

My flesh  
is  
true food  
and  
my blood  
is  
true drink

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**8:00 & 9:30 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

**Prayer:** *Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**Carmen Richards, Piano**

**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.**

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.

Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

**The works of God are all around us.**

**Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.**

Come, then, as wise and faithful people.

Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

**We are amazed that God remembers us.**

**We reach out to the God whose cares for us.**

Let us worship God!

**HYMN #7**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*  
(verses 1, 3, & 6)

**9:30 Service**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power.

**Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

**Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Enflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

## 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

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

*Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, becomes king over Israel when his father dies. He asks the Lord for wisdom in order to govern the people. The Lord grants his request, and Solomon becomes known far and wide for his great wisdom.*

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

#### THE PSALTER

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 5:15-20

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. John 6:51-58

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

## **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

***Praise be to You, O Christ.***

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **MEDITATION**

**"What Makes A Good Leader?"**

**Rev. Esbenshade**

## **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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this congregation. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer. God, 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

Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to share with others some of what we have received from you. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. In the name of Christ. Amen.

# CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

*Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*

9:30 Service

*Attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150*

*Transl. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.*

*John 6:52-58; Heb. 13:8*

1 Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, fount of our lives, and  
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with all to  
3 We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -  
4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher-e'er our chang - ing  
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our mo - ments

light of all: From ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts  
call on you; To those still seek - ing, you are good;  
on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;  
lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you turn,  
calm and bright! Oh, chase the cloud of sin a - way!

we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
to those who find you, life is new.  
our thirst - y souls from you we fill.  
blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.  
Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

*Bernard, founder of the monastery at Clairvaux, was respected by popes and royalty alike. From the forty-two-verse Latin poem, American Congregational minister Ray Palmer freely translated selected verses to create this version.*

Tune: HESPERUS L.M.  
(QUEBEC)  
*Henry W. Baker, 1854*

## RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

The grace and mercy of God go with you today.

God will keep covenant with you now and forever.

**We accept the living bread that came from heaven.**

**We will walk with Christ through life's valleys.**

You are the body of Christ! May you be strengthened with the power of God, the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Claire & Parry Miller** on our 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Anita Rohrer** in honor of her husband, Pete, and his family into which I've been blessed to have married.

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

**Building Trustee:** Hank Fox

**Lector:** Jeff Hackenberger

**Thank you to Carmen Richards for sharing her musical gifts today in Christine's absence!!!**

**Happy Birthday!**

Monday – Donna Esbenshade, Carmen Richards

Tuesday – Jane Portser

Wednesday – John Bailey

Thursday – Thomas Dennes, Chuck Husted

Friday – Don Miller, Pastor Chris Rankin

Saturday – Kristen Richards

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 AM-2 PM.

**PASTOR'S VACATION:** Pastor Rankin and family will be on vacation through August 19. The Rev. Sandy Morris will be covering pastoral emergencies during this time. You can reach Rev. Morris at (717) 385-1588.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SALLY BRIGHT** will be held at Trinity Church on August 21 at 11 a.m. There will be a visitation time beginning at 10:15 a.m. **We are in need of a few ushers to help with the service. Please contact Carol or Pastor Chris!**



Today we welcome the Rev. Jack Esbenshade, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Rev. Esbenshade is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained on June 6, 1971. He has served the following ministries:

2017	Interim Visitation Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., East Petersburg
2010-12	Interim Associate Pastor, Hamilton Park U.C.C., Lancaster
1991-10	Administrator/Executive Director, Ephrata Manor
1990-91	Assistant Administrator, The Lebanon Valley Home, Annville
1978-90	Pastor, Church of the Redeemer U.C.C., Hershey
1973-78	Pastor, St. Luke's U.C.C., Lancaster
1971-73	Pastor, Tri-U.C.C. Parish, Penn Northeast Conference

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** John Shelsky (friend of Trinity Church), Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Nancy Enders, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jackey Hoover, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Dave Connor, Linda Brown (sister of Mike Wagner), Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong), 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, Virginia Schoffstall (grandmother of Kayla Brennan), 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).

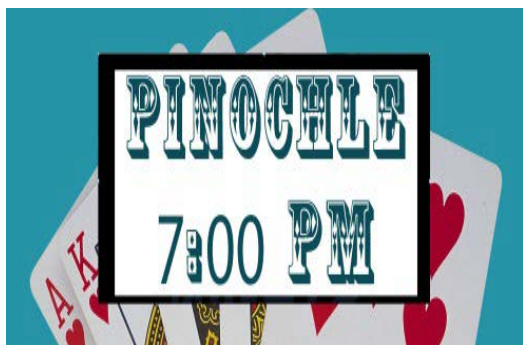


Sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office or you can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail!

#### **CHURCH PICNIC CAKE WALK:**

The Church Picnic Planning Committee will have a cake walk during our picnic on August 22. There is a sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office for you to donate a cake or pie. If you are unable to attend the picnic but would like to donate a cake or a pie, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer is willing to pick it up and take it to the picnic. Contact Dr. Hoshauer for more information (717-627-2410).

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



Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the September 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!



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

# MT. GRETTNA 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.

## Summer at the Tabernacle

## Worship, Speakers and Concerts

**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.**

**Friday programs will be simulcast via the website and on Facebook**

### August 15 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

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

### August 22 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

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



### August 29 Sunday

### 7 p.m. Concert

**QuintEssentially Brass** A quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another season.



### 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*



**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 dates available are: **August 22, September 12, 19 & 26.** Chancel Flowers dates available are: **September 12, 19 & 26.**

**MISSION PROJECT:** The VBS Mission Project is Schreiber Center For Pediatric Development. Anyone can give through their envelopes or online giving and specify Schreiber to participate in making donations. Please make checks payable to Trinity.





### Historic Churches of Lancaster City

September 22, 2021  
8:15 am - 2:15 pm



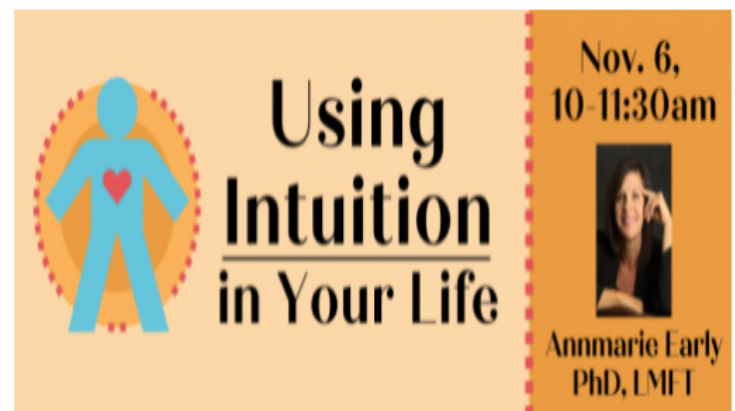
### The Path Between Us: Enneagram Conference with Suzanne Stabile

October 8, 2021 - October 9, 2021  
6:00 pm - 5:00 pm



### Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram

September 25, 2021  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



### Using Intuition in Your Life

November 6, 2021  
10:00 am - 11:30 am

**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 (9:30 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 9:30 a.m. services.

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

**THE JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building! The deadline for the September Parish Post is tomorrow.

### **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, 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



**RALLY DAY:** For this year's Rally Day, we are able to make recordings and put them together to create a video of the Rally Day play, "A Wrinkle In Time," (by Morgan Gould, from the book by Madeleine L'Engle), which can be streamed for one day, September 12. Conditions permitting, our intentions are to also have a showing of the recording on a screen at church, either outside or in the social hall at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, September 12. So, our plan is to schedule two, hopefully in-person, recording sessions, hoping to get as much recorded in succession as possible to reduce the amount of editing needed. Anyone interested, please contact Dina Slechta to receive a script and a role to begin rehearsing in advance, at home.

Some Possible Recording Session Dates (Expecting to only use 2 of these.): **August 23** – Evening                      **August 25** – Evening  
**August 28** - Morning

*List of Roles Available (You don't need to be these ages to play these roles, just letting you know who the characters are.):*

**Meg** - pre-teen or young teenage girl, one of the main characters

**Charles Wallace** - five year old younger brother, extremely intelligent, one of the main characters

**Mother** - beautiful scientist, mother of the four children

**Mrs. Whatsit** - zany, larger than life, ethereal being/angel

**Mrs. Who** - thoughtful, kind, ethereal being/angel, loves to study great artist, philosophers, and recites lots of quotes in various languages.

**Mrs. Which** - ethereal being/angel phases in and out of reality, drawn out speech

**Calvin** - teen boy, athlete, cares for Meg tenderly

**Red-eyed Man** - evil administrator

**Father** - scientist, father of the four children

**Little Boy Who Drops Ball** - young boy who doesn't conform

The following may want to be Ensemble Members in addition to reading these lines:

**Teacher** - One line near the beginning

**Postalworker** - One line near the beginning

**Bully** - One line near the beginning

**Dennys** - 10 year old twin brother, one line near the beginning

**Sandy** - 10 year old twin brother, one line near the beginning

**Camazotz Mom** - fearful, suspicious mother

**Ensemble Member** - May act in various capacities to create the illusion of wind, trees, animals, tables, walls, etc. May chant or exclaim, or create other background sound effects.

**FIRST LESSON. 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14**

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

**SECOND LESSON. Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL. John 6:51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."