

*Continue  
in my word*

JOHN 8:31

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**REFORMATION SUNDAY/176<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY U.C.C.**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and 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 (Prayer of St. Chrysostom):** *Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto you, and does promise that where two or three are gathered together in your name, you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.*

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**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



**TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:**

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

--Share God's love with our community

--Serve God's children

--Bring healing and wholeness to those in need

--Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

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

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS OF TRINITY AND ST. LUKE'S**

Marge Burger	1948, 76 years	Janet Harriger	1966, 58 years
Dolly Barr	1951, 73 years	Kathy McCarty	1966, 58 years
Pat Seachrist	1953, 71 years	Noreen Trostle	1966, 58 years
Patsy Miller	1954, 70 years	David Connor	1967, 57 years
Doug Shaab	1955, 69 years	Sandy DeLong	1967, 57 years
Tobe Rohrer	1957, 66 years	Donna Geisler	1967, 57 years
George DeLong	1958, 66 years	Peter Rohrer	1967, 57 years
Mary Lou Shaab	1958, 66 years	Ron Denlinger	1968, 56 years
Jane Starr	1958, 66 years	Gregory Gruber	1968, 56 years
Mary Ann Bradley	1959, 65 years	Janice Jenkins	1968, 56 years
Roger Alan Bradley	1959, 65 years	Jane Portser	1968, 56 years
Larry Lee Brown	1959, 65 years	Carmen Richards	1968, 56 years
Ellie Latsha	1962, 62 years	Jerry Richards	1968, 56 years
George Latsha	1962, 62 years	Gale Long	1969, 55 years
Stan Seachrist	1962, 62 years	Donna Wolf	1969, 55 years
Mike Wagner	1962, 62 years	Denise Gobrecht	1970, 54 years
Sue Husted	1963, 61 years	Rosemary Huber	1970, 54 years
Don Miller	1963, 61 years	Jodi Keller	1970, 54 years
David Krantz	1965, 59 years	Cherie Cataldi	1970, 54 years
Donna Denlinger	1966, 58 years	JoAnn Mowrer	1970, 54 years

Rhonda Hartenstine	1971, 53 years	Robert Wible	1973, 51 years
Douglas Bradley	1972, 52 years	Scott Wible	1973, 51 years
Dottie Schadt	1972, 52 years	Kenneth Zimmerman	1973, 51 years
Lori Daly	1973, 51 years	Lori Eberly	1974, 50 years
Cindy Olena	1973, 51 years	Norma Lucabaugh	1974, 50 years
Lon Wible	1973, 51 years	Diane Minnich	1974, 50 years
Marlyn Wible	1973, 51 years	Dawn Stauffer	1974, 50 years

*(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 have come to affirm our historic faith.

**To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

**To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures.

**To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever!**

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

**We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Let us now confess our sins to God in silent prayer.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins together.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against you, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory. We have broken your commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O Most Merciful Father, hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts, and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins. Take away our guilt. And grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our 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)*

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

### 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 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Let us pray the collect together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast to your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

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

## PSALTER

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God!**

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

**SERMON**

**“Recognizing Our Reformed Roots”**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

## OFFERING DEDICATION

God of grace and glory, receive the gifts we have received from your hand into the service of this church and the world. Transform our lives into acts of your grace, that we may be bound into one body, and one spirit, through Christ, the author of our salvation. 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, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

**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.**

## **RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*(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.**)*

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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts as we celebrate 176 years of ministry. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. Continue to be a source of strength and courage for the members who celebrate 50 years or more as a member of Trinity Church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### *SILENT PRAYER*

Let us pray together.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CLOSE OF WORSHIP

### BENEDICTION

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of B. Florence Myers.

The Worship Aids are given by **Nancy Enders** for Clergy Appreciation Month in gratitude for Pastor Chris and all the retired ministers in Trinity Church.

Worship Attendance, October 20	7:45-21	9:30-61	<b>TOTAL – 82</b>
Sunday School	16		

## Ministering Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Rev. Sandy Morris
<b>Money Counters</b>	Joan Sensenig, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi, Steve Gold
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	John Shelsky
<b>Koinonia</b>	Rankin Family
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card Prayer Shawl</b> (Betty Tyndall) <b>Called to Care</b> Nancy Enders <b>Visitation</b> Denise Pfeiffer

## **Happy Birthday!**

Today – Noreen Trostle

Monday – Shirley Brown, JoAnn Mowrer, Ken Zimmerman, William Davis

Tuesday – Kathy McCarty

Friday – Marilyn Trauger

Saturday – Danielle Holbein

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Today	4:00 PM – Brass Concert
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM – Bells Deadline for Preschool Pie Orders
Thursday	6:00 PM – Scouts
Saturday	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Koinonia 10:30 AM – Eucharist Following 10:30 Service – Lunch Bunch

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

### **MEMBERS**

Rhonda Hartenstine	Janice Jenkins	Betsy Bailey
Betty Fogle	Denise Huggins	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Don & Pat Miller	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Harry Himelwright
Dr. Janet Harriger	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	Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall and family	Michael McDonough
Kelsey Minnich Burgo	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Joann & Dawn Garvin
Erika Otthofer	Ron Becker	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger		

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**Alice Palmer** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Carmen Sweigert** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Glenn Wible** (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)  
**Diana Landefeld** (niece of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christesen) & **Joppatowne School**  
**Joe Harriger** (brother of Janet Harriger)  
**Marianne Gibble** (friend of Trinity)  
**Carol Hooper** (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)  
**Marlene Harlow** (friend of Gail Kogut)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller** (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy** (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Rev. Jim Martin** (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)  
**Ken Hoshauer** (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Kurt Kalbach** (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer)  
**Mary Call** (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)  
**The Herr Family** (Former Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Annette Stork** (niece of Pat Sensenig)  
**Logan Davis** (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
**Jean Weglarz** (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)  
**Melby Bush** (friend of Joan Sensenig)  
**Harvey & Dianne Sick** (friends of Judy Chapman)  
**Rev. Loy Garber** (former seminarian)  
**Roland Anderson and family** (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)  
**John Martin** (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
**James Malone & family**  
**Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
**Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)  
**Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards)  
**Ronald Himelwright** (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)  
**Barry Richards** (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio)

Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

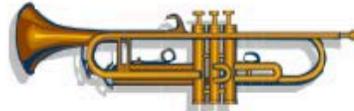
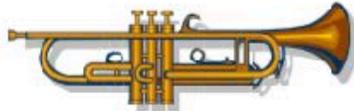
John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

## OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton

World Peace



# QuintEssentially Brass

Sun., Oct. 27, 2024

Concert 4:00 PM

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**Also join us for:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Nov. 27th 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert  
Dec. 8th 2:00 PM  
Followed By Desserts



**THE 2024 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS** are available on the table across from the church office.

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

**THE RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS** will take place during both services today. This coincides with the congregation's 176<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 26. **There will be a special koinonia at 10:00 a.m.**

**LUNCH BUNCH:** The Parish Life Committee is planning another lunch bunch on Sunday, November 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service at Ciro's. Sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. The deadline to sign-up is October 27!!!

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 3:** We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died **since November 5, 2023**. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. **The deadline is October 28.**



**TIME CHANGE:** Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour next Saturday evening (November 2)!!!

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT:** We recently heard a presentation by Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett about their medical mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Board of Deacons decided that the Undesignated Funds from the recent Our Gifts to Others offering will support this mission project.

**GRIEF GROUP:** Since the first grief group ended in September, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) beginning soon. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

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

**“I PROMISE” FORMS** are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

**TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

## A Delicious Way to Raise Money

Our fundraisers are designed to support your success, with a variety of homemade, high-quality baked goods - many made from fresh, local ingredients. You can feel good about selling them, and they're specially priced so you can raise funds for your organization.

 <b>Apple Crumb Pie</b> 10" apple pie with crumb topping and locally grown apples	 <b>Shoofly Pie</b> 10" shoofly pie made from Grandma Smucker's famous recipe	 <b>Pumpkin Pie</b> 10" pumpkin pie made from our own homegrown pumpkins
 <b>Apple Dumplings</b> Pack of 2 apple dumplings made from locally grown apples	 <b>Pumpkin Bread</b> 20 oz. loaf made from our own homegrown pumpkins	
 <b>Whoopie Pies</b> Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling	 <b>Mini Whoopie Pies</b> Pack of 12 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling	



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**Order Deadline: Monday, October 28      Pickup: Friday, Nov. 15 @10:30 AM**

Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office or you can call the church office to place your order!!!

**SERVERS NEEDED:** We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or [bettsfog@comcast.net](mailto:bettsfog@comcast.net)).

**2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **November 17 & 24**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **December 22, 24 & 29**. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

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



### U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra and Mariachi Band

Under the Baton of Monte Maxwell  
Sunday, November 3, 2024, 4:00 pm

The Brigade of Midshipmen perform both on and off the Yard in everything from chapel services to musicals and concerts, highlighting both soloists and ensembles. One of their newest ensembles is the Mariachi Marineros, who play a genre of Latin-style music we will hear in this concert.



**25th**  
Anniversary Season  
2024-25

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### Highland Chancel Choir and Orchestra in Gloria

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 4:00 pm

Once again, the Highland Chancel Choir presents its annual concert on a Sunday afternoon in Christmastime. This year, their performance features Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other traditional favorites for orchestra and chorus. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth with song and string.



### The Kid: Silent Film with Don Kinnier, Organist

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm

Don is known as the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States. His programs are easygoing and feature a large dose of good-natured humor. *The Kid* (1921) stars Charlie Chaplin as a tramp who finds love and acceptance with an orphan and his mother.

Hosted by: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Sponsored by: Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO)



## Richard E. Fritsch Memorial Organ Recital

Sunday, November 10, 4:00 PM  
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA



Richard E. Fritsch

Join us for a memorial recital in honor of Richard E. Fritsch (1955-2007) played by Dr. Robert C. Horton. The organ is a two manual, 27 rank Dobson pipe organ, Op. 83 (2006). Selections by Franz Liszt and Jehan Alain plus an improvisation on a given melody.

Free-will offering

Go to [www.lancasterago.org](http://www.lancasterago.org) for more information.



Dr. Robert C. Horton

## TRINITY PRESCHOOL COLLECTION

Trinity's Preschool is again looking for some help from the congregation! We are very thankful for your continued support. Here's the list of items needed! **Magnetic Bingo Chips, Stickers (Any kind!), Dry Erase markers (Wide and skinny), Cotton Balls, and Aluminum Foil**

Donated items can be placed in the box near the church office!!!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY!!!

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on November 10 after the 10:30 a.m. service. The kitchen team will provide a luncheon before the meeting. The agenda will include the presentation and adoption of the 2025 budget and election of lay leaders. **The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office!** Copies of the 2025 budget are available on both floors of the building.

The following is the report of the nominating committee:

### ELDERS (2024-2027)

Sue Bowman (1<sup>st</sup> term)                      Vacancy

### ELDERS (2024-2027)

Jeff Hackenberger (filling final year of term)

### DEACONS (2024-2027)

John Shelsky (2<sup>nd</sup> term)                      Vacancy

### DEACONS (2022-2025)

Lon Wible (filling unexpired term)

### DEACONS (2023-2026)

Vacancy

### PRESCHOOL BOARD (2024-2027)

Rev. Jack Esbenshade (1<sup>st</sup> term)                      Deb Lichtenwalner (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**POINSETTIAS:** Forms to order poinsettias are available on the table outside the office. The deadline to order is November 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost for each poinsettia is \$6.00.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED:** If you are interested in being part of an instrumental ensemble to play for preludes prior to the Family Service on Christmas Eve, please contact Michael or Dina Slechta by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVEMBER 16**  
**12 Noon - 3 PM**

*Christmas*

**Craft & Pizza**

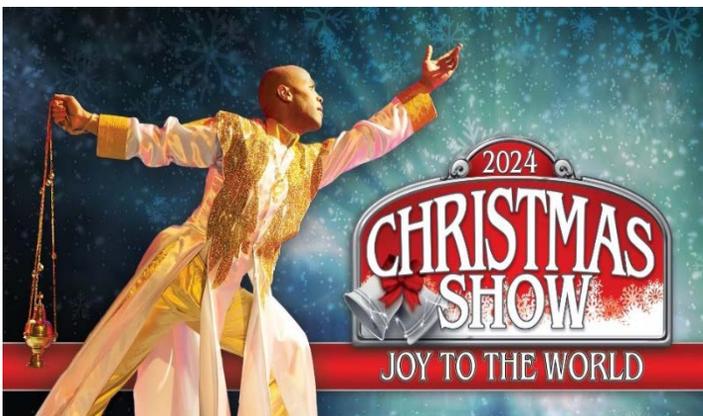
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December 5

*Astronomy  
 Night*

Meal - 5 pm  
 Stargazing - 6 pm

*& Pizza Night*



**AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER  
 CHRISTMAS SHOW**

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.



**LUTHERAN CAMPING EVENT DATES**

**Dinner church at the Wittel Farm:**

**Nov. 3 – starting at 5 PM.**

**Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa**

**October 27 - 1pm**

**Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa**

**November 3 - 2pm**

Check out all event details at  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)

**Creating Sacred Spaces Retreat**

*IN PERSON ONLY*

*CONTEMPLATIVE*

November 2, 2024  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Creating Sacred Spaces Retreat**

Nov 2, 9am-12pm

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## NEWS FROM THE PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE: THE KEYSTONE PROJECT

In January 2022, the Conference Ministers of the four Pennsylvania Conferences gathered to discuss the urgency of issues confronting all settings of the UCC. They met with an eye toward confronting the divisions and hostilities of our world, and listening with a deep sense of our responsibility to answer Jesus' prayer, 'that they may all be one. They identified the spiritual hunger of our church people and pastors and the call to support and develop the local church. They dreamed about new ways to serve Jesus and our churches by drawing on the strength and giftedness of our clergy, congregations, leaders, and Conference staff.

We are not the church that we were when the denomination was formed in 1957 and our current contexts of ministry are different. The pandemic exacerbated the challenges we face. We acknowledge our responsibility to provide support and nourishment to the local church. We recognize our duty to find and develop the leadership needs of our congregations. We own the very real financial challenges that impact the future of our ministries.

Our four conferences share these challenges. Our response to them is strongest when we respond in partnership with each other. The "Keystone Study Group," a group of representatives from all four PA Conferences, was created to explore the possibilities of responding as one.

The information about this possible merger was presented at this year's annual meeting of the Penn Central Conference. The meeting included the other three conferences (Penn West, Penn Northeast, and Pennsylvania Southeast). The delegates from Trinity were George DeLong, Diane Rice, and Pastor Chris. The vote on the merger will be held by all four conferences on November 9. Each conference must receive a 67% affirmative vote in order for it to be sent to the General Synod of the U.C.C. in 2025.

George, Diane, and Pastor Chris were the delegates to this year's Penn Central Conference meeting. We invite you to look at the information found online at <https://psec.org/keystone/>. If you have any questions or concerns about this possible merger, please contact George, Diane, or Pastor Chris. We would like to hear from you before the November 9 vote.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Psalm 46****SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”