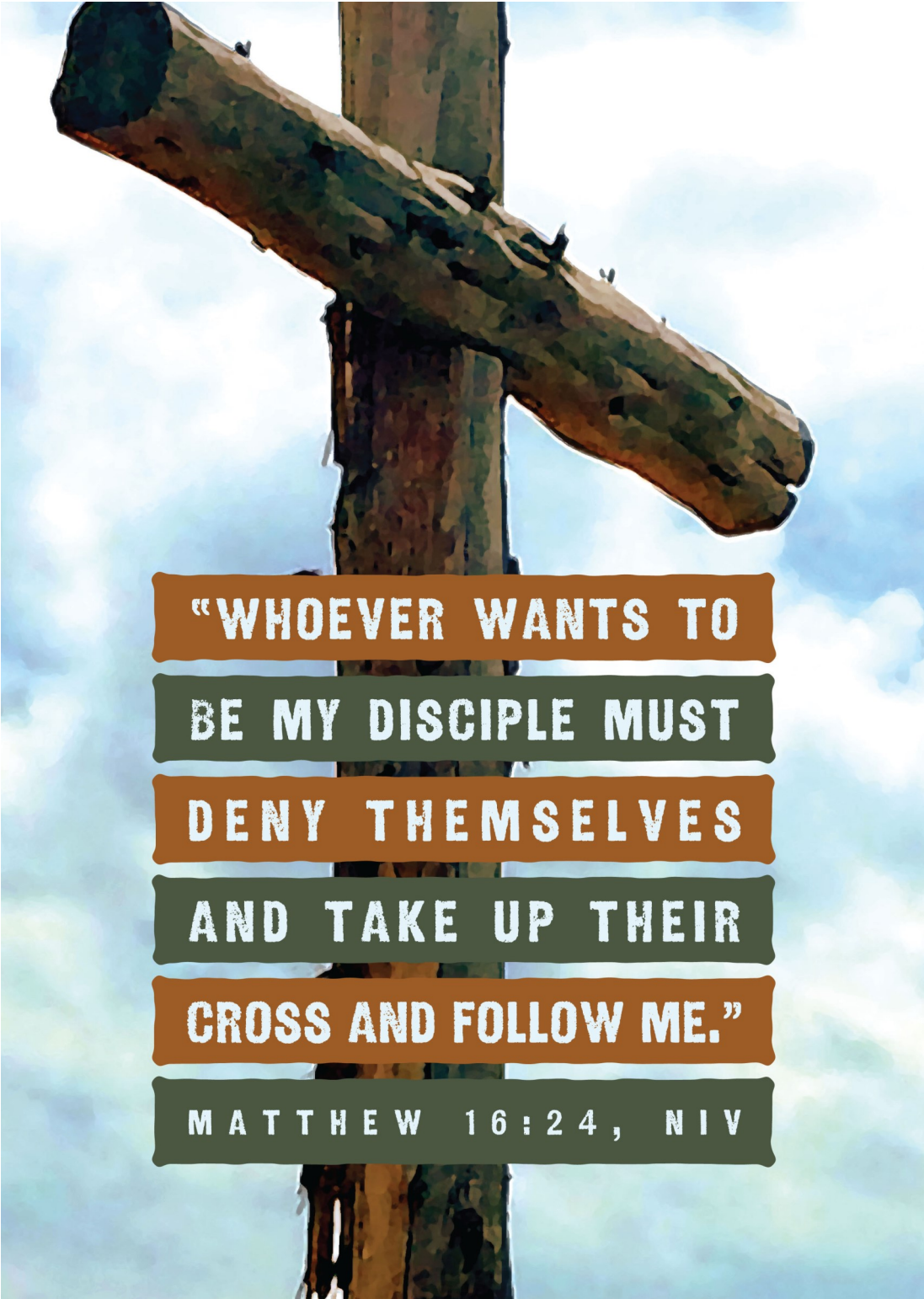


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 3, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

A wooden cross is the central focus of the image, set against a background of a bright, cloudy sky. The cross is made of weathered, natural wood. The text is overlaid on the cross in a series of horizontal bars.

**“WHOEVER WANTS TO
BE MY DISCIPLE MUST
DENY THEMSELVES
AND TAKE UP THEIR
CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.”**

MATTHEW 16:24, NIV

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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Traditional Service with Holy Communion

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 / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Largo from "Xerxes" "

G.F. Handel

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
The spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

**Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



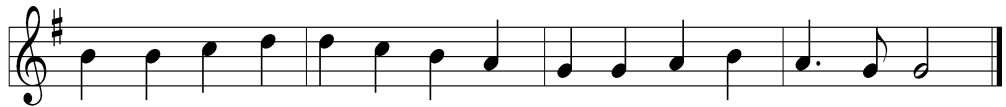
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

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."*

¹⁵O 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.

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

PSALMODY

Psalm 26:1-8

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

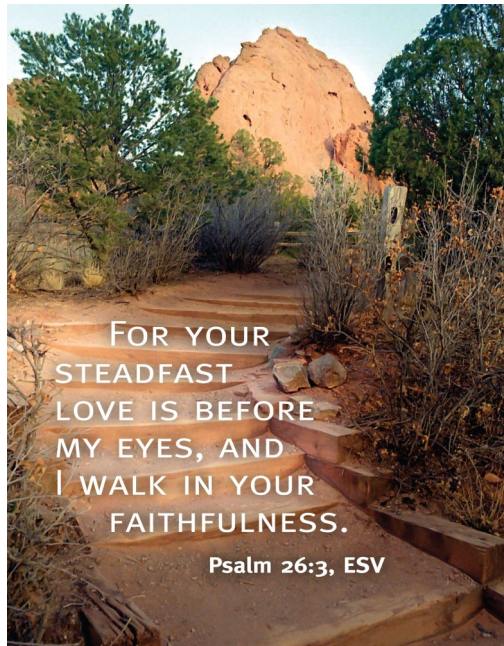
⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**



SECOND READING

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.

⁹Let 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 hospitality to strangers.

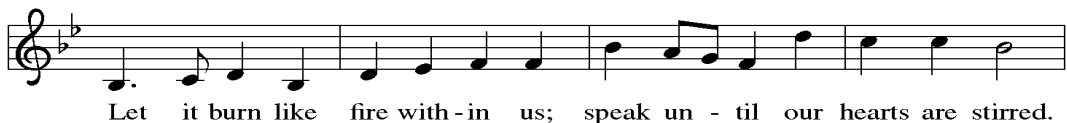
¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for 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 hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

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.”

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From 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 suffering 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 behind 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 become 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 everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Milton Horn

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Amazing Grace”
Gloria McCauley; Piano*

arr. Schrader

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: Merciful God,

R: receive our prayer.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.



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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

The Summons



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

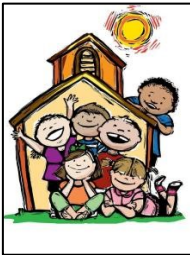
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tine”

David Johnson



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

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
 by Debbie Sanders.*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, August 27, 2023:	87
Online views:	110

Next week’s Lessons:

- Ezekiel 33:7-11
- Psalm 119:33-40
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Milton Horn</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Ushers	<i>Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw</i>
Acolyte	<i>Hannah Ross</i>
Lector	<i>Phil Lobaugh</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Kathy Ashway Janelle Barkman</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Janelle Barkman Travis Barkman</i>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 17, 2023
 in Sanctuary and via Zoom

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Sunday, September 10, 2023
 following Welcome Reception
 in the Social Hall

ENDOWMENT DEADLINE

*Sunday,
 September 24,
 2023*

SUNDAY SCHOOL Teachers Needed

Searching for a
 teacher to assist
 Linda in
 the 2nd through
 5th grade class.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bob Shannon	Sue Lensbower	Thomas Clarke
Bea Clark	Diane Sterner	Brenda Zullinger
Bill Cockley	Doris Kriebel	Marlene Fisher
Linda Remson	Greg Wilson	Mary Royce
Connie Renshaw	Stanley Shilling	Phyllis Dusman
Bob Kitzmiller	Deb Hile	Floss Sterner
Joseph Sharar	Doug Price	Curt Stambaugh
Martha Hoffman	Ray Guldin	Cheryl Kelly
Bernice Conner	Shirley Shilling	Cameron
Jean Baughman	Deb Hutsler	

MEMBERS

Courtney, Mary, & Kelly Graham	Don Grier	Tammy Hall	Kathy & Kelly Hamilton
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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 August 27, 2023: \$63,655.71

Amount Received as of August 27: \$68,365.43

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School For High Schoolers

Sunday, September 17
9:00am – Stage in the Social Hall

Calling All High Schoolers!

Our first service project on Sunday will be serving the Rally Day breakfast.

Have any ideas about a good name for our class? Bring yourself and your ideas to the relaunch.

Any and all of your high-school-age friends from school and/or your neighborhood are more than welcome to join us.

Questions?
Contact Wallace Whitworth at 717-446-3905/
wallacew@outlook.com or
Erich Vogel at 240-285-5812/

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH ENVELOPES COLD WEATHER SHELTER AND BOPIC

The Cold Weather Shelter is a place for people to go over the winter months when the homeless shelter is full (which it usually is). People are given a warm meal, a bed and a chance to clean up. The Service Committee appreciates any help you can give to this month's appeal.

BOPIC (Building Our Pride In Chambersburg) is a local program supporting children; providing after school programs with care and academic help. BOPIC also operates an extensive Summer Day Camp type program, meeting at Stevens Elementary School. It includes academics, recreation, field trips, conflict resolution, education, and enrichment experiences, all with exposure to wholesome values and opportunities for productive activities.



Maui Wildfires

GIVE NOW FOR RELIEF

Make checks payable to *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

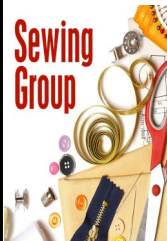
On your check's memo line write: *"Maui Wildfires"*

~ Place check in offering plate; mail to church; drop off in church office

~ Give online @ trinitylutheranchambersburg.org

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED**
LABOR DAY

*Monday,
September 4, 2023*



SEWING GROUP

Sept 27, 2023 @ 11 AM
@Helen. W's home.

For more info call
Helen (717-263-0260).

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 09/03	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday - 09/04	Office Closed	Labor Day
Tuesday - 09/05	11:00 AM 6-7:30 PM 6-9:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Committee - Lounge Civil War Dancing - Social Hall Cub Scout Committee - Scout Room Property - Lounge Welcome Pastor Barb!
Wednesday - 09/06	10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Service Witness - Lounge Yoga - Library
Thursday - 09/07	6:00 PM	Learning - Cloud 9
Friday - 09/08	5:30 - 9:00 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 09/09		Emergency Services Day
Sunday - 09/10	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Reception for Pastor Barry - Social Hall Congregational Forum following Reception in the Social Hall Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Meadows Frozen Custard, 1643 Lincoln Way East is sponsoring a benefit for the House of Grace on Wednesday, September 13 from 5pm-8pm. 25% of sales will be donated to the House of Grace. This will be a delicious way to treat yourself & the House of Grace!



DANCING THRU THE CIVIL WAR

Dance, Social History and Culture

Time & dates: 6-7:30pm ~ Aug 29, Sept 5, 11, 19, 26, 2023

Trinity Lutheran: Social Hall

Email ~ DanzaAntiqua@embarqmail.com

Call/txt 717-414-1166



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Administrative Assistant	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
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Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
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Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

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<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"*