

Those
who lose
their life
for my
sake will
find it

MATTHEW 16:25

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Mrs. Carol Kratz, Administrative Assistant

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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 God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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.**

God calls us to this time of worship. The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Give thanks to God: sing praises. Give attention to the voice of 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.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. 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

(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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God of our ancestors, whose presence on the human scene in Jesus Christ continues to challenge us, grant us strength and courage to deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow. Increase among us empathy with all who suffer, identification with the lowly, and a spirit of hospitality for all. We would live with hope and patience that bridge differences, promote harmony, and contribute to the peace you intend for humankind. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalms 26:1-8

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.
I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"A Vision of Christian Community"

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

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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.

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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.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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 **Hillary Bossert-Davis & Beth Bossert** in memory of Lee & Sandra Bossert and all the love they have showed over the years.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by **Janet Sweigart** in memory of Herbert M. Charles, Jr.

The Worship Aids are given by the **Hunsicker Family** with gratitude to Pastor Rankin for being such a faithful & caring Pastor.

Ministering Today

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| Pastor/Celebrant | Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin |
| Lector/Assistant | Rev. Jack Esbenshade |
| Money Counters | Ron & Donna Denlinger, Charlene Cristy, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, Sally Rodenberger |
| Building Trustee | Dave Connor |
| Ministries | Card Children Sunday School Class Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Anita Rohrer |

This Week at Trinity Church

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

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| Monday | OFFICE CLOSED |
| Wednesday | First day of Preschool |
| Thursday | 1:00 PM – Anniversary Committee |
| Saturday | 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA |
| Sunday | 7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School/RALLY DAY 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Eucharist |

Attendance for Sun., August 27

7:45–22 9:30–69 TOTAL – 91

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

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| Dr. Blaine Connor | Dr. Carrie Call | Scott & Jane Owens |
| Dave Trostle | John Shelsky | Dorothy Fasnacht |
| Bud McCarty | Don & Pat Miller | Dr. Janet Harriger |

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| The Lehman family | Mike Wagner | Joann Peck |
| Donna Wolf & Family | Ron Becker | Mary Lou Shaab |
| Stan & Pat Seachrist | Donna Zirkel | Carmen & Jerry Richards |
| Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley | Sam Minder III | Lainie Christensen |
| Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser | Hank Fox | Charles & Betty Booraem |
| Betty Tyndall and family | Nancy Patton | Bob & Marlyn Wible |
| Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline | Mary Witmer | Kathleen Sensenig Adams |
| Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman | Erika Otthofer | Danielle Huggins Holbein |
| Joann & Dawn Garvin | Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman | |

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Eugene Hartenstine
The family of Lee Manifold (father of Marcia Eisenhower)
The Family of Rev. John Saxton (seminary friend of Rev. Bob Hunsicker)
Dr. Lee Barrett (Lancaster Seminary Professor)
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)
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 SEPTEMBER PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

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.



MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on September 16 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. This is open to the men of Trinity! You can always invite a friend to join you for breakfast!

**Calling all Singers and Ringers
2023-2024 Season Starts**

September 11, 7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir
September 18, 8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

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

TRINITY U.C.C.
East Petersburg, PA
Rally Day Homecoming
Celebration!
 175 Years Young

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WANTS TO SEE YOU!

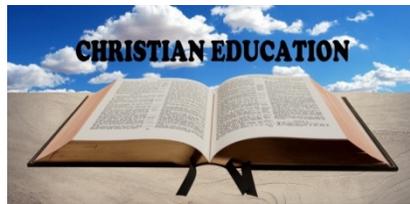
Refreshments!

WHO: All are invited – past participants of VBS, Rally Day musicals, Sunday School teachers & students – all who support Trinity Church

WHAT: Activities for all ages; Reminiscing the threads that bind us together; Trinity Trivia, Music from the past & present, games for KIDS!

WHEN: Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM

WHERE: Isenberg Hall



1. The Children's Class will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Spark lectionary based curriculum. These Sunday school lessons connect kids with Bible stories heard in worship. The Bible story have lessons that are packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts. Fall Year A covers Jesus' teachings and parables in 11 lessons for Pentecost.
2. Adult/Youth Bible Class will be studying *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. Using historical background, archaeological findings, and stories of the faith, Adam Hamilton retraces the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught, and the roads he traveled. The class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be led by Sue Bowman and Pastor Rankin. There will be opportunities for the youth to have breakout sessions during the class.
3. The Wired Word (Christian Issues Today) Adult Class will meet in the Choir Room. Each week they will have a Bible study lesson linked to the latest headlines and current events using appropriate scriptures. Students can opt in or out of receiving the lesson by email before Sunday. To opt in before the first session, contact Diane Rice with your email address

PRAYER SHAWL: Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 19 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.



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

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 175th anniversary. You can submit prayers to Pastor Chris or Anne.



DATES

Thursday, September 28-1:30 PM

Friday, October 20-7:00 PM

Thursday, November 16-1:30 PM

Friday, December 15-7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY: Trinity's next community meal will be Tuesday, September 26-5:00 PM at First Reformed U.C.C. (40 E. Orange St., Lancaster). Volunteer and donation sign-up sheets are on the table across from the church office. Trinity will be serving chicken and waffles. Thanks for your continued support serving a meal to those who are in need. Contact Kathy Cooley for more information!

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: 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. Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.



PEANUT FELLOWSHIP
We will be starting peanuts on September 26th.
We need help. We start at 7:00 AM & end at 2:00 PM.
Anytime you can help would be greatly appreciated. Great fellowship and potluck lunch. Peanuts will be \$6.00 per lb. Please pay by cash or check. You can place your orders at church or call Pat Seachrist at 717-392-1427.

Christmas orders must be placed by November 1st.
Schedule: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14, 28, and Dec. 5. Hope to see you there!

Sue Husted, Pat Seachrist, & Shelley Wagner

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!!!



We are looking for a greeter coordinator that will recruit new people to serve and create a schedule. Contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer!

OLD GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



On Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., Old Zion German Reformed Church, Brickerville, will conduct an annual anniversary service. The service provides an opportunity to reflect on Old Zion's rich history and faith traditions.

This year's theme will be "Moravians: Threat or Salvation," and will explore the sometimes contentious, sometimes compatible faith relationships between members of the German Reformed and Moravian Churches in the Eighteenth Century. The German Reformed Church is an early predecessor of

the modern United Church of Christ. The theme reflects the historical controversy between members of the Moravian and Reformed Churches, who competed for the attention of believers as they established congregations throughout Central Pennsylvania. That controversy has long since passed, as reflected in the recent merger of the Lancaster Theological Seminary and the Moravian Seminary.

Rev. William LaSalle will portray a Reformed pastor of Old Zion in the mid-1700s. **Dr. Lee Barrett**, Professor of Systematic Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary, will explore the theme in his sermon by the same title. The worship service will include music and hymns from the period and will feature the **Ephrata Cloister Chorus under the direction of Dr. Mark Herr**. The Cloister Chorus will sing songs from the Ephrata Cloister along with music from the Reformed and Moravian traditions. **J.P. Welliver, Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Penryn**, will play the historical pump organ at Old Zion as part of the service.

Please join us for an afternoon of faith, music, history, and fellowship. Refreshments will be served after the service. Old Zion German Reformed Church is located near Brickerville at 187 Reifsnyder Rd.

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.**



**175th Anniversary Service/Luncheon at Blue Collar
October 29**

**Service is 10:30 and luncheon at 12:30!
The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Guest Preacher**

Menu (you will choose one):

- Barbecue Chicken (tangy vinegar-based barbecue sauce), fries, and green beans
- Salmon with citrus sauce, farro, and green beans
- Stuffed Pork Loin (port wine sauce) rosemary potatoes, and green beans

All meals will include assorted rolls, drinks (tea, water, coffee), and dessert

Children's menu: cheeseburger, mac & cheese, and chicken bites with fries.

Price: \$20 for adults/\$7 for children (Trinity will pay the other portion of the meal price)

Tickets will be sold from September 10 through October 13!

The committee is ordering shirts through Mitch Gibson (from Elizabethtown Sporting Goods) to celebrate our 175th anniversary. Watch for details in the bulletins about ordering your Trinity shirt.

Contact a committee member for more information: Dolly Barr, Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen, Donna Geisler, Diane Rice, or Pastor Rankin.

Trinity UCC 175th Anniversary Organ Concert

Featuring Current and Former Trinity Organists:
Christine Oetama, Nancy Enders, Dennis Dezort, and Thomas D. Busteded
Followed by Light Refreshments

Sunday, September 24
Concert 3:00 PM

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Christmas Concert
Dec. 3rd at 6:00 PM
Followed By Desserts



2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: September 17, October 29, December 17 & 31. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: September 3 & 24. 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.

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".



The 51st Annual Lancaster CROP Walk
In memory of Father Alexander Veronis

October 15, 2023
1:00 Registration
1:30 PM Program
2:00 PM Walk Begins

at the
**Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church**

64 Hershey Ave.
Lancaster, PA



Matt Barcaro from WGAL will be the emcee!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/lancasterpa>

For more information contact
Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin
chris@trinityeastpete.org

Mark & Chris Eyer are serving as our coordinators again this year!. Pastor Chris is looking for one or two people to attend a CROP Walk Rally on Saturday, September 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Church World Service office (439 E. King St., Lancaster) If interested, speak to the pastor.

You can register to walk or donate to our team at
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-east-pete>



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The Park City and Knight and Day Diners want to thank you, the local community, for your votes, to honor our diners, 11 years in a row, as: THE BEST DINERS IN LANCASTER COUNTY!! We want to give back to the community by offering our "SHARING OUR SUCCESS" (SOS) Program to local non-profits. We will donate 10% of your sales to the non-profit listed above. During checkout, at either diner, **please ask the cashier to donate your sale to the non-profit listed below.** The card does not need to be presented. (please give the name as shown to avoid confusion). At absolutely NO additional cost, you will be helping your non-profit with donations every time you, your friends and relatives eat at either diner, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This includes take out meals, use of our free banquet rooms for meetings or parties.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and bring down retribution for me on my
 persecutors.
 In your forbearance do not take me away;
 know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart;
 for I am called by your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail.
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
 If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is
 worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
 It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 says the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26:1-8

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what
 is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection;

outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag
 in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice
 in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospi-
 tality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not
 curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep
 with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one
 another; do not be haughty, but associate with the
 lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not
 repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what
 is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as
 it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved,
 never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath
 of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will
 repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hun-
 gry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them some-
 thing to drink; for by doing this you will heap burn-
 ing coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by
 evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus
 was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples
 that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suf-
 fering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
 scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
 saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen
 to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get be-
 hind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for
 you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
 human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to be-
 come my followers, let them deny themselves and take
 up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to
 save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
 for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them
 if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or
 what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in
 the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every-
 one for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there
 are some standing here who will not taste death be-
 fore they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

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