



Unless  
a grain of  
wheat falls  
into the earth  
and dies, it  
remains just a  
single grain

JOHN 12:24



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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the 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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'" ([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No\\_Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).



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## CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



### TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- *Share God's love with our community*
  - *Serve God's children*
  - *Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
  - *Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*
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## 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 have come for this hour to glorify God, to sing praises to the Most High.

**We gather for the cleansing of our hearts and the awakening of our spirits.**

May God write the law of love on our hearts and restore in us the joy of salvation.

**We seek deliverance from temptation and guilt, and forgiveness for all our sin.**

Let us enter into covenant obedience, even if faithfulness leads to a cross.

**We want to lift up our voices and renew our vows to be God's people.**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come and taste the goodness of God!

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

**Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let the hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. 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)*

## COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Let us pray the collect together.

Reveal your presence and purposes, O God, that we may have the courage to face life and death with joy. May your word heal our broken spirits and contrite hearts, empowering us to follow Jesus and live as your servant people. Speak now to our troubled souls through your living word; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant establish at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law because God will write it on their hearts.*

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

### THE PSALTER

Psalms 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

**With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.  
**Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.**

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.  
**I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.  
**I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:5-10

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 12:20-33

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' word about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## SERMON

**"All Will Know the Promise of God!"**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

## OFFERING DEDICATION

We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as your children. As we keep covenant with you, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors. 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.**

We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people. Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin, but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. In the fullness of time you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death. We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise your holy name: **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.**

## AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.

*(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 at the back of the sanctuary 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.

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of all creation, and a world in need.



God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### *SILENT PRAYER*

Let us pray together.

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to free the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**BENEDICTION (An Old Irish Blessing)**

May the road rise to meet you.

**May the wind be always at your back.**

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

**May the rains fall soft upon your fields.**

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Bud & Kathy McCarty** in honor of our son's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday trip to Ireland.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **The Hunsickers** with gratitude to the Slechta family and the members of the Trinity choir.

### **Ministering Today**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Rice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer, Nancy Enders
<b>Building Trustee</b>	John Shelsky
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Adult Sunday School Class <b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin <b>Visitation</b> Dottie Schadt

<b>Attendance for Sun., March 10</b>	<b>7:45–9</b>	<b>10:30–64</b>	<b>TOTAL – 73</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>18</b>		
<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>19</b>		

### **Happy Birthday**

Wednesday – Michael Minder

Thursday – Kirsten Leinbach

Saturday – Marvin Leaman III, Jack Richards

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM Bells
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 PM – Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM – Consistory
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM – Lenten Service
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 PM – Cub Scouts 7:00 PM – Christian Education
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
<b>Sunday</b>	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Koinonia 10:30 AM – Worship

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Donna Geisler	George & Ellie Latsha
Hillary Bossert-Davis	Denise Huggins	Hedwig Hunsicker
Don & Pat Miller	Nancy Patton	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Joann Peck	Harry Himelwright
Donna Wolf & Family	Mary Lou Shaab	Scott & Jane Owens
Stan & Pat Seachrist	Donna Zirkel	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Hank Fox	Pastor Harry Royer
Betty Tyndall and family	Mary Witmer	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Erika Otthofer	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Ron Becker	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Joann & Dawn Garvin	The Fischer Family	Dr. Blaine Connor
Shelly Family	Michael McDonough	Rev. Ken Trauger

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Marshawn Howse (grandson of Dave & Noreen Trostle)  
Elizabeth Trostle (mother of Dave Trostle)  
Norma Mallard (friend of Gail Kogut)  
Tom Chapman (brother of Rev. Jere Chapman)  
Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)  
Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
Brian & Liz Culp (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)  
Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)  
Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)  
Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)  
Aaron Flickinger (nephew of Pat & Joan Sensenig)  
Deb Olley Heagy (daughter of Jack & Karen Olley)  
The Haverstick Family (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)  
Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)  
Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)  
Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)  
The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)  
Jessica Brown (niece of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
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 Pfeiffer** (husband of Denise Pfeiffer)  
**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)

### **HOLY LAMENT: MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

This series explores various kinds of lament found in scripture. Each week we will consider what it means to sit with our grief rather than try to push it aside. We will discover that many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. This series understands lament as one of the more faithful things we can do. When we approach God with honesty and humility, and we admit that some things are too big for our hearts to bear, we will find there not a disapproving God but one who weeps with us. We will find a God who can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus' death on the cross---the place to which the season of Lent leads us---is the reason we never mourn as those without hope.

Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 7 p.m. as some of our clergy members or religious teachers in our midst preach. Below is the list of our themes and preachers:

March 20: Communal Lament—Rev. Ken Trauger preaching  
*Information about Holy Week & Easter services will be in the March Parish Post.*

**SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of ushers and greeters for our Wednesday Lenten services. We also need ushers/greeters for the Maundy Thursday services and our 8:00 a.m. Easter service. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.





March 27: Holy Wednesday Worship with Order of Healing at 7 p.m.—Pastor Emeritus Harry Royer preaching.

March 28: Maundy Thursday Services at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.—Pastor Rankin preaching

March 29: Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST:** The Parish Life Committee is organizing the Easter breakfast on March 31 from 9:15-10:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. There will obviously be no Sunday School classes that day!

**THE MARCH PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building. **The deadline for the April Parish Post is tomorrow!**

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, March 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.

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

**MYSTERY READERS :** Trinity Preschool is looking for Spring Mystery Readers for March and April. Please contact the Preschool through the church office or Email: [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org) to schedule a time to read a book to a preschool class. It's a fun way for Trinity members to support and be part of our preschool.

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUB SALE

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna • Ham • Italian • Turkey  
Roast Beef • Chicken Salad • Tuna Salad**

**\$8 per Sub Coupon**

Sign-up sheet on table across from the office

### BREAD OPTIONS:

white sub roll • bread • tortilla wrap

### CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:

mayonnaise • mustard • creamy horseradish • olive oil • vinegar

### CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:

American • Provolone • Swiss

### YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:

lettuce • tomatoes • onions • marinated onions • sweet peppers  
banana peppers • hot peppers • black olives • pickles  
salt • pepper • herb mix • Parmesan

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## Good Friday Breakfast at YMCA of the Roses

Join us for community gathering that brings people of faith together to mark this important holy day with an inspirational message and ecumenical worship service in keeping with the Christian traditions of the YMCA.

**When:** Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am)

**Where:** Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

**Details:** The speaker will be Rev. Jennifer Mattson from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, PA, along with live music and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Call the church office to reserve your ticket.

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** This year our Lenten Denial Offering is being donated to the international disaster relief charity call ShelterBox. ShelterBox was established in 2000, and partners with Rotary International, providing emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is funded by public donations. A ShelterBox provides more than just a tent but also includes a kitchen set, blankets, ground mats, hats, gloves, scarves, mosquito net, water filtration system, water carriers, solar light box, children's school kit, hygiene supplies and wash basin. It also has a tool kit with a hammer, saw, wire cutters, and rope. The box weighs approximately 110 lbs. and is approximately 2'3" x 1.4" x 11" in size. The price of a ShelterBox is \$1000. As of April 2021, ShelterBox has provided support to two million people since its start in 2000.

**CHURCH MULCHING:** The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, April 6 @ 8:30 am** to mulch the church property. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Trinity Preschool families and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!

**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.**

**2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 7 & 28**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **April 7 & 28**. 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.

**NEW DIRECTORY:** Look for a draft of a church directory across from the church office and make any necessary changes by the end of the month!

**CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY:** The Evangelism Committee is in need of more volunteers to provide meals for our members! If you are interested, speak with Pastor Chris!

## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Even though it is still winter, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. **There is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp (July 28-August 3).** Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.

## SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

March 17 & April 14, 2:00-4:30 pm



You're invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on Sunday, March 17 or Sunday, April 14 anytime between 2-4:30pm. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. **As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!**

*If you have already registered for camp, why not bring a friend or neighbor with you? Show them the camp and get the [Invite-a-Friend Discount](#) for you and your friend.*

**More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/openhouse>**

**NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF** - The decision to work at camp says a lot about you.

Regardless of the specific role you fulfill within the camp community, your camp staff position will undoubtedly enhance your resume and appeal to future employers.

**[APPLY TODAY!](#)**

**More Information - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>**



**Save the Dates:** Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.



**Lancaster Stormers Game (formerly Barnstormers)**  
**May 31, 2024**

**Stormers vs. Charleston Dirty Birds**

The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!



**Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM**

**Food Trucks, Games, Fun Activities,  
Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)**

**Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!**

**Watch for more details in the bulletins and future Parish Posts!**



# Save The Dates



## VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg  
[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)  
717-569-1632

**July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**July 19 6:30 PM Closing Program**

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker  
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade  
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, ***“Reach For The Stars”*** reminds us that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, ***“Tradition In Crisis”*** by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how “Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ.”

Mission Project - Habitat For Humanity

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**Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.**





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## New Workshop Lineup is Here!

### Preventing Caregiver Burnout



March 21,  
7:00-8:30pm

Lesley Huff

### Supporting Families Through the Critical Years



Rebekah Good Charles  
Laura Demastus



April 9, 7:00-8:30pm

### IMPROVING ACCESS TO WELLNESS

April 11,  
7:00-8:30pm

CARLY KESSLER



### DE-ESCALATING CHALLENGING SITUATIONS



April 23, 7:00-8:30pm

Lori Nimmon

### So You're Open and Affirming, Now What?



May 16, 7:00-8:30pm

Crescentia Volz  
Sarahbeth White



### Adapting for More Fruitful Ministry

MAY 9, 7:00-8:30PM  
DON HACKETT



**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

**Psalms 51:1-12****or Psalm 119:9-16****SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,

today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he

learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47].

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