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JUSTICE
to his chosen ones



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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: *O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, 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.

Come, people of God. Come together in the presence of our Creator.

We come, hungry for the new covenant God promises to write on our hearts.

Come, people of faith. God is here to fill us with wisdom and patience.

We come, yearning for God's justice and faithful presence in our world.

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.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, 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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Sow your seed in our midst, O God, for we are prepared to receive what you offer. We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us. Draw us into the new covenant you have fashioned for us in Jesus Christ, so that we may fulfill our ministry. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34

After uttering many oracles of judgment, Jeremiah announces a day of hope when God will make a new covenant with Israel and Judah, a covenant written upon their hearts and sealed with God's forgiveness.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The write of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"The Full Embodiment of the Faith" 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

Holy God, with thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going, through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness and when we break our covenant, we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people to know you more fully and serve you more effectively. Equip us for every good work, that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly. In the name of Jesus Christ. 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 gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Grant strength and courage to those recovering from the recent hurricanes. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE CROP WALKERS

Pastor: Would all our CROP Hunger Walkers please come forward.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world today. Many people in our community struggle from meal to meal – not knowing if they will have nutritious food to feed their children and our brothers and sisters globally are seeing children die from starvation. Today is the CROP Hunger Walk – an opportunity to walk in solidarity with our vulnerable neighbors and raise awareness and funds to alleviate their hunger permanently.

Congregation: May you walk safely, remaining mindful of all who struggle to find enough to eat.

Walkers: We walk because they walk. May each step remind us of the daily journeys of millions of our sisters and brothers who have no choice but to walk for food, water, employment, safety.

Pastor: This walk would not be successful if it weren't for the people who generously sponsor our walkers.

Walkers: We give thanks to God for the generosity of all those who sponsored us.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for the work of Church World Service. They are our hands reaching out to a world in need.

Congregation: May the ministry of Church World Service enable all God's people to have enough to eat, clean water to drink, and a safe place to call home.

Pastor: We also pray for the Lancaster Food Hub, our local hunger fighting agency.

Congregation: May the hungry of our community be nourished in body and spirit through their ministry.

Pastor: Today, we recall the unfinished task of building a world of peace and justice where hunger has no home.

Congregation: May our lives reflect our values and our vision. Let us walk with the world, today and every day, so that all God's children might have enough to live in dignity. Amen

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

★ CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY ★

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Phyllis & Ken Zimmerman in celebration of their birthdays on the 16th & 28th, respectively, and their 25th wedding anniversary on the 18th.

The Worship Aids are given by Kayla Brennan in honor of John Brennan's birthday.

Money Counters: Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk

Building Trustee: John Shelsky **Lector:** Rev. Jack Esbenshade

Altar Guild: Nancy Enders **Koinonia:** Wolf Family

Happy Birthday!

Today – Phyllis Zimmerman

Monday – Sandy DeLong, Kelsey Harley

Saturday – Elizabeth Rohrer

Attendance for Sun., September 4 7:45–11 10:30–60 **TOTAL – 71**

Sunday School Attendance 18

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today 2:00 PM – Crop Walk

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

Tuesday 1:00-3:00 PM – Prayer Shawl

7:00 PM – Consistory/Boards

Thursday 12 Noon – Lunch with Pastor

6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

7:00 PM – Stewardship Seminar (Sanctuary)

Friday 7:00 PM – Pinochle

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

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship followed by Welcome Lunch

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Carole Connor, the family of Dr. Miles Harriger (father of Dr. Janet Harriger), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Sam Minder III, Marlin "Moe" Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Dick & Tillie King (friends of Stan & Pat Seachrist), 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), Monica Williams (friend of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), 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 October-December edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

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

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER TODAY: Join us TODAY at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall to hear from Rick Santos, CEO & President of Church World Service (CWS). He will share what CWS is doing around the world and how our CROP Walk money supports those efforts.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on October 20 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

WELCOME LUNCHEON: The Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a welcome luncheon for new members and recent visitors to Trinity Church following the 10:30 service on October 23. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office.

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 (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 during the classes.
4. The Adult Class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, October 18th 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.

PINOCHLE
7:00 PM

Dates: Friday Evenings
Oct. 21, Nov. 18, & Dec. 16

Everyone is welcome!
 All you have to do is sign up in the Narthex and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

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.

'GRAB-AND-GO' MEALS

Community Grab-N-Go Meal
 Tuesday October 25
 First Reformed Church
 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster

Kitchen volunteers are needed to package the to-go bags complete with utensils and napkins. Volunteers are also needed to sign in all diners and supply each with sanitizer and face mask. There will also be signups for food donations

including fruit cups, commercially wrapped desserts, bottled water and 1 pound bags of baby carrots. Sign up sheets on table outside office. The meal is distributed from 5:00-6:00 but kitchen prep starts at 3:00. If you need more information please contact Kathy Cooley: 717-371-0346 or email ksharkitt@gmail.com.



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

PEANUT FELLOWSHIP has resumed 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.

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 30. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 6, 20 & 27.

KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 6: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 7, 2021. If you have a name of a family member of friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. **The deadline is October 31.**



QuintEssentially Brass

Sun., Oct. 30, 2022
Concert 4:00 PM



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Also join us for:

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 23rd 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert
Dec. 4th 6:00 PM
Followed By Desserts



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.

OCTOBER 16, 2022

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND LESSON. 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL. Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the LORD said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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