

A photograph of a woman with dark hair and a distressed, almost angry expression, looking towards the camera. In the foreground, a man is looking down at a smartphone held in his hands. A young child is visible in the background, looking down. The scene appears to be outdoors, possibly near a body of water, with a textured, blue-grey background on the left side of the image.

*Will not God
grant justice?*

LUKE 18:7

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Mrs. Amy Grube, Preschool Director

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

The Sundays after Pentecost, also called “common or ordinary time,” constitute a season of growth in Christian faith, life, and ministry. Nearly half of the Christian year is reserved for this season, which spans the Sundays between Pentecost (50 days after Easter) and Advent (around Thanksgiving.)

Traditionally, the liturgical color of ordinary time is green. Green is the color of nature and growth. It symbolizes the need of Christians to be disciples, persons who live out the values of the gospel and share them joyfully with others. During this time, the scriptural texts, sermons, and hymns are usually directed toward the task of helping us grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and bear good fruit in our witness.

Today's Theme: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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 are located in the Narthex!

Prayer As You Enter: *O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



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*

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

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.**

Come, people of God. Come together in the presence of our Creator.

We come, hungry for the new covenant God promises to write on our hearts.
Come, people of faith. God is here to fill us with wisdom and patience.

We come, yearning for God's justice and faithful presence in our world.
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.
Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us.

**God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon
when we acknowledge our weakness and shame.**

Let us silently confess our sin before God.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**God our helper, we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your
disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with
friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, 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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

**Holy One, we lift our eyes to you in hope and awe. Grant that we may reject all
apathy of spirit, all impatience and anxiety, so that, with the persistence of the
widow, we may lift our voices again and again to seek your justice; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Psalms 121

**I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and
forevermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Don’t Give Up, Don’t Give In!”

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

Holy God, with thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going, through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness and when we break our covenant, we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people to know you more fully and serve you more effectively. Equip us for every good work, that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly. 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.

We give you thanks, holy one, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ, the only one begotten by you for all time, by whom you made the world and all things. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people. Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus, our savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life. In the fullness of time, you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every nation to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with the entire company of Saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

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!

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.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Trinity United Church of Christ. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

COMMISSIONING OF THE CROP WALKERS

Pastor: Would all our CROP Hunger Walkers please come forward.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world today. Many people in our community struggle from meal to meal – not knowing if they will have nutritious food to feed their children and our brothers and sisters globally are seeing children die from starvation. Today is the CROP Hunger Walk – an opportunity to walk in solidarity with our vulnerable neighbors and raise awareness and funds to alleviate their hunger permanently.

Congregation: May you walk safely, remaining mindful of all who struggle to find enough to eat.

Walkers: We walk because they walk. May each step remind us of the daily journeys of millions of our sisters and brothers who have no choice but to walk for food, water, employment, safety.

Pastor: This walk would not be successful if it weren't for the people who generously sponsor our walkers.

Walkers: We give thanks to God for the generosity of all those who sponsored us.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for the work of Church World Service. They are our hands reaching out to a world in need.

Congregation: May the ministry of Church World Service enable all God's people to have enough to eat, clean water to drink, and a safe place to call home.

Pastor: We also pray for the Lancaster Food Hub, our local hunger fighting agency that we support through the CROP Hunger Walk.

Congregation: May the hungry of our community be nourished in body and spirit through their ministry.

Pastor: Today, we recall the unfinished task of building a world of peace and justice where hunger has no home. As Father Veronis often reminded us, no one should ever go without food!

Congregation: May our lives reflect our values and our vision. Let us walk with the world, today and every day, so that all God’s children might have enough to live in dignity. Amen

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Anne, Zach, Rachel, and Andrew (and of course all his stuffie friends too!) in recognition of Chris’ 21st anniversary of ordination this Friday — October 24 — and the many ways he serves the local church, contributes to wider church missions, and connects with the community.

The Worship Aids are given by Pastor Rankin in recognition of the Trinity clergy members during this Pastor Appreciation Month. In honor of Bob Bistline, Carrie Call, Jere Chapman, Rich Christensen, Jack Esbenshade, Joel Hummel, Bob Hunsicker, Sandy Morris, Bob Musser, Margaret Rohnacher, Harry Royer, Bob Siever, Susan Sokolowski, and Ken Trauger. In memory of Vernon & Phyllis Baum, Jim Bright, Charlie Fogle, Dave Gockley, and Frank Lantz.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by Nancy Enders in appreciation of Pastor Chris and all the retired ministers at Trinity.

Happy Birthday!

Wednesday – Elizabeth Rohrer	Thursday – Megan Minder
Friday – Erika Richards	Saturday – Kelly Schuessler

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Steve Gold
Koinonia	Paula Dennes
Ministries	Card Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall)
	Called to Care Nancy Enders
	Visitation Denise Pfeiffer

Attendance for Sun., October 12	7:45–12	9:30–77	TOTAL – 89
Sunday School	24		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Tuesday-Thursday – Secretary is out of office

Today	Crop Walk - 1:00 PM Registration/1:30 PM Program/2:00 PM Walk begins
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Tuesday	Morning—Pastor at Grief Workshop 1:00 PM – Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM – Consistory/Boards
Wednesday	1:30 PM—Grief Group
Thursday	1:00 PM – Pinochle 6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	8 AM-4PM – Lifeline 4-6 PM – Trunk or Treat 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist – 50-year member recognition 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Special Koinonia to recognize 50-year members 10:30 AM – Eucharist – 50-year member recognition Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr., Guest Preacher 4:00 PM - Concert

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Donna Zirkel	Rev. Jack Esbenshade	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	Dawn Stauffer
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	Himelwright Family
Sam Minder III	Rev. Ken Trauger	Rev. Bob Musser
Pat Seachrist	Erika Otthofer	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Betty Fogle	Betty Tyndall & family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Don Miller	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Ron Becker	Joann Garvin & Family	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Pastor Harry Royer
John Shelsky	Hank Fox	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Lori Daly	Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Dolly Teasdale (aunt of Donna Geisler)

The family of Rolf Morris (brother of Rev. Sandy Morris)

Terry & Carol Kratz

Rev. Dr. Harry & Kathy Covert (former members of Trinity Church)

The Reed Family

McKenzie Lichtenwalner (wife of Justin Lichtenwalner)

Beverly Steele (friend of Joan Cash & Pastor Chris' 2nd grade teacher)

Greg Gable (husband of Rev. Sandy Morris)

Carol Feyock (friend of Carmen & Jerry Richards)

Janet Latsha (sister-in-law of George & Ellie Latsha)

Sherry Kline (former substitute organist at Trinity)

Lynnette Fritz (cousin of Betty Tyndall)

Andrew Hicks (husband of Katie Weeber)

Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

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)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

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)

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

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 19, 2025

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk IS TODAY!!!!

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. Program

2:00 p.m. Walk begins

(Location: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others through the

Lancaster Food Hub and Church World Service!

You can register to walk or support one of our walkers at:

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

The members of Trinity who have already registered to walk are: **Mark & Chris Eyer, Karen Olley, Diane Rice, Hedwig Hunsicker, Kathy McCarty, and the Rankin Family.** **We have already raised \$5,340...thank you for helping us exceed our goal of \$5,000!**

Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP!

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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 PM.** They will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

GRIEF GROUP: The next session will be **October 22 at 1:30 p.m.** We continue to read Francis Weller's *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred work of Grief*. If you would like to participate in the grief group, contact Pastor Chris or the Church office.



It's time to have fun and play Pinochle! Everyone is invited to come on Thursdays, October 23 & November 20 at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for the October 23 gathering on the table across from the church office. Bring a snack to share. We're happy to teach if you are new to this card game.

KOINONIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to provide light refreshments for koinonia (fellowship time) each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. 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. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship between our Sunday School classes and worship!

Pastor Chris will brew a pot of coffee when he arrives in the morning for people to enjoy between the 7:45 service and Sunday School.

TRINITY'S 177TH ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 26

Next Sunday we will celebrate the formation of Trinity Reformed Church on October 26, 1848. We will honor our 50-year members at both services and at a special koinonia at 10:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall.

The Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr., brother of the late Rev. David Gockley, will be our special guest preacher. A 1952 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary (he is our oldest alumni at this point), Rev. Gockley served as a parish pastor and on staff of the former U.C.C. Stewardship Council. The Stewardship Committee of Trinity Church invited Rev. Gockley to preach as we celebrate our anniversary and continue our stewardship campaign leading up to our annual meeting.

**300th Anniversary Celebration
of the First Communion
of the German Reformed Church in America**



For more information and registration links go to:
psec.org and click on the 300th Anniversary Celebrations slider

October 28—Gifts of the Reformed Church Going Forward w/ Dr. Randall Zachman

**Coming
this fall...**

*A commemorative book with essays tracing the
development of the German Reformed Church from its
European origins through present day.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [HTTPS://PSEC.ORG/300TH-ANNIVERSARY-OF-THE-GERMAN-REFORMED-CHURCH-IN-THE-US/](https://psec.org/300th-anniversary-of-the-german-reformed-church-in-the-us/)



We have great news! Trinity United Church of Christ will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on 10/25/25! Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Trinity U.C.C. members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

Call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment

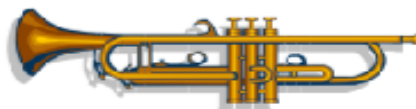
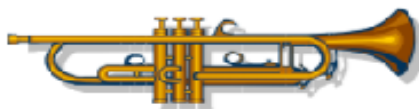


Mumma's Eats and Treats Food Truck will be joining us this year!

The food truck will give 10% of sales to the Trinity Preschool!

WE NEED PEOPLE TO DECORATE THEIR CARS....LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CURCH OFFICE!

Speak to a member of the Parish Life Committee for more information (Kayla Brennan, Anne Rankin, Denise Pfeifer, Rachel Baynard, Jeff Hackenberger, or Steve Gold).



QuintEssentially Brass

**Sun., Oct. 26, 2025
Concert 4:00 PM**

Trinity UCC

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Also join us for:

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 26th 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert
Dec. 1st 7:00 PM
Followed By Desserts



The QuintEssentially Brass have announced that they will be disbanding at the end of 2025! Their concert at Trinity will be one of their final concerts, so you won't want to miss it!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 2: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 2, 2025. 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 27.**

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING: The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast on **Saturday, November 8**. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.



THERE WILL SOON BE A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after the 10:30 service on **November 9**. We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2026 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post. The sign-up for the luncheon is on the table across from the church office. **The deadline is November 2.**

LEADERSHP SEMINAR HAS BEEN RESCHDULED: Due to a family member's memorial service on October 11, Myka Kennedy Stephens had to reschedule our leadership seminar. **It will now be on November 15 from 9-11:00 a.m.** The seminar for members of the Consistory and committees/boards will focus on leadership strengths. This seminar is for all members of the Consistory and the committees/boards of Trinity Church. We are opening up the registration for the seminar. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

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 2026. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

THE OCTOBER-DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES are available on the table in the Narthex.

You are invited to enjoy the following activities sponsored by the Lutheran Camping Corporation. Speak with Anne Rankin for more information!

2025 Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 26, 2025
Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 2, 2025
Dinner Church at The Wittel Farm - November 2, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - November 4, 2025
Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 7 - 9, 2025
Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa! at Nawakwa - December 2, 2025
Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 6, 2025
Advent/Christmas in the Barn at The Wittel Farm - December 21, 2025
Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald - January 2 - 4, 2026

Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!



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2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. We have openings for worship aids (November 2, 16 & 23) and chancel flowers (December 24 & 28). Look for the charts and the forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please submit the forms to Carol!



**LBC String Orchestra and
Art Song Concert**

Doris Hall-Gulati, Director

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 3:00 pm

2025/26

**Highland
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500 East Roseville Road
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601

717-569-2651

www.highlandpc.org

Highland is conveniently located off
Oregon Pike just north of US Route 30.

Head north on Oregon Pike, turn right on
East Roseville Road, then right into the
Highland parking lot.



Lancaster Heritage Chorale

Barry Sawyer, Director

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3:00 pm

SAMARITAN CENTER LUNCHEON

30th
ANNIVERSARY

Silent Samaritan Luncheon *Registration Open!*

**SILENT
SAMARITAN
LUNCHEON**

Friday, November 7th

Eden Resorts & Suites, Lancaster PA
Registration Details Coming Soon

The **Silent Samaritan Luncheon** is an event organized to support women in need of counseling services. It aims to raise funds for the **Silent Samaritan Fund**, which subsidizes therapy for women who cannot afford the full fee.

COST: \$100 per ticket

REGISTER AT: <https://samaritanlancaster.org/event/2025-30th-anniversary-silent-samaritan-luncheon/>

You can also use this link to contribute to this fund.



TRINITY CHURCH IS ONE OF THE SPONSORS FOR THIS EVENT!!

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 23: James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

James became an early leader of the church in Jerusalem. He is described in the New Testament as the brother of Jesus, and secular historian Josephus calls James the brother of Jesus, “the so-called Christ.” Little is known about James, but Josephus reported that the Pharisees respected James for his piety and observance of the law. His enemies had him put to death.

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A Delicious Way to Raise Money

Our fundraisers are designed to support your success, with a variety of homemade, high-quality baked goods 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.



Apple Crumb Pie

10" apple pie with crumb topping and locally grown apples



Shoofly Pie

10" shoofly pie made from Grandma Smucker's famous recipe



Pumpkin Pie

10" pumpkin pie made from our own homegrown pumpkins



Bird-in-Hand Bakery & Cafe



Mini Whoopie Pies

Pack of 12 pumpkin whoopie pies with white filling



Mini Whoopie Pies

Pack of 12 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling



Apple Dumplings

Pack of 2 apple dumplings made from locally grown apples



Pumpkin Bread

20 oz. loaf made from our own homegrown pumpkins

Order Deadline: November 2

Pickup Nov. 14, 10:30-11:45 AM

NAME	PHONE #	Shoo-Fly Pie	Apple Pie	Pumpkin Pie	2 Pk. Apple Dumplings	Pumpkin Bread	Mini Whoopie Pies(12)	Mini Whoopie Pies(12)	Pumpkin	PAID	TOTAL
		\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00			
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Trinity Preschool						PICKUP DATE: Friday, Nov. 14, 10:30-11:45 am					

LOOK FOR THE ORDER FORM ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!

BOOK STUDY: Pastor Chris is planning to do a 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.



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Board Inclusion: Beyond Platitudes, from Tokenization to Transformation

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TOOLKIT SERIES

October 20, 2025
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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October 20, 7:00-8:30pm

Board Inclusion

Take inclusion on your board beyond platitudes, from tokenism to transformation



Kevin Ressler, President and CEO, Alliance for Health Equity



Step-Up Your Fundraising Plan

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October 21, 12:00-1:30pm

Step Up Your Fundraising Plan

Maximize your fundraising without losing your passion for the mission



Susannah Connor, PRC Program Development Lead



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October 21, 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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Grant Writing for Small Organizations

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Welcome to Grant Writing
October 22, 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Setting a Funding Goal and Finding Funders

October 29, 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

The Art of Reading an RFP

November 12, 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Bringing it all Together, Plus Budgets

November 19, 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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Oct-Nov, 12:00-1:30pm



Grant Writing for Small Organizations

Walk through grant writing and learn necessary skills as you write your own grant application



Susannah Connor, PRC Program Development Lead



PIAC Accompaniment Training

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VOLUNTEER

October 25, 2025
9:00 am - 10:30 am

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Fundraising and Your Finances

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October 28, 2025
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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October 28, 12:00-1:30pm

Fundraising and Your Finances

Every good fundraising campaign starts with a strong understanding of your organization's finances.



Kate Good, PRC Executive Director





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FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God

may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Next Sunday's Readings: Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 **OR 20th Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 or Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

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