

Have salt in  
yourselves,  
and be at peace  
with  
one another





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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Someone who isn't a part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus. Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

**Prayer:** *Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*Carillon for a Joyful Day*

G. F. McKay

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

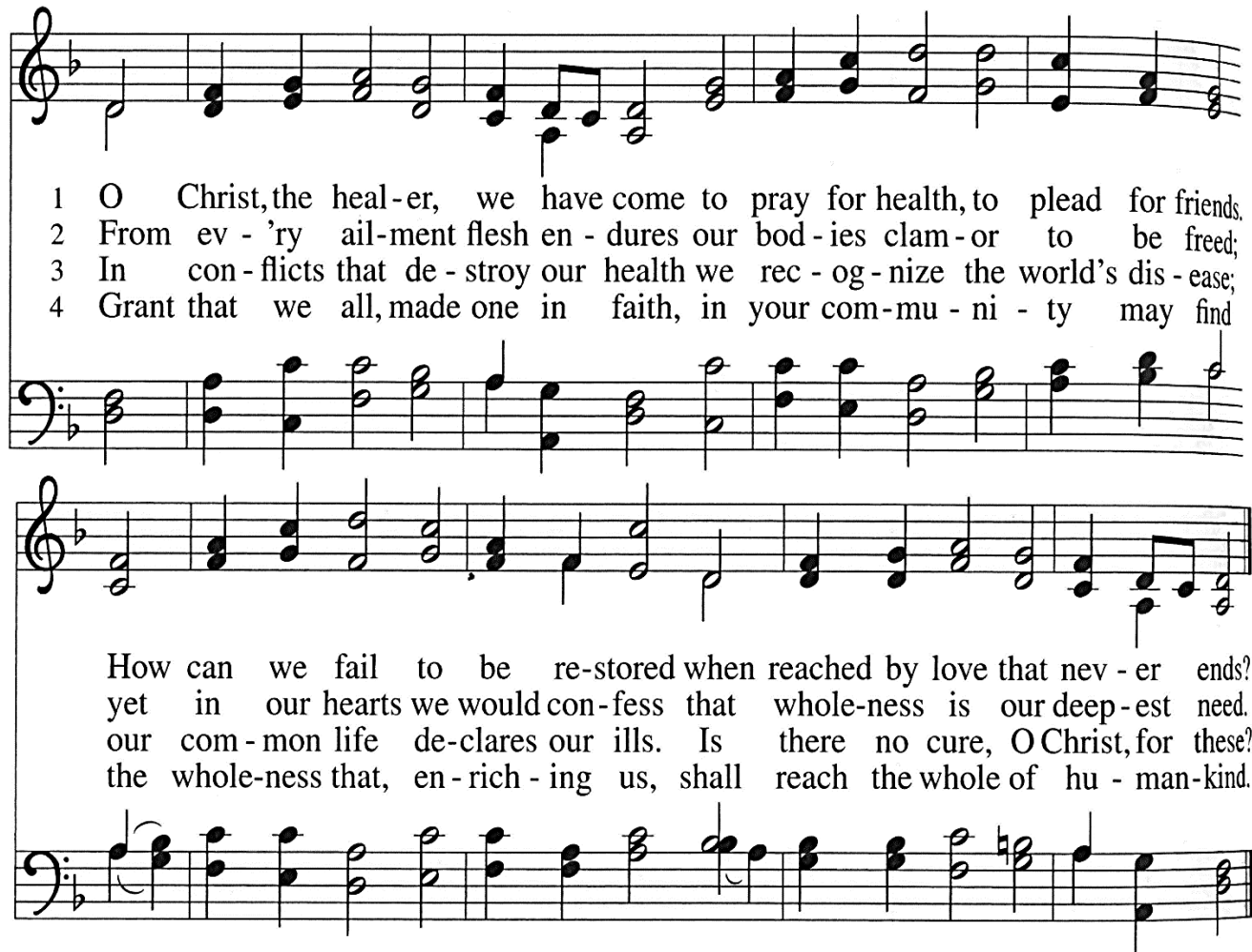
**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Come one and all to meet God here.  
Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.  
We have come that God might raise us up.  
Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.  
Let us worship God!

## HYMN

### *O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come*



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends,  
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find

How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.  
our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

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## 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 PSALTER

Psalm 124

What if the Lord had not been on our side? Answer, O Israel!

If the Lord had not been on our side when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us alive in their furious anger against us.

Then the flood would have carried us away, the water would have covered us, the raging torrent would have drowned us.

Let us thank the Lord, who has not let our enemies destroy us. We have escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap; the trap is broken, and we are free! Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:13-20

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 9:38-50

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

## MEDITATION

“Restoring Community”

Pastor Rankin

## 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

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Surround those who are grieving with your peace and comfort. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### ***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**

O God, we are made glad by the good news of your love for us and for all people. We thank you for creating us and giving us all that is necessary for life. We thank you for your action in Christ by which our lives are measured, found wanting and renewed. Help us to remember your gifts that we may praise you with lives of joy and service; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**HYMN**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**#43**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDES**

*Fanfare in C Major*  
*Postlude in C*

H. Purcell  
G. Blake

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by the **Rev. Harry Royer** in thanksgiving for and in memory of Mrs. Harriet Confair and Sister Theresa Joseph Lazur.

**The Worship Aids** are given in honor of Pastor Royer's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday from his sisters, **Joan and Donna.**

**Greeting Ushers:** Dave Connor, Hank Fox, Bob Bistline, Paula Dennes, Denise Huggins.

**Money Counters:** Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller

**Building Trustee:** Dave Connor

**Lector:** Jerry Richards

**Happy Birthday!**

Monday – Marcia Eisenhour, Dr. Bruce Rodenberger

Wednesday – Aaron Shenk

**Attendance for Sun., Sept. 19**

8:00–26 10:30–60 **TOTAL – 86**

**Sunday School**

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**This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Thursday 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

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Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon

8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 8:00 AM – Eucharist—World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Eucharist—World Communion Sunday

**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](mailto:Music@Trinityeastpete.org).

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

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Our services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Eucharist will be celebrated every week at 8:00 a.m. We will continue to stream the 8:00 a.m. service on the Trinity Facebook page and upload the recording to our website ([www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)).

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

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** 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, Dave Connor, 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, Ron Rogers (Jamy Shelly's stepfather), Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Emma Nissley (sister of Jane Starr, Nancy Patton, and Pat Miller), Betty Tyndall and family, David Potts (neighbor of the Himelwrights), Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Doug & Mary Lou Shaab, 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).

**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.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.
3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.

**There will be no Koinonia at this time!**



**I PROMISE FORMS** will be received next Sunday, October 3. You can place them in the offering plate when you enter the sanctuary. The deadline to mail them to the church office is September 29. If you need another copy of the forms, they are on the table across from the church office!

**CROP WALK:** The walk is on October 17 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. You can also give a donation to any of our walkers: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Kathy McCarty, Nancy Enders, Marianne Gibble, and the Rankin family!

## STEWARDSHIP SEMINARS

**October 14:** Planning Your Funeral with  
Jeremy DeBord (DeBord-Snyder Funeral Home)  
& Michele DeRosa (Groff Funeral Home)



**All seminars will begin at  
7 p.m. in Isenberg Hall.  
Refreshments will be provided.**



**October 21:** Hospice Care with Gretchen Thomas from  
Hospice & Community Care

**All Seminars are free!**

Please R.S.V. P. to 717-569-1632 or  
email: [secretary@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:secretary@trinityeastpete.org)

**October 28:** Wills & Estates with the  
Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe, Esq.



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

## 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

**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! Chancel Flowers dates available are: **November 28.**

**PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP:** Mark your calendars now because the



Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on October 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENTS (September-October)**

*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](mailto:pastormattl@dejazzd.com)

### ***CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR***

**October 3; 3-5:30 p.m. @ Kirchenwald [Free]**

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance! Invite your friends and family – of all ages! - to join you in this Capture the Flag event. Campfire worship to follow.

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/capture-the-flag-spectacular-2021/>



### ***ADULT STUDY RETREAT***

**October 5-7 @ Nawakwa [\$150/person]** All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins

Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn-Tozer Lodge. <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/adult-study-retreat-2021/>



**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

**CHURCH PICNIC SURVEY:** Please remember to complete the survey that Carol sent out regarding our recent church picnic. If you need a paper copy, please contact Carol. This will be helpful as we plan future church picnics and other fellowship activities.



## MT. GRETTA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2021

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit [MtGretnaTabernacle.org](http://MtGretnaTabernacle.org) for any program cancellations.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

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

**MASKS REQUIRED** at all programming in the Tabernacle during the 2021 Season.

All programs will conform to strict CDC Guidelines. Visit our website for updates.



### October 2

**Saturday 2 p.m. Concert**

**The Massed Choir** Composer Lloyd Larson will direct over 100 voices in a joyous Saturday afternoon concert. *Sponsored by Losers Music Inc. and Cornwall Manor*



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**"The Path Between Us" Conference**  
the Enneagram and Healthy Relationships




**with Suzanne Stabile**

Oct 8, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Oct 9, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Restorative Practices with Children**

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

**TECHNOLOGY SERIES**

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



**Excel 201**





Rhoda Shirk

**Anticipating Winter: a Silent Retreat**






Nov. 6, 9am-4pm  
Amy Shutt

**Black Religion: A Theology Resurrected from White Oppression**



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

**Using Intuition in Your Life**

Nov. 6, 10-11:30am  
Annmarie Early PhD, LMFT

**HOW TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS**

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

**THE ART OF CHURCH HOSPITALITY**




NOV. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM  
LED BY MISTY WINTSCH, PASTOR

**A Church Dismantled | A Kingdom Restored**




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

**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



# Our Gifts for Others 2021: October 3, 2021

Each year Trinity UCC considers donations titled “*Our Gifts for Others.*” These annual gifts serve to support various outreaches that are important to our friends who are in need throughout the area.

We have a number of outreach options from which we may choose. Here is a brief summary of those seeking your consideration and support.

- **Milagro House** is committed to providing education, counseling and housing for women and children experiencing homelessness here in Lancaster County.
- **Bethany Children’s Home** started its *Helping Hands* program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the U.S. Youths stay an average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food clothing shelter more development and basic education while their families are located.
- **Hoffman Homes Inc.** is a similar but longer term stay facility for troubled youth.
- **Love, Inc.** is a national agency that seeks to provide a conduit through which people in need can seek out much needed support efforts by local churches. This agency is geared for those among us in chronic need and seeks to transform lives in the community.
- **Lancaster Theological Seminary** – educates men & women for here for a variety of ministry settings. Donations to LTS help to support students in need with tuition, housing, etc.
- **Phoebe Devitt** – operates nursing home facilities here in central Pennsylvania. The ministries seek donations to help cover the cost of residents stay, regardless of their ability to pay.
- **UCC Homes**– provides benevolent care, and uncompensated care for needful seniors. This organization seeks our help to meet this need. There are homes in Ephrata, Annville, Carlisle, and Harrisburg.

Through June 2021, *we received \$10,289 for the Our Gifts to Others Fund.* Please consider these worthy agencies as you think about your possible financial offerings for the rest of 2021.

## 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

**Make checks payable to Trinity Preschool**



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**Ordering Deadline: Oct. 25th**

**Pickup: Nov. 5th-10:00 AM**

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!!!**

**FIRST LESSON. Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

**SECOND LESSON. James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**GOSPEL. Mark 9:38-50**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."