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Celebrating 175 Years: Honoring Our Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith!

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

**Today's Theme:** In today's reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus fees the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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:** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(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 into the presence of God to be fed. Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

We gather to seek God's face. Let our eyes see all that is right and true. God is near to all who call and seek. Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God. We want to renew our covenant with the living God.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

# **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**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

### KYRIE

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We who once were far off have been brought near to God through the cross of Jesus Christ. May God grant you grace to forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

### 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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God, whose law is perfect and whose covenant with us is sure, teach us today as Jesus taught the crowds long ago. May we hear the voice of compassion and sense the healing touch which we need as much as they did. Multiply among us the food of your Word, that as we are fed, we may be eager to pass on your gifts to us with a transforming generosity of spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

# THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 145:8-9,14-21

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 14:13-21

Romans 9:1-5

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Scarcity v. Abundance"

Rev. Jack Esbenshade

(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

Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the beloved community of your people. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they need from your hand; 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.

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, saying:

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!

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.

#### (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.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and supply relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

#### SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

#### BENEDICTION

## CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Janet Harriger in memory of my father, Miles Harriger, Sr.

The Worship Aids are given by the Bob & Hedwig Hunsicker in loving memory of our parents Paul and Verda Hunsicker and Heinz and Madlene Stege.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by Jackey Hoover memory of my husband Nowell's birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Lector	Rev. Sandy Morris
Money Counters	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi,
	Sally Rodenberger
Altar Guild	Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Sally Rodenberger
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Hank Fox
Ministries	<b>Card</b> Elders (Tim Geiger)
	Called to Care Nancy Enders
	Visitation Ken Trauger

Happy Birthday!

Wednesday – Kathy Cooley, Dr. Parry Miller

Attendance for Sun., July 30 7:45–17 9:30–57 TOTAL – 74

Today we welcome the Rev. Jack Esbenshade, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Rev. Esbenshade, a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, was ordained on June 6, 1971. He currently chairs our Stewardship Committee and leads our adult VBS Class. Rev. Esbenshade 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

#### This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday-Friday	Work being done in Isenberg Hall
Wednesday	7:00 PM—Finance/Deacons/Stewardship
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist
-	9:30 AM – Eucharist

### PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

#### **MEMBERS**

Dr. Blaine Connor Scott & Jane Owens Dr. Becky Wagner The Lehman family Mike Wagner Mary Lou Shaab Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser Betty Tyndall and family Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman Joann & Dawn Garvin Don & Pat Miller

Lee Bossert	Dr. Carrie Call
Dave Trostle	Dorothy Fasnacht
John Shelsky	Dr. Janet Harriger
Donna Wolf	Deb Lichtenwalner
Joann Peck	Eugene Hartenstine
Ron Becker	Stan & Pat Seachrist
Donna Zirkel	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Hank Fox	Charles & Betty Booraem
Nancy Patton	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Mary Witmer Erika Otthofer Ken & Phyllis Zir	Kathleen Sensenig Adams Danielle Huggins Holbein

#### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

The family of Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights) Dr. Lee Barrett (Lancaster Seminary Professor) Jim & Liz Kreider (friends of John & Dolly Barr) Andrea Paulukow (daughter of John & Sarah Paulukow) **Richard Paulukow** (relative of John & Sarah Paulukow) Jaden Allen (nephew of Carol Kratz) **Cindy Commero Cook and family**(friend of Sarah Paulukow) Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty) **The Bruno family** (friends of Blaine Connor) Jessica Brown (niece of Mike & Shelley Wagner) Janice Zimmerman (sister of Ken Zimmerman) Jack & Sandy Neal (friends of Trinity members) Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr) James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher) John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr) Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen) Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity) James Malone & family **Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner) Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens) Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel) Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), **Don Pfeifer** (husband of Denise Pfeifer) Rev. Phyllis Baum (former member of Trinity Church) Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer) The Martin family **Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards) **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) Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards) John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law) Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law) The Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

**STAFF VACATIONS:** Pastor Rankin will return to the church office on Wednesday. **The Rev. Bob Bistline** will be covering pastoral emergencies during this time. You can reach Rev. Bistline at 717-917-9716.

**THE JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**VBS MISSION PROJECT:** This year's VBS mission project is the Hempfield Power Packs. You can donate to the offering by marking the special designation box on your offering envelope with "VBS Mission".

SHARE YOUR STORIES/MEMORIES OF TRINITY CHURCH: The 175th Anniversary Committee invites members of the congregation to share your stories and memories of Trinity Church for our November Echoes of the Past article. What are some of the things you remember from our past? Who are some of the people you remember? For some of our newer members, what drew you to Trinity Church? Whether you have been here 50 years or you recently joined, we want to hear from you!! Please submit your stories/memories to the church office by October 6.

**THE ORDER OF HEALING** will be used at both services on August 20. Those who wish to be anointed with oil will be invited to come forward during the services.



Hempfield Fire Department Park 19 Main Street, Landisville (parking is in the lot behind the fire department) SIGN-UP SHEET FOR PICNIC & CAKE WALK ON TABLE ACROSS FROM OFFICE Look for more information in the coming weeks!!!



# MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

# **Summer at the Tabernacle** | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064 Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

## August 6 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Lancaster British Brass Band 28 instrumentalists from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey playing brass, winds and percussion instruments. Directed by Dr. Stephen Arthur Allen.



August 9 Wednesday 7 p.m. Concert

Victory Express Ministries A family gospel group providing evangelistic ministry for more than 40 years. Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.



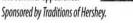


## August 13 Sunday 7 p.m. Speaker

Bob Kettering Chairperson of the Bible Festival Committee, Bob has served in 7 interim pastorates since his retirement from full-time ministry in 2015. Chancel Choir of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren will provide music.

### August 20 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.



August 27 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

**QuintEssentially Brass** A quintet with their engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances end another season. Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.



#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! **Greeter /Ushers Needed**



If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!!





Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer!

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: August 27 & September 24. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: August 20, September 3 & 17. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.



Ice Cream Social

# Lancaster Association Mission & Ministry Planned Event

# Sunday, August 20

# 3:30-5:30 pm

Pavilion at Church of the Apostles.

It will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL with a time to hear from various ministries and ministry partners.

**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.



We still have a few openings for Musical Offerings over the summer and if anyone is interested in offering their gifts, they should contact Mike & Dina Slechta at <u>music@trinityeastpete.org</u>.



THERE WILL SOON BE A SIGN-UP SHEET!!!!

**CONCERT FEATURING TRINITY'S ORGANISTS:** As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will welcome back some of our former organists for a concert on September 24 at 3 p.m. Look for more information soon!

**TRINITY PRAYER BOOK:** In the spring, participants in the Adult Sunday School Class were sharing prayers that were meaningful to their family. Anne Rankin thought it would be good to compile these prayers and create a Trinity prayer book as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can submit prayers to Pastor Chris or Anne.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know. and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

# Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

#### SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

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