

*Twentyfourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Sunday, November 12, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion*



For when the **foolish** took their lamps,  
they **took no oil** with them,  
but the **wise** took  
**flasks of oil** with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

# 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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*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters.  
Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord.*

*Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.*

*Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place,  
we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and  
the feast of victory - the marriage feast of the lamb.*

## RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

# WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congregation responds in bold print.***

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

**PRELUDE**

***"Sing To the Lord of Harvest"***

Dennis Eliot

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

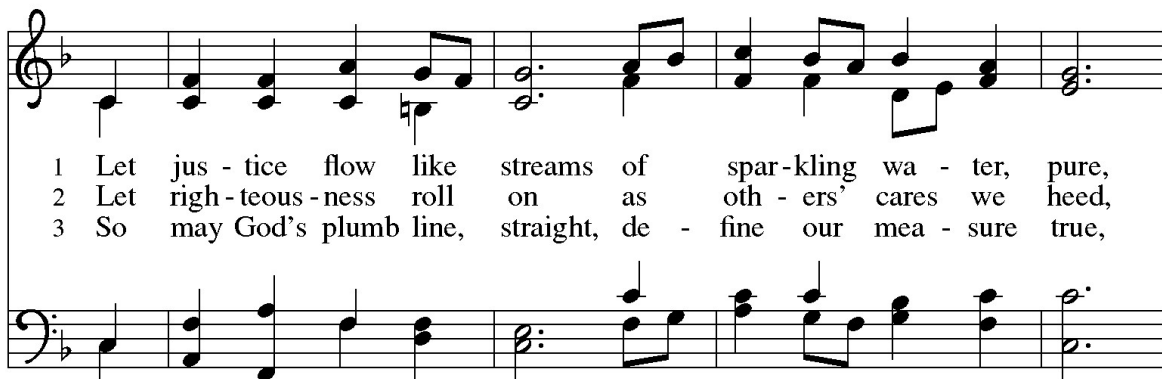
**Holy One,  
we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation.  
Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

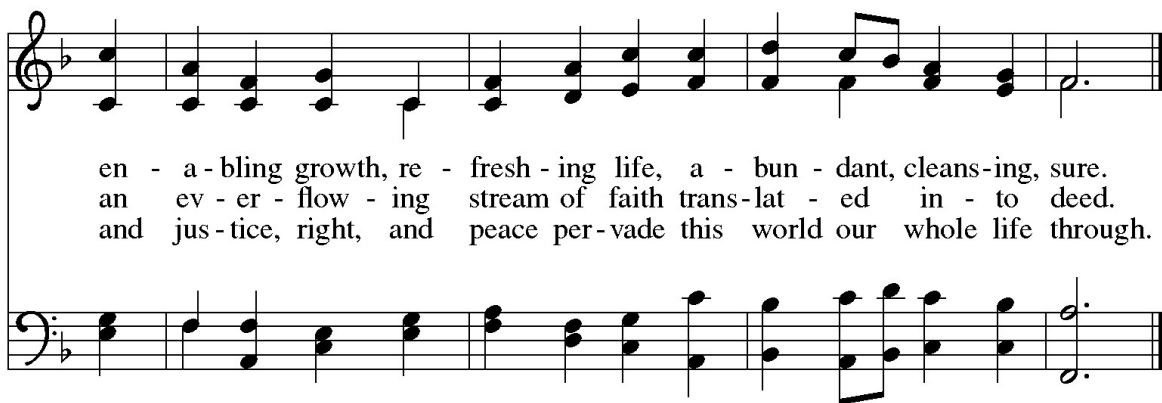
# OPENING HYMN

## *"Let Justice Flow like Streams"*

ELW 717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

## 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



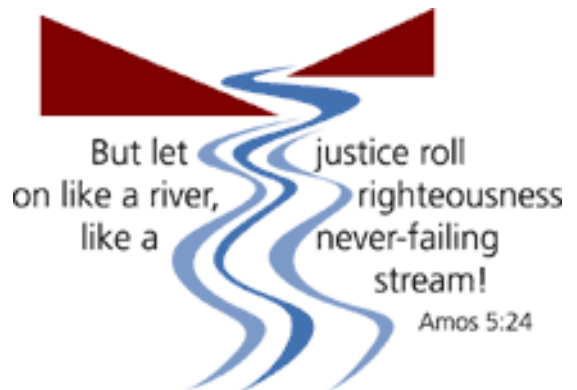
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God of justice and love,  
you illumine our way  
through life with the  
words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need,  
and awaken us to the needs of others,  
through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



# WORD

## FIRST READING

## Amos 5:18-24

*In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**



## PSALMODY

## Psalm 70

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

*You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)*

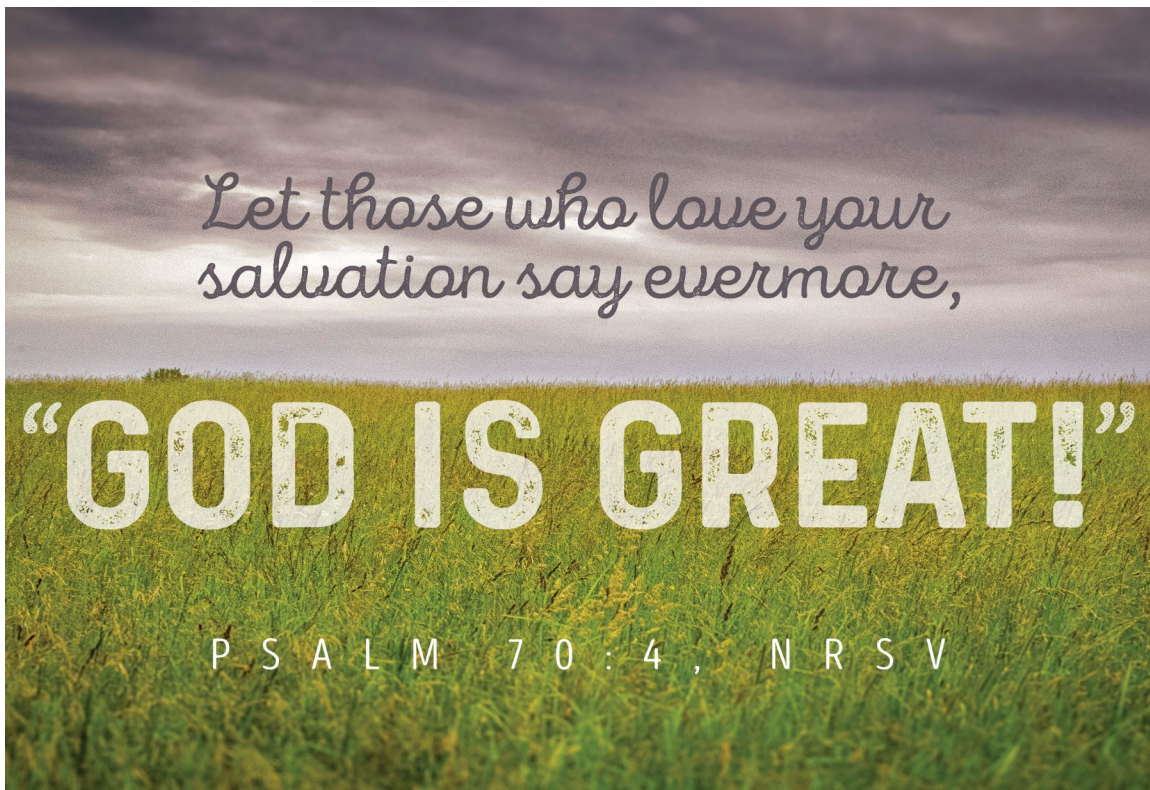
<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and  
be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.  
**You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**



*Let those who love your  
salvation say evermore,*

**“GOD IS GREAT!”**

P S A L M 7 0 : 4 , N R S V

## SECOND READING

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again.*

*Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples:<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

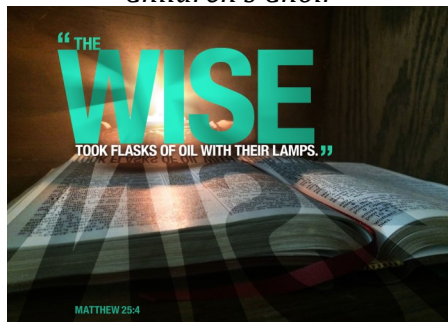
### SERMON

Pastor Barb Barry

### ANTHEM

*“Down in My Heart”  
Children’s Choir*

George W. Cooke



*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. 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

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

**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

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, serv - ing you whom we a - dore,  
for the fac - ing of this hour, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## SENDING

### DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### POSTLUDE

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Paul Manz



*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of our Mother and Nana, Peg Sleighter  
by The Lynn Fisher 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, November 5, 2023:</i>	90
<i>Online views:</i>	74

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
<i>Preacher /Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Barb Barry</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Ed Wlazlowski Helen Wlazlowski</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Darcy Aurand</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Janelle Barkman</i>
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	<i>Kathy Ashway Barb Woods</i>
<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Herm Hopple Pam Hopple</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Deb Hile</i>

**Next week's Lessons:**

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Matthew 25:14-30



**COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY**

Come join our team!  
We are now hiring a Communications Secretary.  
If you are interested, please submit  
your resume to [office@trinitychbg.org](mailto:office@trinitychbg.org) or  
call the church office for details.



**Calling youth interested in reading for worship.**

There will be a special training after worship on  
November 19<sup>th</sup> for a half hour.  
If you are interested in reading and unable to attend  
the training, please contact Pastor Barb at  
717-357-3150 / [revbarb.barry@gmail.com](mailto:revbarb.barry@gmail.com)

# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



## *We Pray For*

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Becky Morningstar  
Shirley Shilling  
Judy Royce  
Denny Verner  
Sharon Emmons  
Carl Fahnestock  
Bob Shannon  
Bea Clark  
Linda Remson  
Martha Hoffman

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

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

### **MEMBERS**

Charles King

Frances Kitzmiller

Christopher Knoll

Sandy Knoll

***\*\*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 November 5, 2023: \$144,327.03

Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOVEMBER HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, November 22  
Closed

Thursday, November 23  
Thanksgiving Day - Closed



**November 20th  
Newsletter Deadline**



## PACK A SHOEBOX!

PICK UP A SHOEBOX TODAY  
FILL IT WITH GIFTS FOR A CHILD



RETURN IT BY NOVEMBER 19

For more info,  
see display outside  
the church office.

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## NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

### *World Hunger*

The special appeal for the month of November is World Hunger and United Churches Emergency Clearing House. Since hunger is a continuing problem, we as Christians need to continue sharing what we have with those who do not have enough food. Our synod continues to lead the synods in total giving. An envelope for World Hunger will be with your church envelopes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**AND**

### *United Churches Emergency Clearing House Ministry*

About sixteen years ago local churches, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, established a Clearing House Ministry as requested by churches in Chambersburg and surrounding communities. The Emergency Needs Clearing House receives donations from area churches and individuals to help people with bills for things like utilities, rent, fuel oil, prescriptions, gasoline, and other miscellaneous needs.

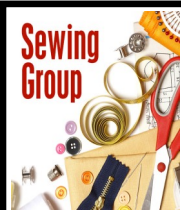
**Sewing  
Group**

## SEWING GROUP

Dec. 13, 2023 @ 11 AM

@ Gloria M's home.

For more info call/email  
the church office.



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](mailto:evanjsutton@comcast.net), or phone at 717-263-7840.

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

<b>Sunday - 11/12</b>	9:00 AM	<b><i>Learning for all Ages:</i></b> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Library Preschool to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <b><i>Twentyfourth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>
<b>Monday - 11/13</b>	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Bible and Brew
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
<b>Tuesday - 11/14</b>	6:30 PM	Council - Lounge
<b>Wednesday - 11/15</b>	9:30 - 11:30 AM	PASR - Lounge
	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
<b>Thursday - 11/16</b>	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Surviving the Holidays - Lounge
<b>Friday - 11/17</b>	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
<b>Saturday - 11/18</b>		Family and Community Day
<b>Sunday - 11/19</b>	9:00 AM	<b><i>Learning for all Ages:</i></b> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Library Preschool to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <b><i>Twentyfifth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>



Gift Cards Needed for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.  
Cards from Walmart, Kohl's, and Target in the amount of \$25 turned in no later than December 3rd to the church office or to Deb Hile.



# TRINITY

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**Pastor Ruth Smith**

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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>
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"*