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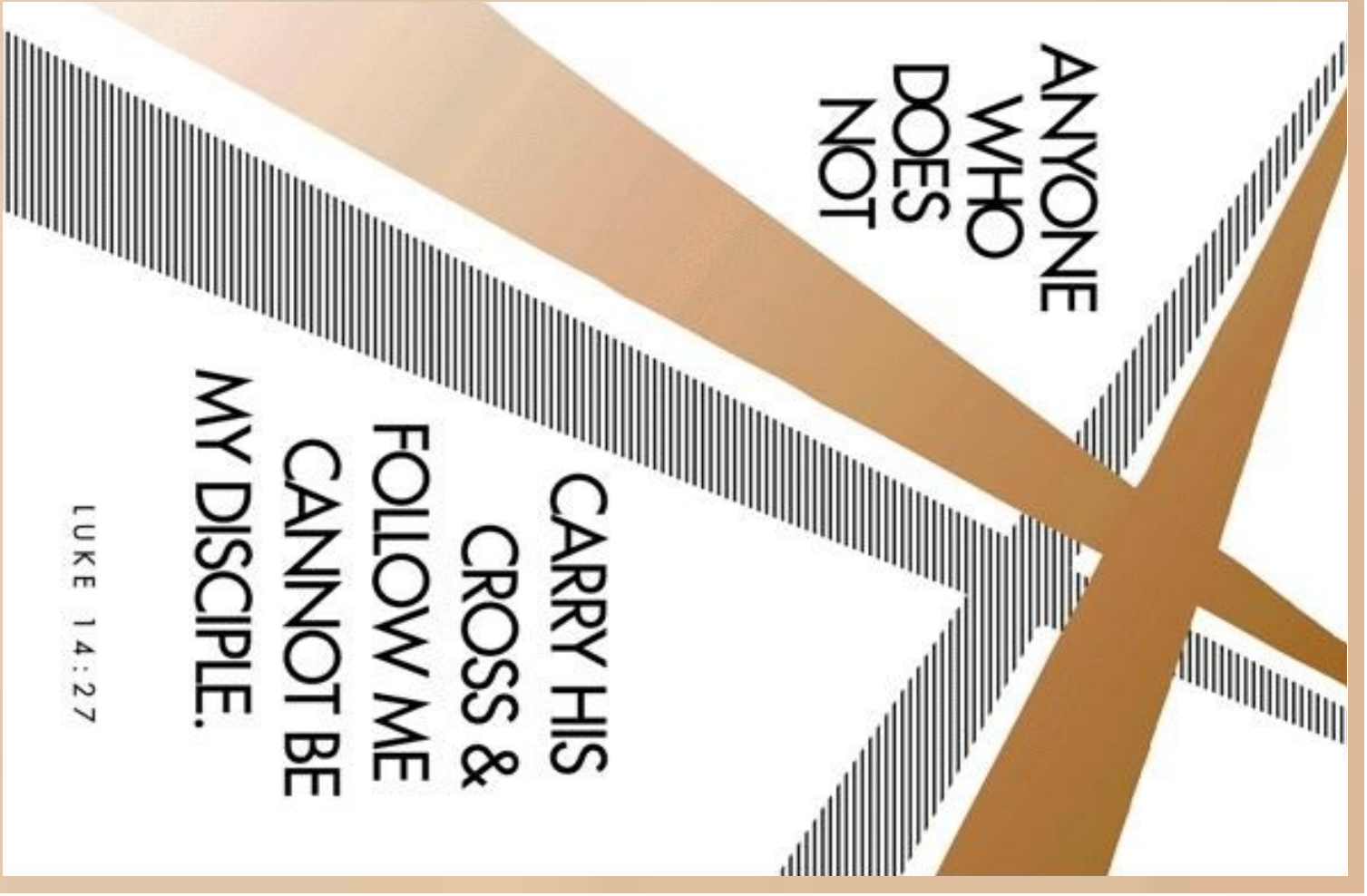

Welcome to All

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.

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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Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" — to choose life in God as our own.

Welcome / Announcements

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.

PRELUDE ***"How Firm A Foundation"*** Martin

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

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"God's Work, Our Hands"

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

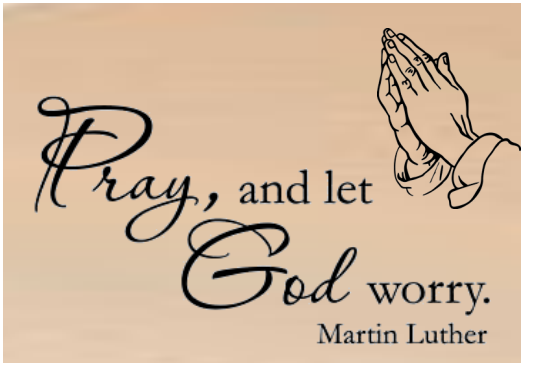
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Direct us, O Lord God,
in all our doings
with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun,
continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy,
bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.



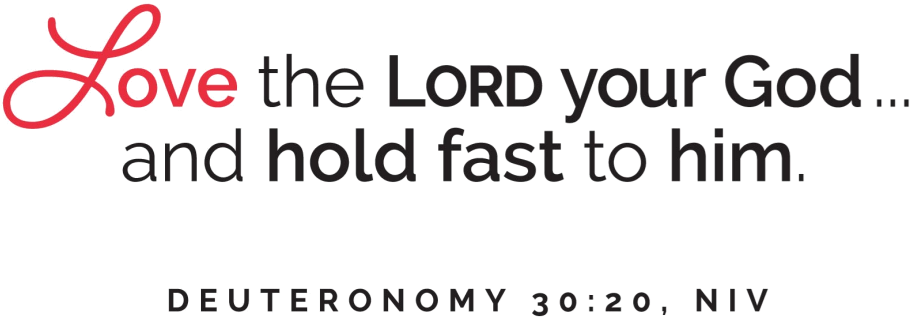
WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

15 "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you
obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by
loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments,
decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your
God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart
turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve
them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in
the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth
to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and
curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your
God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of
days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors,
to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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



PSALMODY Psalm 1

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

[1] Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
[2] **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
[3] They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
[4] **It is not so with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
[5] Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
[6] **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING Philemon 1-21

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

[1] Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, [2] to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:
[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, [5] because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. [6] I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. [7] I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

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[8] For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to
do the right thing, [9] yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul,
do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. [10] I am appealing to
you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.
[11] Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.
[12] I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. [13] I wanted to keep him with
me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the
gospel, [14] but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good
deed might be voluntary and not something forced. [15] Perhaps this is the reason he was
separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term,
[16] no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
[17] So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.
[18] If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me.
[19] I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your
owing me even your own self. [20] Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the
Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. [21] Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-35

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship.
Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

25 Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them,
26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and
estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise,
when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin
to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'
31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down
first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who
comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is
still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.
33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all
your possessions." 34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its
saltiness be restored? 35 It is useful neither for the soil nor for the manure pile;
they throw it away. If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Tommy Wimsae

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Great is the Lord" arr. by Jack Schrader

by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
Eileen Hoffman-Meier; piano

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

Please join me, with the whole church, in the sweet confession of our faith using the words of the Apostle's creed.

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 and friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: God of grace,
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. 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 five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and Online. Contact the church office for details.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

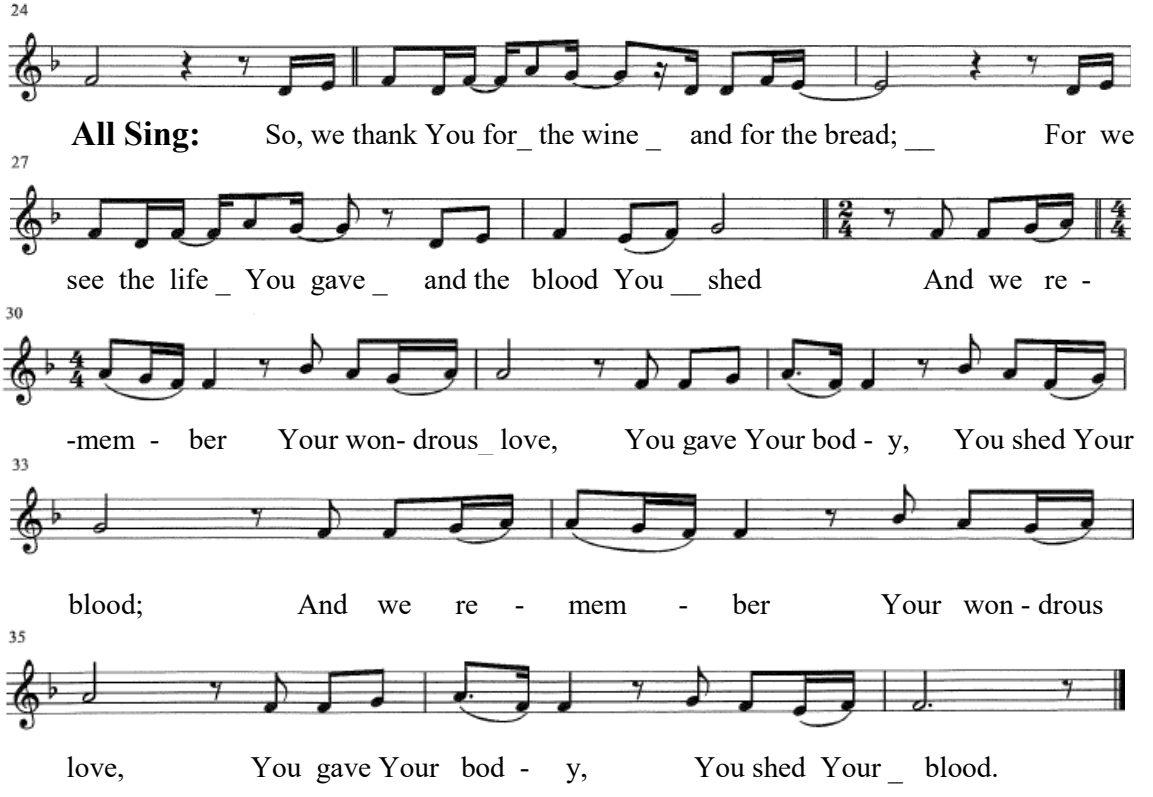
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Pastor sings: …and as you drink it, remember Me…



THE LORD'S PRAYER

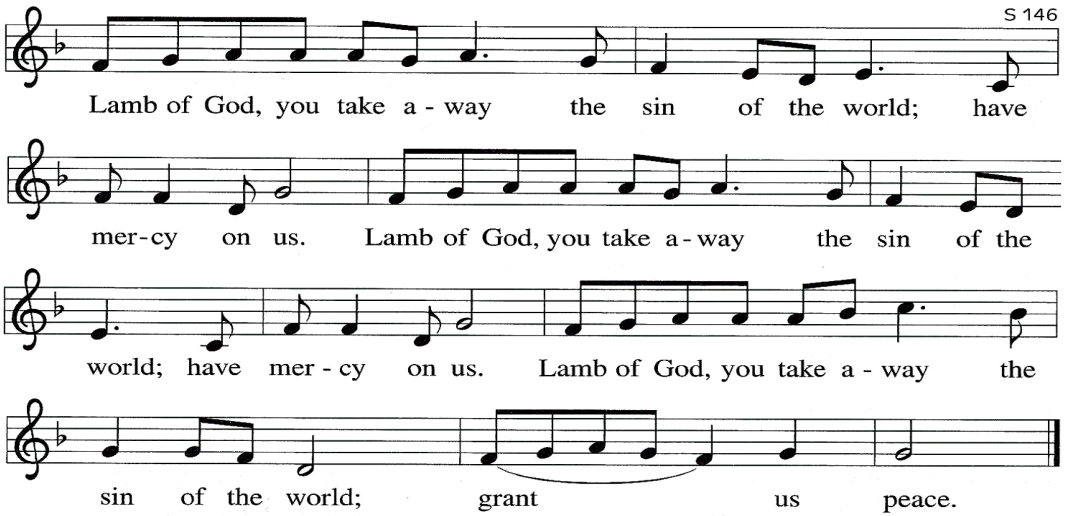
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
we pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

God loves you! All 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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

ELW 767

"Lord, Take My Life and Lead Me"

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Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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SENDING FOR MISSION

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **"Tuba Tune"** Lang

Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in honor of Pastor Tommy Wimsae's call to Trinity
by Dave and Louisa Etter.

The Children's Bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Trinity's children in memory of Becky Morningstar
by her husband Dave.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
Sunday, August 31, 2025	119
Online views:	78

Next week's Lessons:

September 14, 2025

- Exodus 32:7-14
- Psalm 51:1-10
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

Welcome Pastor Tommy!

Pastor Tommy begins preaching at Trinity today with his first Sunday as our Pastor.
We welcome him and his family: wife Ann, daughter Zephyr (age 4) and son Eiro (age 1)

If there's anything friends can do, your new friends at Trinity are most happy to!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher / Presider	*Pastor Tommy Wimsae*
Organist	*Robert Eyer, Jr.*
Altar Guild	*Lynn Fisher* *Lynette Fisher*
Ushers	*Dewey Hutsler* *Paul Kolva*
Acolyte	*Ali Ross*
Lector	*Janelle Barkman*
Cantor	*Lou Lerda*
Communion Asst.	*Ray Brindle* *David Wenerd*
Communion Prep.	*Gloria McCauley*
Livestream Team	*Jason Brown*

Outdoor Adventure Group (aka Ben Gay the Next Day)
If you are interested in a Pontoon boat ride on the lake at Codorus State Park to look for wildlife in September or October, please contact **Brenda Runshaw** as soon as possible with dates that will not work for you. We need to give the park educator a list of dates to choose from to set up the boat ride. Cost is $10.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers!

We Pray for Family and Friends

Melissa Dykins	Roberta Trombulak	Greg Wilson
Nina Wilson	Gary Fisher	Deb Hutsler
Donald Kerr	Janet Hawbaker	Kristen Hardman
Harry Schnabel	Pastor Vaughn Erickson	Sharon Emmons
Mark Scanzello	Barb Montgomery	Beth Krah
Scott Papp	David and Kathy Hoffman	

Names may be added or removed by calling the church office.
Names will normally be removed after <u>one month.</u>

WEEKLY PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Mary Cramer	Ruth Cramer	Anne and Carl Crawford	Tina Crider and Sifire Lowrey

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving expected as of August 31, 2025: $77,538.46
Amount received as of August: $68,711.47
Thank You!

<u>Emergency Management Corner</u>

AED is on the wall outside of the Church Office, right of the stairway entrance.
First Aid Kits and Narcan Boxes are in the same spot on all three floors.
Fire Blankets are on the wall near the stove in the Social Hall and Lounge kitchens.
Become familiar with the 23 fire extinguishers located throughout the building.
Become familiar with the location of exit signs.
Thank You!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH ENVELOPES
Cold Weather Shelter & 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.

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.

The Service Committee appreciates any help you can give to both of this month's appeals.

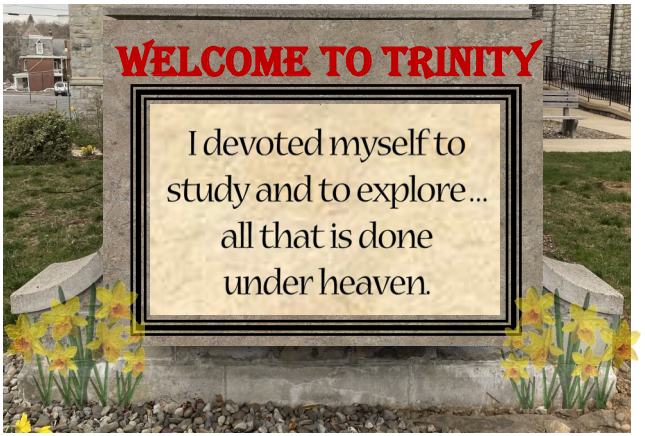
Thank You!

Please join us on
RALLY DAY
Sunday, September 14th.
During Worship that day
Bibles will be presented to
children and youth who have
progressed to a new learning experience.
Teachers will be blessed as we begin a
new educational season.

RALLY DAY
Breakfast
at 9:00 a.m. on
Sunday, September 14th in
the Social Hall. Join us for
scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice and
coffee. Help is needed in the kitchen with set up
and clean up. Sign up sheet is on the
Youth Bulletin Board.
Sign Up TODAY September 7th! Thank You!

Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers
September 26 - 28
Camp Nawakwa

Congregations from across our synod gather for this traditionally early fall weekend that includes large group gatherings with singing led by our ALIVE Alumni Band, theme-centered videos and stories, and games, interspersed with small group gatherings. **FREE** for Trinity members! Contact Mary Jo Frey: **mjfrey62@comcast.net** for more information.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday - 9/7/2025 Sign Up TODAY RALLY DAY Breakfast September 14th Thank You!	 9:00 AM 10:00 AM ***Following Worship*** 1:00 PM	***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost!*** Learning for All resumes September 21st Scripture and Coffee Worship - Sanctuary ***Welcome Pastor Tommy and Family!*** Music on the Mountain at King's Gap
Monday - 9/8/2025	6:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Bible and Brew Boy Troop Committee Meeting - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 9/9/2025	6:30 PM	Council - Lounge
Wednesday - 9/10/2025	9:30 AM 2:00 - 3:30 PM 5:15 PM	PASR - Lounge New Horizons Jazz Band - Social Hall Yoga - Room 204
Thursday - 9/11/2025	5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Girl Scouts - Scout Room and Library
Friday - 9/12/2025	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room and Library
Saturday - 9/13/2025	9:00 AM - 12 Noon	CPR Training - Social Hall
Sunday - 9/14/2025 	 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost!*** ***Rally Day and Breakfast in the Social Hall!*** Learning for All Begins on September 21st Scripture and Coffee Worship - Sanctuary

CPR classes are being offered this Fall at Trinity Lutheran Church
in the Social Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, on one of the following dates:
September 13, and October 25. Individuals must be 12 years or older.
Sign-up sheets are on the church hallway bulletin board.
These classes are through the American Red Cross and the cost will be covered by the church.
If there is a lot of interest, we may be able to add more days in the future.
For questions, contact Evan Sutton via email @ **evanjsutton@comcast.net**, or phone at 717-263-7840.

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Visitation Pastor	*The Rev. Ruth Smith*
Director of Music Ministries	*Robert Eyer, Jr.*
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Administrative Secretary	*Priscilla Cullinane*
Treasurer	*Dennis Alleman*
Financial Secretary	*Cindy Scanzello*
Livestream Coordinator	*Jason Brown*

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Council President	*Wallace Whitworth*
Council Vice President	*Cathie Smeedy*
Council Secretary	*Laura Pearce*

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Ruth Cramer	*G.R. Parham*
Travis Diehl	*Ken Saylor*
Elaine Hess-Strite	*Nina Wilson*

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"