

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 24, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



“He told them,
‘You also
go and
work
in my
vineyard,
and I will pay you
whatever is right.’”

MATTHEW 20:4, 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.

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Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

Don Hustad

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.

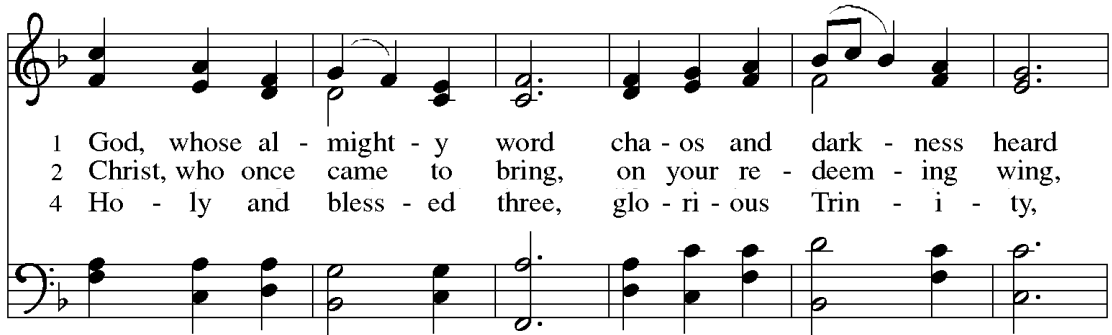
**Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place 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.

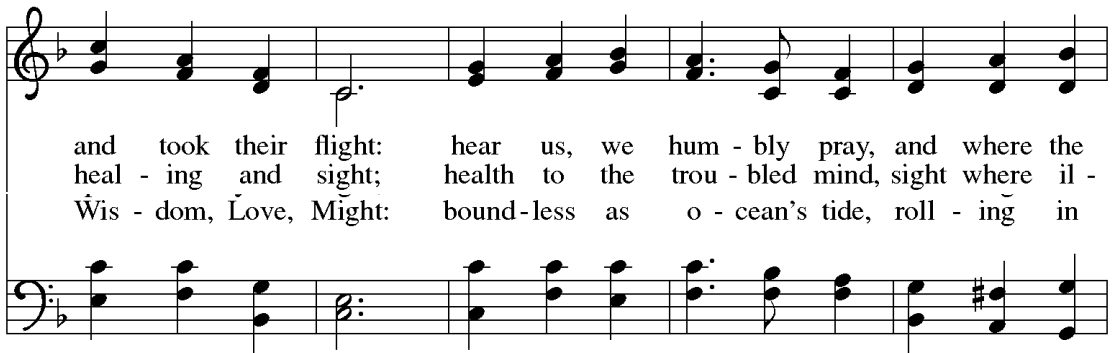
OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

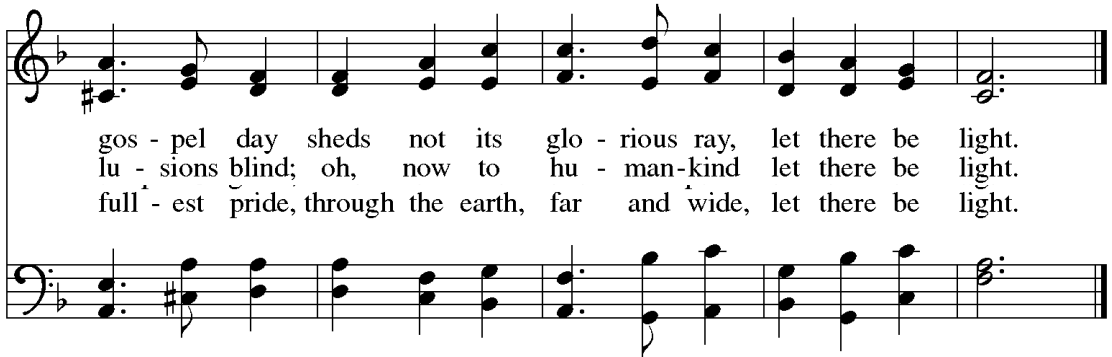
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1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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.

**Almighty and eternal God,
you show perpetual loving kindness
to us your servants.**

**Because we cannot rely on our own abilities,
grant us your merciful judgment,
and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,
Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 145:1-8

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

- ¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- ⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- ⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**



SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission..

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Barb Barry

BLESSING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Praise To The Lord”
David and Babette Wenerd*

Arr. Brant 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: 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.



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.

Please be seated.

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 or juice from the tray.*

Wine is red. Juice is white.

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

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

The image shows a musical score for a closing hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“March de Triomphe”

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*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Carly Vogel's 6th Birthday
by Erich, Laurie, and Jenna Vogel.*



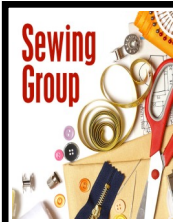
*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of our great grandson
Grayson's 3rd Birthday
by Debbie and Barry Hile.*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, September 17, 2023:	80
Online views:	104

Next week's Lessons:

- Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
- Psalm 25:1-9
- Philippians 2:1-13
- Matthew 21:23-32



SEWING GROUP

*Sept. 27, 2023 @ 11 AM
@ Helen W's home.
For more info call/email
the church office.*



**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

October 1, 2023

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher/Presider	<i>Pastor Barb Barry</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Ushers	<i>Ray Brindle Wallace Whitworth</i>
Lector	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>David Wenerd Barb Woods</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel</i>

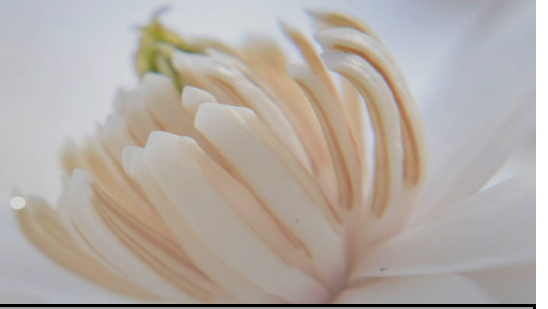
**God's work.
Our hands.**

DEDICATION OF LWR KITS

Sunday, October 1, 2023

We are still accepting kits up until Oct 1 or a check payable to Trinity for \$5. and we will make one for you.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

MEMBERS

James & Helen Hepfer	Lori, John, & Kaylyn Hepfer	Ken & Shelley Hess	Mary Lu Hetrick
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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 September 17, 2023: \$91,153.91

Amount received as of September 17: \$79,496.21

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH ENVELOPES

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.

HAY! HAY! HAY!
JOIN US FOR SOME
FALL FUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
3:00PM

CORN MAZE | HAY RIDE
BOUNCY HOUSE | BABY ANIMAL BARNYARD

BONFIRE

BACKROADS GREENHOUSE
5991 BOUNDARY ROAD
CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201

SUPPER INCLUDED
(following hay rides)

- Hot Dogs
- Pizza
- Chips
- S'mores a round the fire
- Drinks provided
- Place Settings Included

RSVP BY OCT. 8TH
Email: office@trinitychbg.org
Phone: 717-263-8156
Sign-up on Bulletin Board

**THIS WILL BE AN EVENING OF FUN
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

Grounds for Hope – a Recovery Fellowship

Starting Sept. 20 @ 5:30 p.m. and recurring every third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. This time of fellowship is for those in search of growth, healing, and recovery. Through bible study, reflection, discussion, prayer, and fellowship, those in the recovery community (new or experienced) are invited to gather for a potluck dinner and study. All are welcome. St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran 2695 Luther Dr. Chambersburg PA 17202



CROP WALK *October 16, 2022 - 1 PM*

On Oct. 16 people from different congregations will walk together in Chambersburg to raise money for the program. Registration starts at 1:00 at the Fourth Street Church of the Brethren 260 S. 4th Street for a 2 1/2 mile walk. Please get sponsors for your walk. Donations can be dropped off before the walk at the church.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 09/24	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost RECYCLE PAPER DAY ENDOWMENT REQUESTS DUE
Monday - 09/25	6:00-8:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible and Brew Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 09/26	6:00 PM 6-7:30 PM	Stamp Club - Library Civil War Dancing - Social Hall
Wednesday - 09/27	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sewing Group - Helen W's Home Yoga - Library Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 09/28	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
Friday - 09/29	5:30 - 9:00 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 09/30		First Day of Autumn
Sunday - 10/01	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary LWR Kit Dedication World Communion Sunday Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SWEET ROLLERS FUNDRAISER

Help Trinity's youth get to the
National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

The youth are selling:

Cinnamon Rolls - \$6; Chocolate Chip Cookies - \$5; Coffee - \$12

Orders & Money are due October 22nd. Delivery is November 2nd.



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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Pastor	<i>The Rev. Barbara Barry</i>
Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
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>

TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

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"*