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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In today's readings 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. 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: Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(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 celebration 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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

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 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray the collect together.

Holy God, whose promises are trustworthy, we pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit to empower our ministry. Fill us with the joy of serving in Christ's name, that we might become powerful witnesses, offering forgiveness and healing to all your children. Grant us the joy that accompanies faithfulness to your Word and will, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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 to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and 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!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

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 towards 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. Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD *Praise be to You, O Christ.*

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Change Your View!"

Pastor Rankin

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, for the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, we give thanks. May these offerings of gratitude extend the positive influence of Christ's church into parts of the world that have not experienced good news. By the act of giving, may our own commitment be deepened. 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. 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

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

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

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

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

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

(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. And also with you. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy One, ruler of heaven and earth, wash us in your Holy Spirit and make us witnesses to your resurrected life in this community. Let our fellowship be a sign to others of the presence of Christ. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Through thundering, mighty waters reveal your creative power at work in creation. Cleanse the air, land, and waters with the movement of your spirit and the participation of your people. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Inspire us through the music, dance, and other arts ministries of this congregation. With clapping, shouting, singing, playing, and moving, let our bodies bear witness to the joy you along can give. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In faithful and diverse worship, turn all people toward you and your loving will for humankind. Bridge differences among traditions and across faiths. Unite us in mission for the sake of a world in need. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

In the suffering and death of Jesus, draw near to those who suffer and for whom death approaches. Hold them in the palm of your loving hand and give them rest. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, Bountiful God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Pastor Chris, Anne, Zachary, and Andrew in celebration of Rachel's 13th birthday today!

The Worship Aids are given by Pete & Anita Rohrer in celebration of the birthday of Tobe Rohrer & Rachel Baynard & Chuck Leinbach & Rev. Bob Musser.

Money Counters: Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk

Building Trustee: Mike Wagner Lector: Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Happy Birthday!

Today – Rachel Baynard, Chuck Leinbach, Rev. Bob Musser, Tobe Rohrer Friday – Janice Jenkins Saturday – Sally Hillegas, Piper Miller

Attendance for Sun., May 22	8:00-20 10:30-58	TOTAL - 78
Sunday School	12	

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)MondayOFFICE CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAYTuesday7:00 PM—Preschool BoardThursday7:00 PM - Lancaster AssociationSaturday7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AASunday8:00 AM – Eucharist9:00 AM – Sunday School10:30 AM – Eucharist

Don't forget to wear red next week as we celebrate Pentecost!

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Leon Litzenberger (uncle of Dina Slechta), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Don Miller, Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Betty Fogle, Donna Zirkel, Dave Miller (husband of Cherie Cataldi-Miller), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Nancy Crawford (Pastor Rankin's mother), Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Sheldon Paulus (son-in-law of Chuck & Sue Husted), Sean McKelvey & family, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel(nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife). the Martin family. Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Jim Newcomer (cousin of Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lvnn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards(son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law). Bob & Marlyn Wible. Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

THE JUNE PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.



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:

Sweet Bologna - Ham - Italian - Turkey Roast Beef - Chicken Salad - Tuna Salad Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00

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

Place your order form and money in church office

NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)
Plea	se make checks paya	ble to: TRINITY	PRESCHOO	DL

NAME _____Email: _____ Phone: _____

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

Greeters: To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

Ushers: Beginning in June, we will return to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.



<u>Use the signup sheet in the church hallway or call the church office.</u>

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: When we returned to worship in the midst of the pandemic, Pastor Rankin has taken on the altar guild responsibility each week. The pastor now is looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare the altar for weekly worship. The following people have agreed to serve: Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, and Jamy Shelly. The pastor is looking for another 2-4 people to serve. There will be a meeting/training session on June 8 at 10 a.m. You can contact the pastor or the church office if you want to attend or you can just show up on June 8.



Every time you eat at our diners you will be making a donation to

<u>*TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST-</u> East Petersburg*

<u>VOTED BEST DINER IN LANCASTER COUNTY 11 YEARS IN A ROW</u> (Lancaster Newspaper Readers' Choice Awards)- 2021 <u>TAKE-OUT AND CURBSIDE AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS</u>

The Park City and Knight and Day Diners want to thank you, the local community, for your votes, to honor our diners, 11 years in a row, as: THE BEST DINERS IN LANCASTER COUNTY!! We want to give back to the community by offering our "SHARING OUR SUCCESS" (SOS) Program to local non-profits. We will donate 10% of your sales to the non-profit listed above. During checkout, at either diner, **please ask the cashier to donate your sale to the non-profit listed below**. The card does not need to be presented. (please give the name as shown to avoid confusion). At absolutely NO additional cost, you will be helping your non-profit with donations every time you, your friends and relatives eat at either diner, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This includes take out meals, use of our free banquet rooms for meetings or parties.

VOTED #1 BEST BREAKFAST SERVING BREAKFAST 24 HOURS

Look on our web sites for our full menu and specials

BOTH DINERS ARE OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY-EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

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Solutions For Churches & Communities



Led by Bob Frick

Historic Cemeteries Tour June 16, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM





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

NEW MEMBERS: Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

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



Christensen

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

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

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.

CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION

Even though the air is cold and snow is on the ground, 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. You can find printed brochures on the table across from the church office or view the schedule at <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf</u>

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! 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"**.

"HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT WEEK" 2022

Save the date: "Hartman Center Spirit Week" will be returning this summer!

This will be a week of camp in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center. Registration information and a brochure will be available soon.

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12 at Camp Mt Luther in Mifflinburg PA. Talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY U.C.C.



Join us for fellowship and game between Lancaster Barnstormers and the York Revolution! The cost is \$30 (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! Deadline is July 23!!!



FOOD TRUCKS:

Stoney's Burgers & Fries Mista Twista Next Level Pizza Tri-County Barbeque Walko Taco

MAGICIAN (Eric Vera)

AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT



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

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





000000 MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2022

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064 Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

Summer at the Tabernacle

Worship, Speakers and Concerts

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

June 3 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service

"The Compassionate Hand of God" Pastor David Troxler, Chaplain at the Reading Hospital and Visitation Pastor of the Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, Ephrata, PA. Special music by Pastor Chris Shalter accompanied on the piano by Sue Adams

June 10 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service "The Hand of God" Bishop John Schol, The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. Special music presented by a quartet from the Susquehanna Chorale.

June 12 Sunday 7 p.m. Speaker Stephen A. Allen Conductor of the Lancaster British Brass Band will be our featured preacher

June 17 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service "My Times Are in Your Hands" Rev. Dr. Catherine Williams, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA. Special music by Rev. Kellie Turner.

June 19 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show



June 24 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service

"Knowing and Obeying the Mind of God" Pastor John Yeatts, Professor Emeritus at Messiah University and Senior Pastor Emeritus at Grantham Brethren in Christ Church, Mechanicsburg, PA. Special music by Gregory Lowther and the music group "Seven" from Messiah University.

June 26 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

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



July 3 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert An Evening of American Music with locally renowned vocalists Amy Yovanovich and Christyan Seay. Include folk songs, spirituals, musical theater, and patriotic themes.



July 10 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert LeeP Productions presents "Then Sings My Soul" Beloved

Hymns & Songs Inspired by the Ministry of Billy Graham

July 17 Sunday 7 p.m. Preacher

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

July 24 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

King's Brass Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. King's Brass is one of the premier brass groups in the country. These instruments blend together to



create a time of innovative worship that will be enjoyed by all generations.

July 29 Friday 7 p.m. Concert

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



July 31 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Massed Choir Composer Joe Martin will direct over 150 voices in a joyous Sunday concert. Sponsored by Losers Music, Inc. and Cornwall Manor

August 3 Wednesday 7 p.m. Hymn Sing Hymn Sing led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. Congregation favorites from the Celebration Hymnal

August 6 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert Handbell Festival Ringing to the praise and glory of God, under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich. Sponsored by Albright Life.

August 7 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Michael Faircloth recording artist, Christian concert pianist and pianist/accompanist for The National Christian Choir will present a piano concert

August 10 Wednesday 7 p.m. Concert **Brothers in Grace Gospel Quartet**

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

August 14 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

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



August 21 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

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



August 28 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert **QuintEssentially Brass** A quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another season.









MAY 29, 2022

FIRST LESSON. Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SECOND LESSON. Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL. John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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