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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Prayer: *Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PRELUDE *Air from the D Major Suite* J. S. Bach/arr. Lorenz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

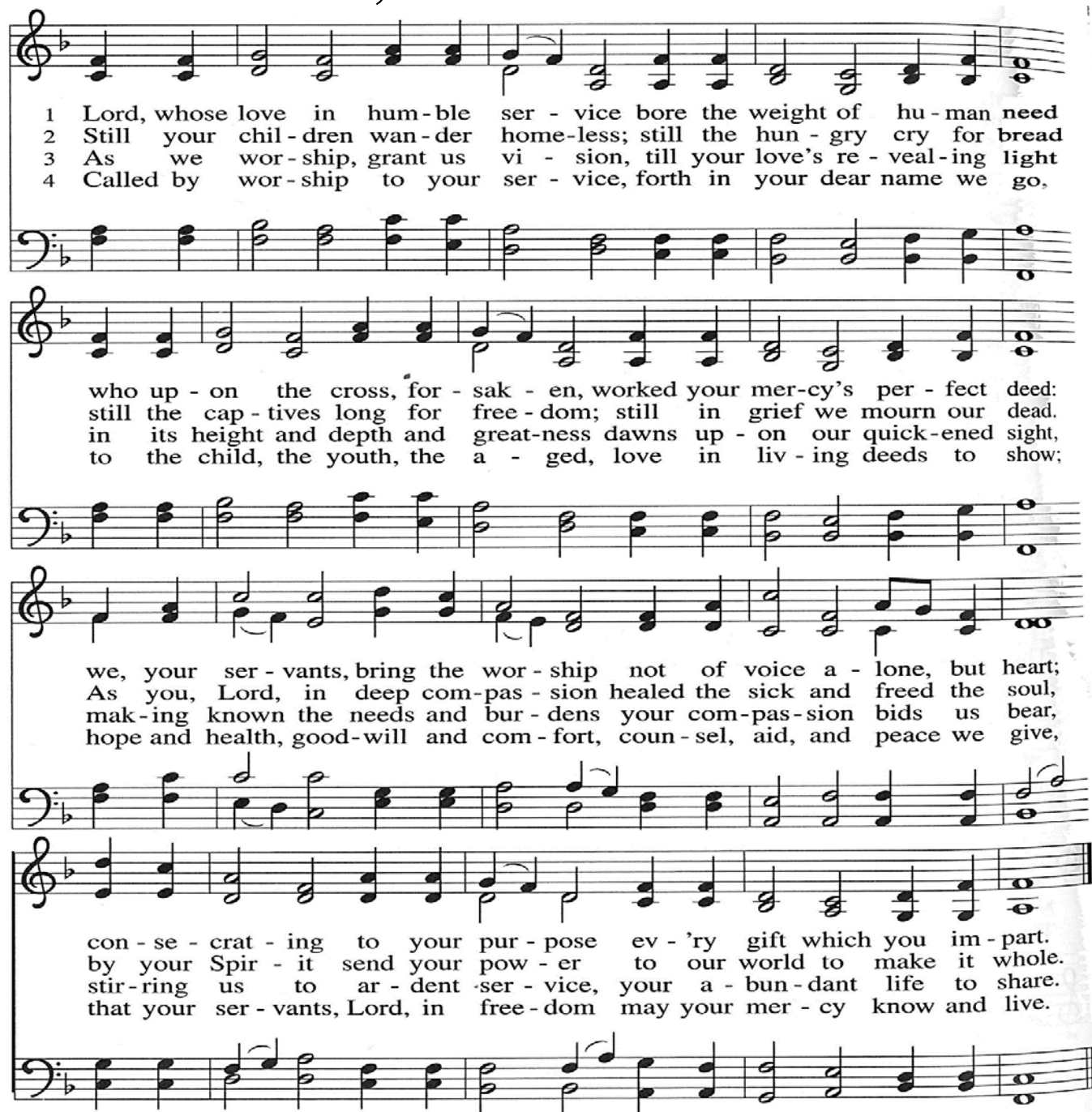
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CALL TO WORSHIP

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.
We come to learn from the God we can only dimly perceive.
We reach out for answers to our questions.
We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.
Let us worship God!

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble and bass clef) and a piano line (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead,
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer - cy know and live.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Calling to mind the frailty of our human condition, let us confess our sin to God.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter, like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Psalms 104: 1-9, 24, 35b

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Praise the Lord!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from Scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“We Walk Because They Walk”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEOPLE’S OFFERING

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(KNEELING OR SEATED)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God’s creation.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

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.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

OFFERING DEDICATION

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your ignorant and wayward people find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

COMMISSIONING OF THE CROP WALKERS

Pastor: Would all our CROP Hunger Walkers please stand.

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.

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.

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

HYMN

O God, You Send Us Out to Walk

1. O God, you send us out to walk, for
 2. We walk with joy - ful, ea - ger feet so
 3. When we grow wea - ry, may we know that
 4. O Lord, we walk in safe - ty here and
 5. Not all here walk with strength or speed but

faith is more than i - dle talk; it's more than say - ing,
 oth - ers will have food to eat. We staff the check - points,
 some must walk where - e'er they go. For wa - ter, food, or
 know that oth - ers walk in fear. They flee op - pres - sion,
 all can give to those in need. And as we serve you,

"Be well fed!" when oth - ers don't have dai - ly bread.
 of - fer rest, and serve you, Lord, for we've been blessed.
 work to do, they walk till they grow wear - ry too.
 flood or war; each fear - filled day, they walk some more.
 may we know you walk with us where - e'er we go.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2009 (Jn 17:18; Mk 6:7;
 Jas. 2:14-17; Mt. 14: 16; 2 Cor. 9:8; Dt. 15:11;

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDES

Voluntary in G

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Donna Smoker in memory of my loving sister, Georgia McCune.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by **Diane L. Rice** in honor of Karen & Jack Olley's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Worship Aids are given by **Nancy Enders** for Pastor appreciation month, in thanksgiving for the service of all retired ministers, as well as Pastor Chris at Trinity Church, for your dedicated ministry.

Greeting Ushers: **Steve Shenk**, Scott Summers, Karen Olley, Mark & Chris Eyer

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Dave Connor

Building Trustee: Hank Fox **Lector:** Diane Rice

Happy Birthday!

Today – Sandy DeLong, Kelsey Harley

Friday – Elizabeth Rohrer

Saturday – Megan Minder

Attendance for Sun., Oct. 10	8:00–24	10:30–45	TOTAL – 69
Sunday School	11		

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today 2:00 PM – Crop Walk

Monday 7:00 PM – Virtual Adult Class

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Finance

Thursday 12:00 PM – Lunch with Pastor

7:00 PM – Hospice Seminar

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Worship Service

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Emma Nissley (sister of Jane Starr, Nancy Patton, and Pat Miller), the family of Joan Hammer (former member of Trinity Church), the family/friends of Kathy Kuzmiak (friend of several Trinity members), the Brennan family, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Donna Esbenshade (wife of Rev. Jack Esbenshade), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Joyce Becker, Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Paul 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), John Shelsky, Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Linda Brown (sister of Mike Wagner), Jose Arroyo (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), 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, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Sam & Rosemary Minder, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, Hilma Slechta, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

CROP WALK: The walk is TODAY at the Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster. Mark & Chris Eyer are serving as our walk coordinators. You can register as a member of the Trinity East Pete team at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/trinity-east-pete>. You can also make donations at this website or give a donation to any of our walkers: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty, Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Donna Geisler, Kerry & Caleb Kreider, Marianne Gibble & Marcel, and the Rankin family! **Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP.**

You can also sign-up on the table across from the church office!!!

I PROMISE FORMS: It is not too late to submit your I Promise forms for 2022. You can place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church. If you need another copy of the forms, they are on the table across from the church office.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: As we continue to resurrect community again in the life of our church, Pastor Rankin is inviting members to have lunch in Isenberg Hall on Thursday, October 21 from noon-1 p.m. You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

VIRTUAL ADULT CLASS: "WORSHIP & THE VITAL CENTER"

The Rev. Dr. Peter Schmiechen, President Emeritus of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will present a three week class on the vital aspects of worship. The class will meet October 18 & 25 and November 1 at 7 p.m. via Google Meet. The class schedule is as follows:

October 18: Three traditions

October 25: Belonging and Believing

November 1: The Lord's Supper

Contact the church office to sign-up for this class.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor or outside.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.

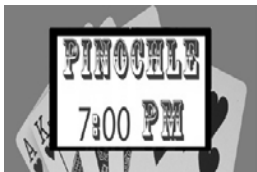
Good Sports Needed

For Sunday, October 31, during the 9:00 AM Sunday School hour, the Middle School/High School Sunday School Class is looking for a few Good Sports - adults who are willing to bring in and share a game (or toy) that they used to play as a youth, which they think the youth of today may never have seen or played. The youth will also have some questions, similar to the ones below, which come from the Sunday School materials. If you are available and willing to help with this, please contact Dina Slechta.

“What did you do for fun when you were a teenager? Where did you play? What did you play?”

3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.
There will be no Koinonia at this time!

PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendars now because the Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on November 12th at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the October Parish Post. You can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail or on the website under Ministries! Speak with Karen Olley for more information!



THE 2021 WORSHIP AIDS & CHANCEL FLOWERS: You can either contact the church office or use the website under resources to sign-up for flowers and worship aids for 2021! Worship Aids are available **December 5, 12, & 19.**

CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to. . .

Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.

Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.

Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!

Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.

Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.

Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- 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

OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENTS

*The Wittel Farm (Elizabethtown), Camp Nawakwa (Near Gettysburg), and
Camp Kirchenwald (Near Mt. Gretna)*

THE GROWING PROJECT



Volunteer for The Growing Project through October at The Wittel Farm! This project reclaims a portion of the acreage for farming. The crops harvested are donated to assist those in need in Lancaster County. To volunteer as an individual, or a multi-generational group, youth group or family, contact Pastor Matt Lenahan at pastormattl@dejazzd.com

SPEAK TO ANNE RANKIN FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

Greeters/Ushers: To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

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.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 7

We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 1, 2020. 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 November 1.

SAVE THE DATE---ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting will be held **after the 10:30 a.m. service on November 14**. The Consistory is working with the Technology Committee to have a virtual option for the meeting. We are not sure at this time if there will be a luncheon after the meeting. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins and the November Parish Post.

CALLING NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS: We invite anyone who is interested in providing a solo as a Musical Offering this fall, in joining the SOT Choir, or in playing bells to email Michael and Dina at Music@Trinityeastpete.org.



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

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TECHNOLOGY SERIES
OCT. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM


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Rhoda Shirk

 **Black Religion:**
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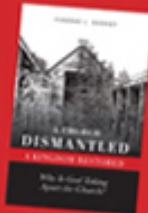
Oct. 21, 7:00 - 8:30pm | Dr. Larry Covin 


 **HOW TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS**


Oct. 26, 7:00-8:30pm
Vicki Scheib 

A Church Dismantled | A Kingdom Restored

 NOV. 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Conrad Kanagy




 **Restorative Practices with Children**

Nov. 4, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Rob Fennimore 


 **Anticipating Winter:
a Silent Retreat**

Nov. 6,
9am-4pm

Amy Shutt 

 **Using Intuition in Your Life**

Nov. 6,
10-11:30am

Annmarie Early
PhD, LMFT 

 **THE ART OF CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

NOV. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM

LED BY MISTY WINTSCH, PASTOR 

TECHNOLOGY SERIES
NOV. 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

 **Google Workspace**


Rhoda Shirk

 **Historic Churches of Lancaster City**
Bus Tour

April 4, 8:15 am - 1:30 pm
Led by Bob Frick

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Apple Crumb Pie \$16
10" apple pie with crumb topping
and locally grown apples



Shoofly Pie \$16
10" shoofly pie made from
Grandma Smucker's famous recipe



Pumpkin Pie \$16
10" pumpkin pie made from
our own homegrown pumpkins



Apple Dumplings \$8
Pack of 2 apple dumplings made
from locally grown apples



Apple Cake \$17
52 oz. cake made from
locally grown apples



Pumpkin Bread \$9
20 oz. loaf made from our own
homegrown pumpkins



Whoopie Pies \$16
Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie
pies with white filling

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Ordering Deadline: Oct. 25th

Pickup: Nov. 5th-10:30 AM

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!!!

CROP WALK MISSION MOMENT

The Dominican Republic is a country full of extremes. It has both the tallest mountain and the lowest elevation in the Caribbean. It deals with droughts, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes... all in one stretch of land that's smaller than West Virginia.

The extremes don't stop there: nearly one third of the population faces poverty. Rural communities are hit hard because people live farther from basic services. Many daily needs - including food - cost more. Hunger is an issue. And, with an unpredictable climate, there can't be just one solution.

That's why your CROP Hunger Walk is so important. You're helping families develop their own gardens, farms and fishing ponds so they have many ways to stand strong in extreme situations. Your support means affordable and homegrown food for families. CROP Hunger Walks help 30,000 people who are vulnerable in the Dominican Republic.

But there's still a great need. Around 3,000 families hope that these life-changing food solutions will reach them. When you raise funds for your CROP Hunger Walk, you're reaching out to them.

FIRST LESSON. Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ("Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?)"

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL. Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."