



# Peace

## I LEAVE WITH YOU

JOHN 14:27



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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION OF CHRIST**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Today's reading from John is the assigned gospel lesson for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and beyond human imagination. We also include two readings assigned for Ascension Day (this coming Thursday). We celebrate that the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We, too, long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

**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:** *Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, 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

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**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.**

We are called to be witnessing people. Testify, then, to God's loving purpose in Jesus Christ.

**Christ is head over all things for the church. We celebrate Christ's resurrection and ascension.**

Worship with eager anticipation of empowerment. Give thanks for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

**This is a day for revelation and renewal. We await the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION OF CHRIST**

Let us pray the collect together.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

## PSALTER

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God  
continue to bless us;**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 14:23-29

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

*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 Looks Outward"**

*(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

For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you called us to do, we give thanks, O God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and an evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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!**

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## **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.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of change, you promised to be with your disciples as they faced an unknown future. Amid graduations and other transitions, sustain your people with your presence and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you console all who are hurting. Help us recognize the deep hurts of grief, loneliness, broken relationships, and trauma in our midst. Guide us in caring for one another. 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**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Pastor Chris, Anne, Zachary, and Andrew** in honor of Rachel’s 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday!

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Pastor Chris & Anne Rankin** in honor of their 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 24!

**Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Rev. Sandy Morris
<b>Money Counters</b>	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders
<b>Koinonia</b>	Charlene Cristy
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Dave Connor
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>SOT Choir</b> (Anita Rohrer) <b>Called to Care</b> Betty Tyndall <b>Visitation</b> Marlyn Wible

**Happy Birthday!**

- Monday – Lily Brennan, Alex Otthofer
- Wednesday – Ronald Becker, Timothy Geiger
- Thursday – Rachel Baynard, Chuck Leinbach, Rev. Bob Musser, Tobe Rohrer

<b>Attendance for Sun., May 18</b>	<b>7:45–18</b>	<b>10:30–73</b>	<b>TOTAL – 91</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>17</b>		

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Monday	Memorial Day – Office Closed
Saturday	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist
	9:00 AM – Sunday School
	10:00 AM - Koinonia
	10:30 AM – Worship
	12:30 PM—Lunch/Mini-Golf at Scoops

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

### **MEMBERS**

Rick Mowrer	Pat Seachrist	Himelwright Family
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	Don Miller
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Pastor Harry Royer	Autumn Shenk	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Kathleen Sensenig Adams		

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

The family of Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)  
Betty Cox (Trinity Preschool Teacher)  
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)

**Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
**Ryan Dennes** (son of Paula Dennes)  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**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 JUNE PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**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!

**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!

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

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

## **LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

There will be a concert on **June 1 from 4-5:30 p.m.** to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Santee Chapel.

The free concert will include the Lititz Trombone Choir, Rev. Liz Fullmer (local singer-songwriter & class of 2020), Rev. Scott Siciliano (organist/pianist and class of 2017), Jenna Duranko (marimbaist and class of 2025), Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel (flautist and class of 1983 & 1996), and the Lancaster Theological Seminary Gospel Ensemble. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE MT. GREтна TABERNACLE:** We have brochures available on the table across from the church office with information about the worship services, concerts, and other events at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle this summer!

**BOOK STUDY:** Pastor Chris is planning to do book study in the coming months via Google Meet. We will be reading Henri Nouwen's book *With Open Hands: Bring Prayer Into Your Life*. Contact the church office or Pastor Chris if you are interested in participating.

**THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST** will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast June 21 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!



## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



# *Celebration* SUNDAY

**There will be a special Celebration Day Sunday  
on June 8 at 9:00 AM in Isenberg Hall.**

**Donna Geisler & her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Lovett,  
will speak about their recent mission trip  
to the Dominican Republic.**



**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.

## 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”.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS** are available on both floors of the church building. If you have any questions, contact Amy Grube (Trinity Preschool Director) at [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org).

## Trinity Preschool FUNDRAISER

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
6 – 9 PM**

1991 Miller Road  
East Petersburg, PA 17520  
717.569.0009







## 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

### 4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 888-814-0466 and use  
promo code HSCA001

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA)



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 25<sup>th</sup>

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**

**CHURCH PICNIC:** The Parish Life Committee is planning to hold the annual church picnic at the Rapho Township Park on Saturday, September 6 from 4-6:30 p.m. Watch for more information in the coming weeks!!



## **U.C.C. Mission Moment**

### **Strengthen the Church Offering (Part One)**

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national U.C.C. as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.

The Holy Spirit gathers us together. From across the country and the spectrums of human experience, we become united in Christ. And, united, the Spirit commissions us to work for a more just world for all.

Trinity received \$35 for Strengthen the Church in our recent Our Gifts to Others offering and the Board of Deacons added \$100 from the undesignated funds for a total of \$135. You can always use the Our Gifts to Others envelope to contribute to Strengthen the Church. Congregations throughout the U.C.C. will be receiving this offering on June 8 (Pentecost Sunday).

**WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.**

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**CROP HUNGER WALK**

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**OCTOBER 19, 2025**

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**LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

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!

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**Psalm 67****SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5**

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

<sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

**or John 5:1-9 [not printed]**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

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