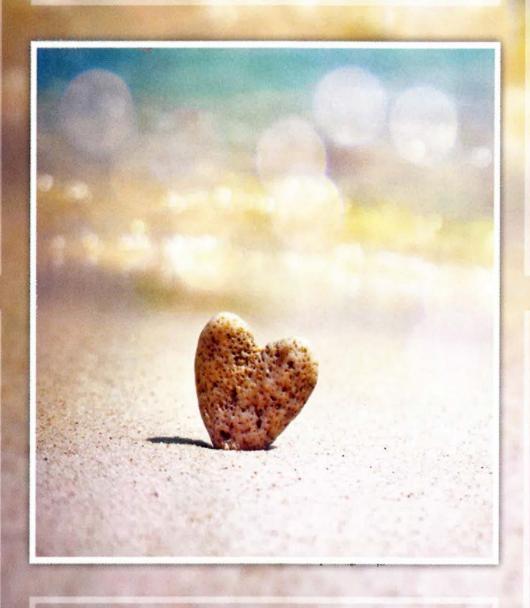
# Refresh my heart in Christ



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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

**Today's Theme:** Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in the Eucharist and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" - to choose life in God as our own.

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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

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.

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

# **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

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Gracious God, we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

# TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter may destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

# THE PSALTER

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

# THE SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1:1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave name Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

# THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

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**SERMON** 

"Don't Resist It!"

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH (adapted by Robert V. Moss, 1976) We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

# OFFERING DEDICATION

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. Have we not heard? Have we not known? In the beginning, you swept across the earth with your Spirit of life and renewal. When we forgot or neglected your truth, you redeemed us and renewed us. From the earth's first gardens to the mountaintop storms, you have spoken to us, and entrusted us to be your people. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed your covenant with us, reviving us and reclaiming us through your grace and love. And so, with your people on earth, with all of creation, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise:

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!

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your powerful love for the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, welcoming any and all, Christ continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, you renew

and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, welcome now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

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# 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.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

For this community of faith: for all our labors – begun, continued, and ended in you – that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. 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



The Chancel Flowers are given by Nevin Cooley in memory of Ann Cooley, mother of Nevin Cooley.

The Worship Aids are given by John and Dolly Barr in thankfulness for the Church Picnic Committee - they did a fantastic job!

Money Counters: Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Jeff

Hackenberger, John Shelsky

Building Trustee: Dave Connor Lector: Jeff Hackenberger

Altar Guild: Nancy Enders

Attendance for Sun., Aug. 28 7:45–20 9:30–69 TOTAL – 89

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday OFFICE CLOSED – Labor Day

Tuesday 6:00 PM – Preschool Sneek-A-Peek

7:00 PM—Property Committee

Wednesday Preschool Starts

Thursday 10:00 AM – Mercersburg Study Group

6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Worship

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



PRAYER CONCERNS: The Bossert & Davis families, 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, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Ever (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), 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).

**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.

RALLY DAY: The Christian Education Committee will kick-off a new Sunday School year with a special Rally Day program on September 11 at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. The program will include opening devotions, a preview of the fall classes, brief skits, information about the fall project (CROP Walk), and other important announcements. Committee members will provide food and drinks for Koinonia at 10:00 a.m.

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 (1st-6th 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 durin 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.

# Calling all Singers and Ringers, 2022-2023 Season Starts

September 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir September 19, 8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

> \*New Singers and Ringers Welcome Contact Michael or Dina Slechta

# It's time to get ready for the 2022 East Petersburg Day Paradel Trinity U.C.C. Catch The Vision...Share The Jo Saturday, epidember 1.7th Meet at the church at 8:00 AM

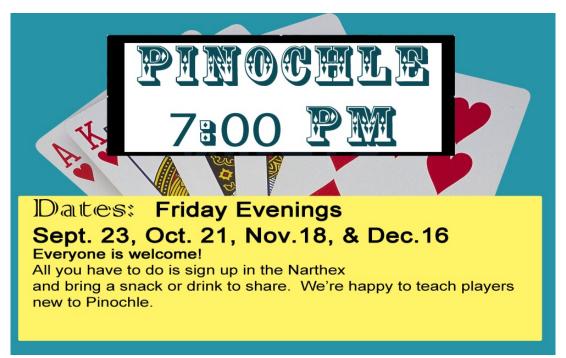
We will be decorating the float on September 16<sup>th</sup> around 6 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin.

# 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: September 11, & Oct 9. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: September 11, 18 & 25.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**TRINITY MEN'S GROUP:** The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on September 24 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

**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 9:30 a.m. services.

**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.

**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.

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR:** Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on September 15 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

# Save the Date







The 50th Anniversary of the Lancaster CROP Walk October 16, 2022

Registration at 1:00 p.m.
Celebration Event at 1:30 p.m.
Walk Begins at 2:00 p.m.
at the

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

> 64 Hershey Ave. Lancaster, PA

**Honorary Chairpersons** 



Matt Barcaro (WGAL)



Father & Mrs. Veronis

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lancasterpa
For more information contact
Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin
chris@trinityeastpete.org

# (C) PROPER 18 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

#### SECOND LESSON. Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ, Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

#### GOSPEL. Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

NEW