



*My sheep
hear my
voice*

JOHN 10:27

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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



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*

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.**

The shepherd is calling us to new ventures. We are invited to a higher quality of life.

We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys. God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

Come to drink from springs of living water. Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

Surely God will guide our search for truth. We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast!

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God has raised us to new life.

Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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)

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray the collect together.

O God our Shepherd, unknown to us in fleeting glimpses, we live for the moments when your voice is heard and your will is clear. We long to walk with you beside the still waters and to lie down in green pastures. Nourish us now by your Word and Spirit, that we may join the heavenly chorus singing your praises while being of some earthly good to those who cannot hear the joyful sounds. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

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

PSALTER

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Rankin

"The Community of the Risen Christ Listens and Follows the Good Shepherd"

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBER

WORDS OF INVITATION

Pastor: Today we install into the Office of Deacon the following person who has been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. She has accepted has accepted her call and is before us in witness to her willingness to serve.

Deacon (2023-2026): Pam Weeber (unexpired term)

My sister in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church.

Deacons assist and support the Pastor in regards to the stewardship and mission of the church. They aid in and oversee the securing of the funds necessary for the ministry of the church and the support of her charitable and benevolent institutions. They oversee the development of the annual budget, support and management of the endowment funds, and promote outreach through local and wider mission.

THE COVENANT

Pastor: Pam, having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministries are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Pam: I am.

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Pam: I do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our sister in Christ who has answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with her. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

CONGREGATION: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

LAYING ON OF HANDS

(Pam will be ordained as a Deacon. Current and former Deacons are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.)

PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

(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 pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of the Good Shepherd. 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.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy 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

We boldly proclaim: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Surround the Trinity Preschool families and staff with your love and strength as they now begin their summer break. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our nonhuman neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Scott & Jane Owens** in honor of the Trinity members that pray faithfully every day for others.

The Worship Aids are given by the **Brennan family** in honor of Lily's 5th birthday on May 26!

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk, Sue Bowman
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Koinonia	Paula Dennes
Building Trustee	Dave Connor
Ministries	SOT Choir (Anita Rohrer) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Marlyn Wible

Happy Birthday!

Today – Cole Cataldi

Monday – Emilia Derstler, Jeff Hackenberger

Tuesday – Karen Olley, John Shelsky

Wednesday – Erika Otthofer

Thursday – Troy Portser

Friday – Iris Demaio

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Sun., April 27	7:45–22	10:30–67	TOTAL – 89
Sunday School	20		

Attendance for Sun., May 4	7:45–19	10:30–75	TOTAL – 94
Sunday School	22		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday-Friday 9-11:30 AM – Preschool Summer Camp

Monday	9:30 AM—Nominating Committee (Choir Room)
	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells

Tuesday	8:30-11 AM – U.C.C. Ministerium
	7:00 PM – Property Committee

Wednesday	7:00 PM – Finance Committee
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Thursday	10:00 AM-Noon—Mercersburg Study Group (Choir Room)
	6:00 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday	8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM – Silver Singers Concert in Isenberg Hall
	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist
	9:00 AM – Sunday School
	10:00 AM - Koinonia
	10:30 AM – Eucharist

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Rev. Bill Swisher (friend of Trinity members)
Art & Priscilla Hoffman (uncle & aunt of Anne Rankin)
Andrew Hicks (fiancé of Katie Weeber)
Marjorie Derck (sister of George Latsha)
Billy Schoffstall (uncle of Kayla Brennan)
Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Zach Pfeiffer (son of Denise Pfeiffer)
John Zittel (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)
Carol Rogers (mother of Jamy Shelly)
Jessica Clawser (daughter of Betty Tyndall)
Bishop Nathan Baxter and family (friends of Trinity Members)
Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)
Ryan Dennes (son of Paula Dennes)
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)
Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)
Nancy Scholl (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
David Haverstick (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)
Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)
Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)
Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)
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)
Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)
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)
John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Disasters

World Peace

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

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

THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast May 17 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDER FORMS are available on the table across from the church office or in the May Parish Post. **The deadline to order geraniums is May 18!** Pentecost will be on June 8!

TOA at Lititz presents:

The Silver Singers

BROADWAY SHOW HITS

Come enjoy an uplifting performance of your favorite Broadway Show Hits.

The Silver Singers will be coming to East Petersburg to perform a spectacular SHOW!

All are Welcome. Admission is Free.



May 17, 2025 - Saturday @ 3:00pm

Trinity United Church of Christ
2340 State Street - East Petersburg, PA

PRAYER SHAWL: The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on May 20 at 1:00 p.m. (in the choir room due to Isenberg Hall being used for the election. This is the last meeting until fall. Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

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!

A Message from Christian Education for May-June

“.. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’” (Acts 17: 23-28, NRSVUE)

The apostle Paul uses this unknown god as a stand-in for the true God, that although He is unknown to the Greeks, He desires to be known by them. Paul explains that the true God is the real power behind all life.

During the Sundays in May Christian Education Classes will be meeting at 9:00 am through Sunday, June 1st.

The Children’s Class will be continuing work with SPARK! in the downstairs Sunday School room as we explore additional opportunities in which to engage our children. Youth and adults are invited to join The Wired Word studies with Diane Rice meeting in the Choir Room, or in a study of Adam Hamilton’s The Call – The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul led by Pastor Chris, Sue Bowman and others in Isenberg Hall. Hamilton’s study invites us to hear Paul’s story and message, and to reflect on God’s call in our lives to become the people we are meant to be. Chapter 5, “Called to Give” will be starting May 11th. Please contact Pastor Chris for a class session link if you will be joining us online.

Looking ahead in June and July: Celebration Sunday is June 8th when at 9:00am we will join classes in Isenberg Hall to observe the learning and the friendship we have enjoyed during classes this year. We will usher in the 2025 Vacation Bible School theme and partake of some tasty treats!

Vacation Bible School 2025 “The Bible” will be held from July 14-17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm! The Closing Program begins July 18th at 6:30 pm. Through stories, crafts, games, and music, “The Bible” looks at what the Bible is, where it came from, and how to use it. We will be looking at some of the characters whose lives and actions are depicted in its pages, in addition to Jesus’ life, and what it means for us today.

A class for adults will be led by the Rev. Jack Esbenshade. Please find more VBS information in the May Parish Post. Volunteer forms are on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, please speak with Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

VBS INFORMATION: This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 14-18. You can find more information about VBS in the May Parish Post. Volunteer forms are on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, speak to Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

SPRING BOOK STUDY: Pastor Chris is planning to do book study this spring (after Easter) 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.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

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 also the annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp** **Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin, Camp Liaison Person, 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".

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

A major event is a concert on **June 1** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Santee Chapel. More information will be forthcoming!

If you know of someone who was married in Santee Chapel at the Seminary, they are looking for wedding photos and stories to share as part of the celebration. The deadline is May 15. Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

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



Thursday, May 22, 1:30 PM
Sign-up sheet on table outside office!

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

OPEN DATE FOR KOINONIA: We need a volunteer for June 1! If you could volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter or call the church office.

THE APRIL-JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES are available on the table in the Narthex.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:

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

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.



Trinity Preschool FUNDRAISER

**Monday, August 25th
6 – 9 PM**

1991 Miller Road
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WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 19, 2025

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk registration is open

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. Program

2:00 p.m. Walk begins

(Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others through the Lancaster Food Hub and Church World Service! You can register to walk or support one of our walkers at:

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

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

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



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Trinity United Church of Christ

When: Saturday, June 7, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:

Anyone over the age of 40

Special Member Pricing for \$159

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Plus a **FREE** Hypertension Screening

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Call 888-814-0466 and use
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Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hscatext)



Text the word "circle"
to 216-279-1607

SAVE THE DATES

MINI GOLF AT SCOOPS IN MOUNTVILLE

(Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee)

June 1 at 12:30 PM (Lunch first and then mini-golf)

Participants will pay for their own lunch, but the church will pay for the mini-golf!
The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office!



Lancaster Stormers Game

June 25th

Penn Medicine Park

Stormers vs. York Revolution



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!

Gates open at 5:30 PM – Buffet served. Game – 6:45 PM.

Deadline to sign up is June 9

FRIENDSHIP FEST 2025

PRESENTING SPECIAL
MUSICAL GUESTS



Sunday, July 13

Friendship Fest 4-7 PM

FOOD TRUCKS - CRAFT VENDORS

Magician - Face Painter - Bounce House - Games

Concert - Keystone Fiddlers 5-6 PM

2340 State St., East Petersburg

**THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE
CHURCH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7. WATCH FOR
MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS!**

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

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