zion's Evangelical Church in Cleveland, Ohio on June 26, 1934.



FIRST LESSON. 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

SECOND LESSON. Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL. Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."