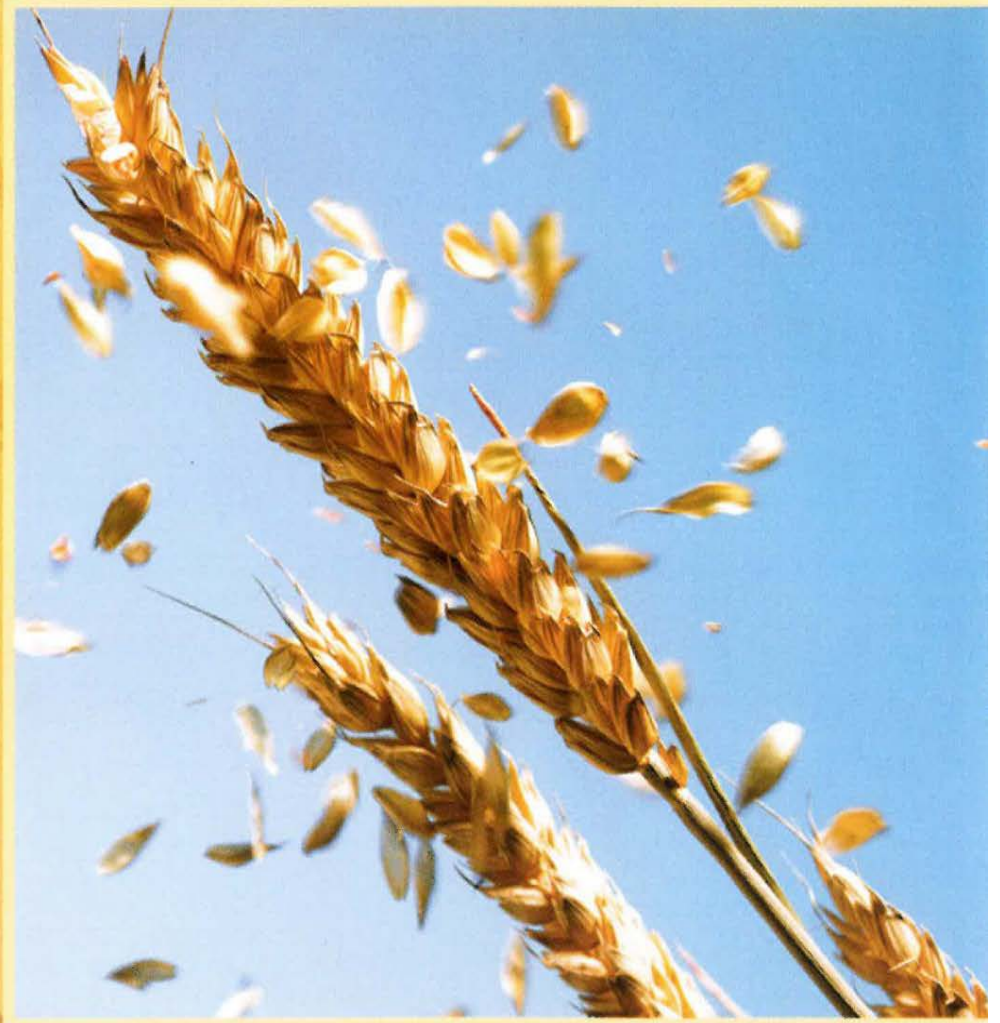


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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human,...gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing-we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Music Committee

*(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.**

God welcomes those whose hearts are sick. God's invitation comes to people whose joy is gone.

**Why is the health of God's people not restored? Why must we weep day and night for those we have lost?**

Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments. God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

**We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin. We cry out for relief from our suffering.**

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

Friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

## KYRIE

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## 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 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Faithful God, whose mercy is offered to the just and the unjust, help us to reorder our priorities so the wealth we possess becomes a tool, not an idol. We would use our wealth to address problems you call us to solve, to win others to your way of love, and to heal the brokenness of your world. Bless our learning and our doing, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

*Jeremiah's primary task as God's prophet was to announce the terrible destruction that awaited the people of Judah and Jerusalem because of their sin. In this passage, a grief-stricken Jeremiah anguishes over the sadness of that message and weeps for his people.*

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

## THE PSALTER

Psalms 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have invaded your land. They have desecrated your holy temple and left Jerusalem in ruins.

**They left the bodies of your people for the vultures, the bodies of your servants for wild animals to eat.**

They shed your people's blood like water; blood flowed like water all through Jerusalem, and no one was left to bury the dead.

**The surrounding nations insult us; they laugh at us and mock us.**

Lord, will you be angry with us forever? Will your anger continue to burn like fire?

**Turn your anger on the nations that do not worship you, on the people who do not pray to you. For they have killed your people; they have ruined your country.**

Do not punish us for the sins of our ancestors. Have mercy on us now; we have lost all hope.

**Help us, O God, and save us; rescue us and forgive our sins for the sake of your own honor.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 16:1-13

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## SERMON

“Serving God”

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

We give, loving God, because of your generosity to us. We share because this is your will for us. In faithfulness to your call, we seek to manage the resources you provide for the greatest benefit to humankind. May they bring a bit closer an awareness of your intentions for us and your rule among us. We worship and serve you with all we have; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION



## THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen." Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)*

*(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.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.



God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. **God of grace, hear 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**

### **BENEDICTION**



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Jeff Hackenberger** to The Glory of God.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Nancy Enders** in celebration of the marriage of Lauren Lichtenwalner to Matt LaRouche on Saturday, September 24.

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

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

**Altar Guild:** Hedwig Hunsicker & Anita Rohrer

**Koinonia:** Rachel Baynard & Anne Rankin

**Happy Birthday!**

Today – Lon Wible

Thursday – Audria Husted, Sawyer Eisenhour

Friday – Christopher Schwankl

**Attendance for Sun., Sept. 11                      7:45–19    10:30–64    TOTAL – 83**  
**September 11 Christian Ed. Attendance: 21**

**This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Monday                      7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells

Parish Post Deadline

Tuesday                      12:00 PM – CPR Training

1-3 PM – Prayer Shawl

7:00 PM— Consistory

Wednesday                      Preschool Starts

Thursday                      6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

7:00 PM– 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mtg. (Choir Room)

Friday                      2:30 PM – Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 PM - Pinochle

Saturday                      8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast

3:00 PM - Wedding

7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday                      7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Worship

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of Jean Zeigler (grandmother of Katie Weeber), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Brian Barr (son of John & Dolly Barr), Sam Minder III, Marlin “Moe” Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Carole Connor, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke’s), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Jim Newcomer (cousin of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad 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), Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever’s brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach’s brother), 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, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger’s brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Doris Leaman, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

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

**WEDDING INVITATION:** Lauren Lichtenwalner & Matt LaRouche invite the members of Trinity Church to attend their wedding ceremony at Trinity on September 24 at 3 p.m.



## Calling all Singers and Ringers

2022-2023 Season

7:00-8:00 PM SOT Choir

8:15-8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

Starting on September 19

**\*New Singers and Ringers Welcome**

**Contact Michael or Dina Slechta**

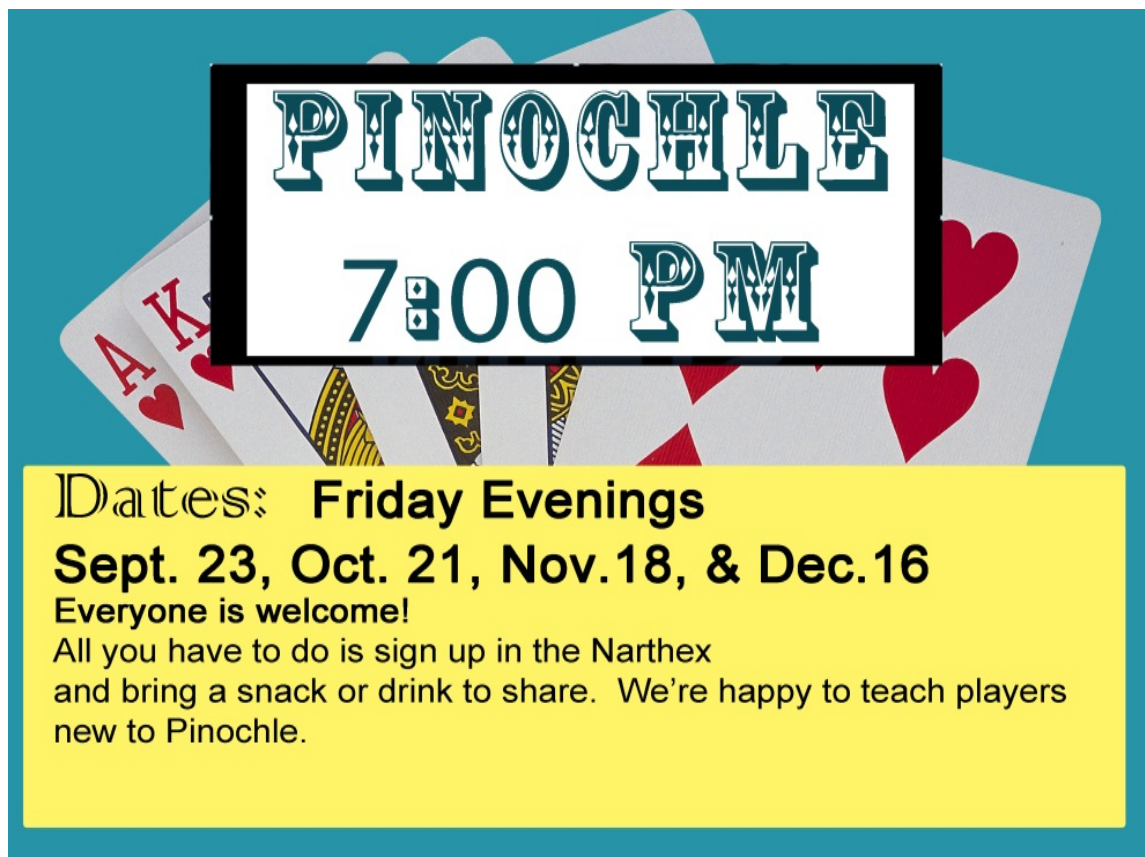


### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Here is information about the various classes:

1. The Young Children's Class (5 years old and younger) will meet in the nursery on the second floor by the elevator.
2. The Primary Children's Class (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Seasons of the Spirit lectionary based curriculum.
3. The Middle/High School Class will be meeting with the adult class and use the youth study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton. There will be opportunities for a youth breakout session during the classes.
3. The Adult Class will meet in Isenberg Hall. They will finish two chapters in *Practicing Our Faith* (their textbook from last year) and in October will begin using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

**NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR:** Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty.



**NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters:** To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

**Ushers:** We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

**PEANUT FELLOWSHIP** will resume on Tuesday, September 27th from 7 AM to 2 PM with a potluck lunch. The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound. Please call Pat Seachrist (717-392-1427) to order peanuts. We need help with this project. Futures dates for the Peanut Fellowship are: October 11 & 25, November 1, 15 & 29. The order deadline for Christmas is Tuesday, November 1. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

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

**SUPPLIES FOR PRESCHOOL:** We are collecting supplies for the preschool. There is a box in the hallway to collect your donations. They need crayons, tape, little paint brushes, markers, paper and gift cards. You can get the list from the table in the hallway.

A black poster with gold decorative borders and text. The title 'Stewardship Seminars' is in a large, gold, gothic-style font. Below it, the date 'October 13' is followed by the topic 'Office of Aging' and a description 'What's it all about and what services are available to a retiree?'. The speaker 'Lon Wible (Executive Director)' is listed. The next entry is 'October 20' for 'Financial Planning' by 'Rodgers and Associates'. The final entry is 'October 27' for 'Long Term Care' by 'Mark Eyer (Masonic Village)'. The time '7:00-8:30 PM' and location 'Sanctuary' are listed in the top left corner.

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Sanctuary

**Stewardship Seminars**

**October 13** Office of Aging - *What's it all about and what services are available to a retiree?* - **Lon Wible (Executive Director)**

**October 20** Financial Planning - **Rodgers and Associates**

**October 27** Long Term Care -  
**Mark Eyer (Masonic Village)**

**LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!**



## 2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: October 9, & 23. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: October 16, 23, & 30.



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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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PROPER 20  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 8:18–9:1**

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

**SECOND LESSON. 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**GOSPEL. Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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