

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 1, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

“BY WHAT
AUTHORITY
ARE YOU
DOING
THESE THINGS?”

MATTHEW 21:23, 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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Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"

Elmore

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's Work, Our Hands"

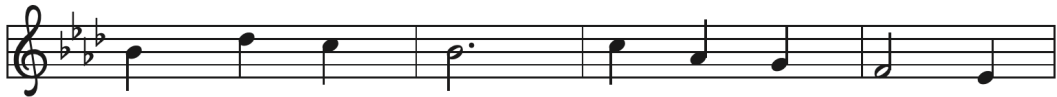
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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



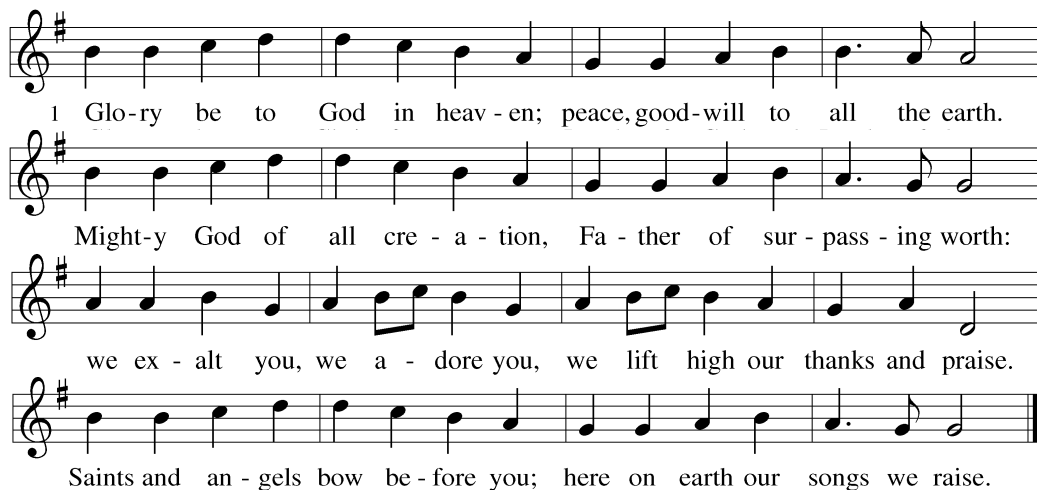
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

**God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us,
and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 25:1-9

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

- ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good ness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

- ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

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⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Barb Barry

MEDITATION MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

McDonald

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!

BLESSING OF KITS AND QUILTS



OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. 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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

DISMISSAL

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

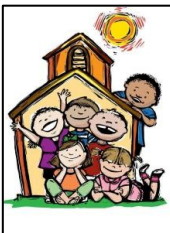
Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Psalm of Glory”

Wells

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in memory of our loved ones
by Marilyn Miller.



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:

Sunday, September 24, 2023: 86

Online views: 120

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	Pastor Barb Barry
Organist	Barb Woods
Ushers	Greg Fischer Lynn Fisher
Acolyte	Darcy Aurand
Lector	Ray Brindle
Communion Asst.	Heidi Hawbaker Matt Hawbaker
Communion Prep	Gloria McCauley
Livestream Team	Jason Brown
Nursery	Deb Hile

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
3 OOPM

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!!**

Road to Freedom
POSTER BY JANEY
AN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, USCT, AND BLACK HISTORY
PRESENTATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY PA

PRESENTED BY JANET POLLARD,
FRANKLIN COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

OCTOBER 15 @ 3 PM
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
44 EAST MAIN STREET | FAYETTEVILLE, PA

Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:7-15
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46



**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**
October 1, 2023

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Denny Verner
Connie Renshaw
Sharon Emmons
Steve Frey
Carl Fahnestock
John Alleman
Bob Shannon
Bea Clark
Linda Remson
Bob Kitzmiller
Joseph Sharar
Martha Hoffman

Bernice Conner
Jean Baughman
Sue Lensbower
Diane Sterner
Doris Kriebel
Greg Wilson
Stanley Shilling
Deb Hile
Doug Price
Ray Guldin
Bob Shannon

Shirley Shilling
Deb Hutsler
Thomas Clarke
Brenda Zullinger
Marlene Fisher
Mary Royce
Phyllis Dusman
Floss Sterner
Curt Stambaugh
Cheryl Kelly
Cameron

MEMBERS

Randy Hetrick

Deb & Barry Hile

Beth Hile

Linda Hins

*****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 24, 2023: \$98,750.07

Amount received as of September 24: \$83,361.21

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER OUTREACH ENVELOPE

Franklin County Shelter

Our special offering for October is the Franklin County Shelter located on South Main Street. A number of years ago it became very apparent that emergency housing was needed for not only Franklin County residents, but also the many transients who go through our community. As the result of the efforts of many people, a shelter for the homeless was finally realized. The shelter continually needs the support of the community, especially the churches. We commend it to your care and support.



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.

Make checks payable to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In memo line write "Sweet Rollers"



CROP WALK *October 16, 2023 - 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.

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.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 10/01	9:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages:</i> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Monday - 10/02	11:00 AM	William Cockley Funeral
	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 10/03	11:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting - Lounge
	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Property Committee Meeting - Lounge
Wednesday - 10/04	10:00 AM	Service/Witness Committee - Lounge
	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 10/05	6:00 PM	Learning Committee - Cloud 9
	6:30-8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
Friday - 10/06	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 10/07		Forgiveness and Happiness Day
Sunday - 10/08	9:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages:</i> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>



CPR is still being offered by the YMCA for congregation members at a discount. The church will cover the cost.

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Evan Sutton via email @ evanjsutton@comcast.net, or phone at 717-263-7840.






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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 Cistone</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"