

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 16, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

OTHER SEEDS

fell on good soil
and produced grain...

Matthew 13:8, ESV



WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation.

It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately.

Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth.

Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest.

At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Gounod

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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.

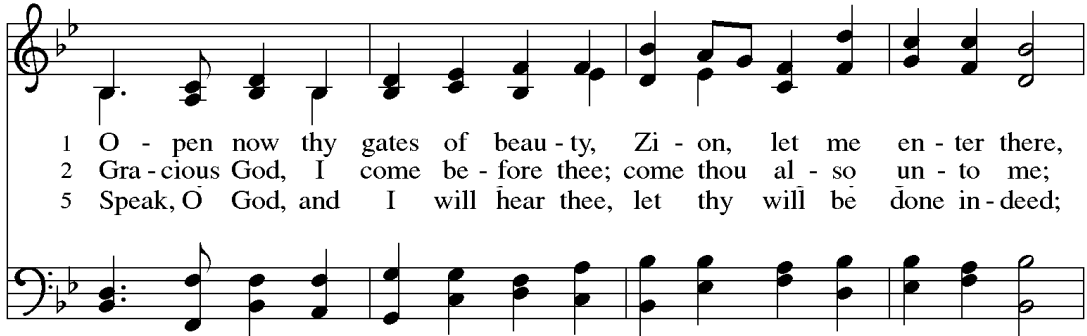
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Righteous God,
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.

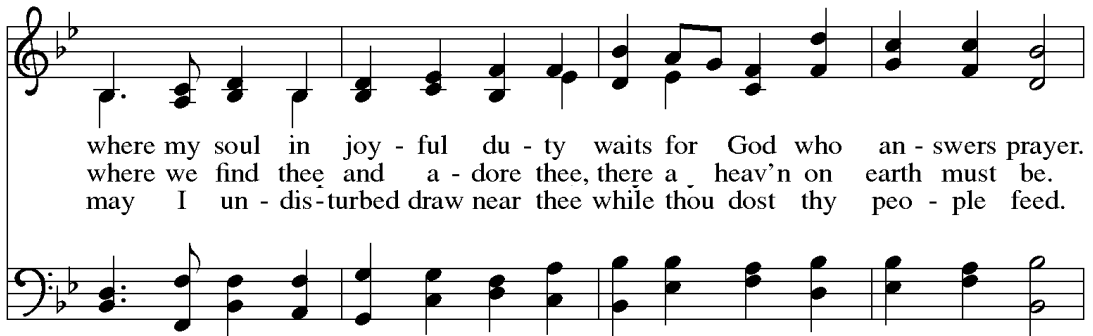
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God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

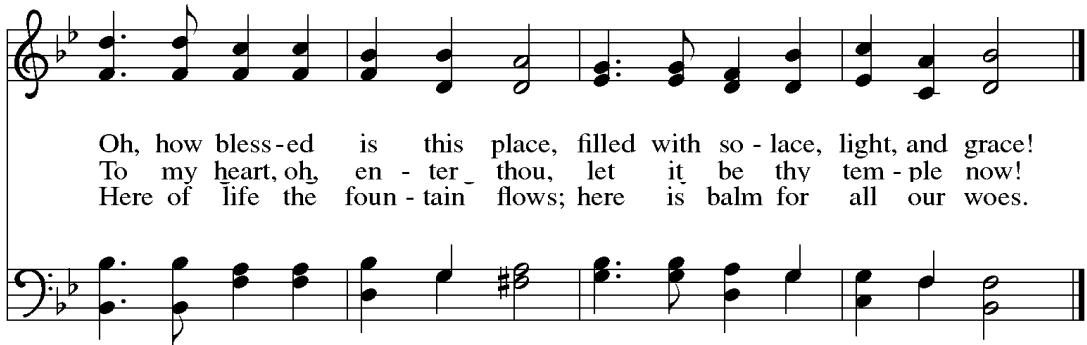
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit
help us to receive it with joy,
live according to it,
and grow in faith and hope and love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation.
Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains
and by trees that clap their hands.*

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 65:1-13

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

- ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
- ²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**
- ³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.
- ⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness
of your temple.**
- ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
- ⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**
- ⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- ⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
- ¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- ¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

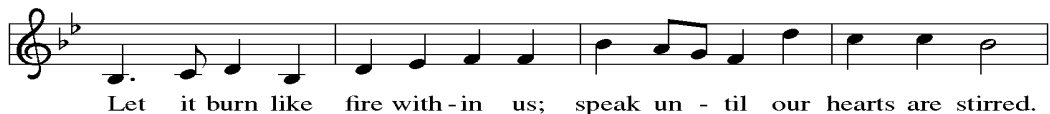
¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Parable of the Sower"

"The Holy City"

Bert Kolva, Soloist

Lou Lerda

Adams

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!



OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.
Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.
Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided
by the door as you enter or exit worship.*

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:

Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

MEAL

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that “In the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As the consecrated elements needed to be replenished for this meal, an ordained and licensed Lutheran pastor consecrated them and they are presented here. We are given assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit and bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier,

Philip Lobaugh, Barb Montgomery, & Brenda Runshaw

Gracious God, as you have sent messengers of compassion to your people, we send these Eucharistic ministers in your name. Empower them to serve brothers and sisters who are unable to share the sacrament with us today. Fill them with your Spirit; give them the gifts of humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, and above all, love, that through their ministry others may know the peace of your presence, and that by the body and blood of your Son they may experience the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

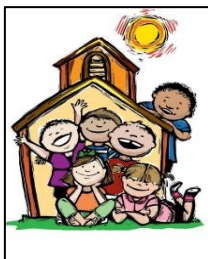
Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Laudation”

Martin

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Joyce McDonald’s 82nd birthday,
by her family.*



*The children’s bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity’s children
by Dave and Becky Morningstar.*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
<i>Sunday, July 09, 2023:</i>	70
<i>Online views:</i>	74

Next week’s Lessons:

- Isaiah 44:6-8
- Psalm 86:11-17
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
<i>Preacher</i>	Lou Lerda
<i>Organist</i>	Robert Eyer, Jr.
<i>Ushers</i>	Ed Wlazlowski Helen Wlazlowski
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ben Atherton
<i>Lector</i>	Brianne Parham
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	Ray Brindle Barb Woods
<i>Communion Prep</i>	Cindy Scanzello Mark Scanzello
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Jason Brown
<i>Nursery</i>	Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel



The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary 2023 Membership Drive

To join see your congregation
representative: Sharon Emmons.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bernice Conner	Stanley Shilling	Brenda Zullinger
Jean Baughman	Deb Hile	Marlene Fisher
Sue Lensbower	Doug Price	Mary Royce
Bob Kitzmiller	Ray Guldin	Phyllis Dusman
Diane Sterner	Bob Shannon	Floss Sterner
Jim Cistone	Shirley Shilling	Curt Stambaugh
Doris Kriebel	Deb Hutsler	Cheryl Kelly
Jean Baughman	Sue Lensbower	Cameron
Greg Wilson	Thomas Clarke	

MEMBERS

Andrea Etter	Bill & Peg Etter	Dave & Louisa Etter	Robert & Frances Eyer
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of July 9, 2023: \$15,192.31

Amount Received as of July 9: \$12,587.00

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary \$5.00 OFF Expires 5/31/2023 <small>These offers cannot be combined with any other discounts and exclude all alcohol purchases.</small>		KMJ Diner 10% OFF Total Order <small>717.268.3232 487 E. King St. Shippensburg</small>	MAPLEWOOD 10% OFF Total Order <small>717.232.8973 854 Old Scotland Rd. Shippensburg</small>
B&H, Inc. 10% OFF Floral Purchase <small>717.782.2439 7620 Andover Hwy. Quincy</small>	BLACK & BUSH 10% OFF Total Purchase <small>717.264.6869 54 S. Main St. Chambersburg</small>	LA Cameras 10% OFF 4x6 Photo Processing & Photo Gifts <small>717.382.3073 4550 Lincoln Way E. Fayetteville</small>	 <p>NEW DISCOUNT CARDS ARE HERE! Please see your SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at mysunni@comcast.net / or 717-264-3977. The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community--residents.</p>
Carotti's 10% OFF Pizza <small>717.782.1477 11119 Buchanan St. E. Waynesboro</small>	PANDA BUFFET 10% OFF Total Order <small>717.261.9893 1529 Wayne Ave</small>	Printaway 10% OFF Total Order <small>717.263.1132 1324 Lincoln Way E.</small>	
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HICKORY RIDGE 10% OFF Total Order <small>717.552.5734 3870 Philadelphia Ave</small>	Stoner's 10% OFF Total Order <small>717.263.2008 615 Wayne Ave</small>		



PETS UNLEASHED
WHERE JESUS CARES FOR YOU

VBS
AUG 26
PRE-K - 5th GRADE
PLEASE REGISTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!


TrinitylutheranchambersBURG.org

SCAN ME



PICNIC
in the **PARK**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023
GREENE TOWNSHIP PARK
TALK TO PAUL HOLVA FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



There are a few more openings in the August 12th Class. Sign-up on the on the bulletin board in the hallway. These classes are through the American Red Cross and the cost will be covered by the church. For questions, please contact Evan Sutton via email @ evansutton@comcast.net, or phone at 717-263-7840.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 07/16	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Monday - 07/17	6-7:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 07/18		World Listening Day
Wednesday - 07/19	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
Thursday - 07/20		National Lollipop Day
Friday - 07/21	5:30 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 07/22		National Hammock Day
Sunday - 07/23	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>

Confirmation Class



Calling all students in 6th grade and above!

If you're not already participating in Confirmation Classes and are ready to start this fall, please contact Ruth Cramer by the end of July at ruthcramer102@gmail.com so we can order materials for you. There's no need to contact her if she reached out to you first and you have already responded.



Tax Statement: Members who need a tax statement for the fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) should contact: cindy@trinitychbg.org or call the church office 717-263-8156.



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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

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Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Administrative Assistant	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

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Council President	<i>Evan Sutton</i>
Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Kathy Ashway</i>	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Laura Pearce</i>
<i>Sarah Voight</i>	<i>David Wenerd</i>
<i>Wallace Whitworth</i>	

Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*