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WHO  
COMES  
IN THE  
NAME  
OF THE  
**LORD!**

MARK 11:9

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**PALM SUNDAY**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrast: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

***Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.***

**Prayer As You Enter:** *O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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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**Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).

### 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.**

God wakens us to this new day and bids us to enter the gates of righteousness.

**This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith.  
**This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

God causes light to shine on us and blesses our festive procession.

**Blessed is the One who comes in God's name. Hosanna in the highest!**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come and taste the goodness of God!

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

**Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let the hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. 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)*

#### **COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY**

Let us pray the collect together.

**The day is yours, O God, and we rejoice that you have awakened us to share in it. As we hear again the phrases and stories so familiar to us, help us to identify ourselves in the words and actions of people long ago. So touch us that our lives may reflect your teaching, join your parade, and bow down before your glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trust in God's steadfast love.*

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

### **THE PSALTER**

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!  
Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever**

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 2:5-11

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 11:1-11

*After much traveling, Jesus arrives at Jerusalem. Mark structures the Jerusalem narrative carefully, giving Jesus three days before the passion events and three days before his crucifixion and burial. The entire time is filled with parables about his mission and symbolic actions referring to his identity.*

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

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

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

SERMON

“Palms, Passion, and Promise”

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**

What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, gracious God. Our gifts can never match your goodness toward us. Your saving grace, your healing light, your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining! We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are, in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service in Christ's 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.**

We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people. Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin, but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. In the fullness of time you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience,

by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death. We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise your holy 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!**

*(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.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.**



*(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 at the back of the sanctuary 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.

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of all creation, and a world in need.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborist, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give your energy and joy to our pastor, elders, deacons, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

***SILENT PRAYER***

Let us pray together.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to free the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we walk the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches of palms that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

**CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**BENEDICTION**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chancel Flowers & Worship Aids are given by **Nancy Enders** to the Glory of God.

**Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Hackenberger
<b>Money Counters</b>	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	John Shelsky
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Adult Sunday School Class
	<b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin
	<b>Visitation</b> Dottie Schadt

Attendance for Sun., March 17	7:45–14	10:30–83	<b>TOTAL – 97</b>
Sunday School	18		
Lenten Service	18		

### **Happy Birthday**

Today – Kaitlyn Vargas

Tuesday – Mary Lou Shaab, Miguel Serrano

Wednesday – Sue Husted, Gretchen Leinbach

Thursday – Alexander DeLong

Saturday – Tami Lehman, Josie Minder, Christian Fry

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

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

Monday 7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM Bells

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Holy Wednesday Service

Thursday 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Services

Friday 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service

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

Sunday 6:30 AM – Sunrise Service/Eucharist—Parking Lot

8:00 AM – Easter Service/Eucharist---Sanctuary

9:15 AM – Breakfast

10:30 AM – Easter Service/Eucharist---Sanctuary

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

### **MEMBERS**

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman

Bob & Marlyn Wible

Don & Pat Miller

The Lehman family

Donna Wolf & Family

Stan & Pat Seachrist

Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser

Betty Tyndall and family

Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline

Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

Joann & Dawn Garvin

Shelly Family

Hillary Bossert-Davis

Denise Huggins

Nancy Patton

Joann Peck

Mary Lou Shaab

Donna Zirkel

Sam Minder III

Hank Fox

Mary Witmer

Erika Otthofer

Ron Becker

The Fischer Family

Michael McDonough

George & Ellie Latsha

Hedwig Hunsicker

Dr. Janet Harriger

Harry Himelwright

Scott & Jane Owens

Carmen & Jerry Richards

Lainie Christensen

Pastor Harry Royer

Rev. Ken Trauger

Kathleen Sensenig Adams

Danielle Huggins Holbein

Dr. Blaine Connor

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**The family of Elisabeth Fuhrman** (friend of Paula Dennes)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Marshawn Howse** (grandson of Dave & Noreen Trostle)  
**Elizabeth Trostle** (mother of Dave Trostle)  
**Norma Mallard** (friend of Gail Kogut)  
**Tom Chapman** (brother of Rev. Jere Chapman)  
**Annette Stork** (niece of Pat Sensenig)  
**Logan Davis** (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
**Brian & Liz Culp** (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)  
**Jean Weglarz** (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)  
**Melby Bush** (friend of Joan Sensenig)  
**Harvey & Dianne Sick** (friends of Judy Chapman)  
**Aaron Flickinger** (nephew of Pat & Joan Sensenig)  
**Deb Olley Heagy** (daughter of Jack & Karen Olley)  
**Tom Riley** (friend of Bud McCarty)  
**Rev. Loy Garber** (former seminarian)  
**Roland Anderson and family** (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)  
**Gina McCarty** (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)  
**The Bruno family** (friends of Blaine Connor)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**Kelly Quick** (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Marianne Gibble** (friend of Trinity)  
**James Malone & family**  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**Janet Owens** (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)  
**Don Pfeiffer** (husband of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**Jake & Jean Otthofer** (parents of Dan Otthofer)  
**The Martin family**  
**Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards)  
**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)  
**Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)



**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST:** The Parish Life Committee is organizing the Easter breakfast on March 31 from 9:15-10:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. There will obviously be no Sunday School classes that day!



March 27: Holy Wednesday Worship with Order of Healing at 7 p.m.—Pastor Emeritus Harry Royer preaching.

March 28: Maundy Thursday Services at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.—Pastor Rankin preaching

March 29: Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

**SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of ushers and greeters for our 8:00 a.m. Easter service. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.

## Good Friday Breakfast at YMCA of the Roses

Join us for community gathering that brings people of faith together to mark this important holy day with an inspirational message and ecumenical worship service in keeping with the Christian traditions of the YMCA.

**When:** Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am)

**Where:** Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

**Details:** The speaker will be Rev. Jennifer Mattson from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, PA, along with live music and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Call the church office to reserve your ticket.

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

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

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** This year our Lenten Denial Offering is being donated to the international disaster relief charity call ShelterBox. ShelterBox was established in 2000, and partners with Rotary International, providing emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is funded by public donations. A ShelterBox provides more than just a tent but also includes a kitchen set, blankets, ground mats, hats, gloves, scarves, mosquito net, water filtration system, water carriers, solar light box, children's school kit, hygiene supplies and wash basin. It also has a tool kit with a hammer, saw, wire cutters, and rope. The box weighs approximately 110 lbs. and is approximately 2'3" x 1.4" x 11" in size. The price of a ShelterBox is \$1000. As of April 2021, ShelterBox has provided support to two million people since its start in 2000.

**MYSTERY READERS :** Trinity Preschool is looking for Spring Mystery Readers for March and April. Please contact the Preschool through the church office or Email: [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org) to schedule a time to read a book to a preschool class. It's a fun way for Trinity members to support and be part of our preschool.

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**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**TRINITY PRESCHOOL  
SUB SALE**

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

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**Sweet Bologna • Ham • Italian • Turkey  
Roast Beef • Chicken Salad • Tuna Salad**

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**\$8 per Sub Coupon**

**Sign up sheet on table across from the office**

**BREAD OPTIONS:**

white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

**CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:**

mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

**CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:**

American • Provolone • Swiss

**YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:**

lettuce • tomatoes • onions • marinated onions • sweet peppers  
banana peppers • hot peppers • black olives • pickles  
salt • pepper • herb mix • Parmesan

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Please make checks payable to: **TRINITY PRESCHOOL**

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**CHURCH MULCHING:** The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, April 6 @ 8:30 am** to mulch the church property. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Trinity Preschool families and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!



**Thursday, April 11  
1:30 PM**

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, April 16 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

**MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST:** The men will be meeting in April 13 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. This is open to all men of the church!

**KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP:** We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

**2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 7 & 28**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **April 7 & 28**. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.



**NEW DIRECTORY:** Look for a draft of a church directory across from the church office and make any necessary changes by the end of the month!

**CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY:** The Evangelism Committee is in need of more volunteers to provide meals for our members! If you are interested, speak with Pastor Chris!




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**Supporting Families Through the Critical Years**



Rebekah Good Charles  
Laura Demastus

April 9, 7:00-8:30pm

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO WELLNESS**

April 11,  
7:00-8:30pm

CARLY KESSLER



**DE-ESCALATING CHALLENGING SITUATIONS**

April 23, 7:00-8:30pm  
Lori Nimmon



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**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**Concert – 3:00 PM**

Freewill Offering Benefits Ting Ministries



**Music For Everyone Community Chorus And Ukelele Uprising**



## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Even though it is still winter, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. **There is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp (July 28-August 3).** Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.

## SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

April 14, 2:00-4:30 pm



You're invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on Sunday, April 14 anytime between 2-4:30pm. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. **As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!**

*If you have already registered for camp, why not bring a friend or neighbor with you? Show them the camp and get the **Invite-a-Friend Discount** for you and your friend.*

**More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/openhouse>**

**NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF** - The decision to work at camp says a lot about you.

Regardless of the specific role you fulfill within the camp community, your camp staff position will undoubtedly enhance your resume and appeal to future employers.

**APPLY TODAY!**

**More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>**

**Save the Dates:** Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.



**Lancaster Stormers Game (formerly Barnstormers)**  
**May 31, 2024**

**Stormers vs. Charleston Dirty Birds**

The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!



**Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM**

Food Trucks, Games, Fun Activities,  
Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)

Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

**Watch for more details in the bulletins and future Parish Posts!**



# Save The Dates



## VBS 2024

**Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg**  
**[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)**  
**717-569-1632**

**July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**July 19 6:30 PM Closing Program**

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker  
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade  
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, ***"Reach For The Stars"*** reminds us that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, ***"Tradition In Crisis"*** by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how "Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ."

Mission Project - Habitat For Humanity

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**Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.**



**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out  
the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**Psalm 31:9-16**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in  
Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of  
death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL: Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark  
15:1-39 [40-47] [not printed]**