



My Lord
and my God!

JOHN 20:28

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. **Activity bags for children can be found in the Narthex.** Please sign our guest book in the Narthex and receive a gift of Trinity Bread from our greeters. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES –If you have trouble with hearing, please check with one of the ushers for a Hearing Assist Sound Receiver.

Prayer As You Enter: *O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- Share God's love with our community*
- Serve God's children*
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love. Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast!

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God has raised us to new life.

Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray the collect together.

God whom we have not seen, whose gifts we take for granted and misuse, speak to us your Word of peace, that our inner turmoil may be stilled, our eyes opened, our ears alerted to make a faithful response. May our witness be authentic, that the world may come to know your glory and dominion and respond with joyous obedience to your Word; through the risen Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Rankin

"What it Means to Be the Community of the Risen Christ!"

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, O God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. In Christ's name. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We boldly proclaim: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew or ask someone near you to have the pastor and assistant come to you in the pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire elders, deacons, pastors, lay leaders and conference ministers to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Denise Pfeiffer** in honor of Karen's music ministry.

The Worship Aids are given by the **Marianne Gible** in appreciation of my family and friends being there through my illness and treatment.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, Paula Dennes
Altar Guild	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	Nevin Cooley
Koinonia	Rankin Family
Ministries	Card Evangelism Committee (Betty Tyndall) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Paula Dennes

Attendance for Good Friday	32			
Attendance for Sun., April 20	6:00-8	8:00-45	10:00-104	TOTAL – 157

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 1:30 PM – Grief Group
7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM – Bells

Wednesday 9:30 AM – Stewardship Committee @ Owens' home
7:00 PM – Grief Group

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist
9:00 AM – Sunday School
10:00 AM - Koinonia
10:30 AM – Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe, Guest Preacher

Happy Birthday

Thursday – Sue Bowman

Friday – James Patton

Saturday – Rev. Jere Chapman

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Sarah Paulukow	Pat Seachrist	Dottie Schadt
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	John Shelsky
Janice Jenkins	Mid Gockley	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Rhonda Hartenstine	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Lainie Christensen
Sam Minder III	Betsy Bailey	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Betty Fogle	Betty Tyndall & family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Erika Otthofer	Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Himelwright Family	Autumn Shenk	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Kathleen Sensenig Adams		

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Andrew Hicks (fiancé of Katie Weeber)
Marjorie Derck (sister of George Latsha)
Billy Schoffstall (uncle of Kayla Brennan)
Rev. Bill Swisher (friend of Trinity members)

Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Zach Pfeiffer (son of Denise Pfeiffer)
John Zittel (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)
Carol Rogers (mother of Jamy Shelly)
Jessica Clawser (daughter of Betty Tyndall)
Bishop Nathan Baxter and family (friends of Trinity Members)
Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)
Ryan Dennes (son of Paula Dennes)
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)
Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)
Nancy Scholl (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
David Haverstick (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)
Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)
Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)
Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)
The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family)
Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)
David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)
Harvey Sick (friend of Judy Chapman)
James Malone & family
Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)
Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

All who are grieving the death of Pope Francis

Victims of Disasters

World Peace

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

THE MAY PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

STAFF VACATION: Carol Kratz will be on vacation from April 28- May 8. Pastor Chris will not always be in the office, so if you can't reach him there call him on his cell phone (717-575-0286).

GRIEF GROUP UPDATE: Pastor Rankin has scheduled two sessions for the grief groups: April 28 at 1:30 p.m. and April 30 at 7:00 p.m. We will be reading *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred work of Grief* by Francis Weller. If you would like to participate in one or both of the sessions, contact Pastor Chris or the Church office.

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

The signature event will be held on **TODAY, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at Santee Chapel featuring recognition messages, music, guest speakers, and milestone highlights of the Seminary's two centuries of theological education and community service.

Guest speakers include Dr. Emilie Townes (Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Religion & Black Studies at Boston University School of Theology) and Dr. Teresa Smallwood (Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at United Lutheran Seminary).

The event is free, but registration is requested. Speak to Pastor Chris if you want to register! The program will be broadcast via livestream on the LTS website and a reception will follow the event.

The second major event is a concert on **June 1** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Santee Chapel. More information will be forthcoming!

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY: The Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe, Anne Rankin's father, will be preaching at both services next week. His sermon will focus on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea/the Nicene Creed. Dr. Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster and St. Paul's UCC in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University.

A Message from Christian Education for May-June

“.. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’” (Acts 17: 23-28, NRSVUE)

The apostle Paul uses this unknown god as a stand-in for the true God, that although He is unknown to the Greeks, He desires to be known by them. Paul explains that the true God is the real power behind all life.

During the Sundays in May Christian Education Classes will be meeting at 9:00 am through Sunday, June 1st.

The Children’s Class will be continuing work with SPARK! in the downstairs Sunday School room as we explore additional opportunities in which to engage our children. Youth and adults are invited to join The Wired Word studies with Diane Rice meeting in the Choir Room, or in a study of Adam Hamilton’s The Call – The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul led by Pastor Chris, Sue Bowman and others in

Isenberg Hall. Hamilton’s study invites us to hear Paul’s story and message, and to reflect on God’s call in our lives to become the people we are meant to be.

Chapter 5, “Called to Give” will be starting May 11 th . Please contact Pastor Chris for a class session link if you will be joining us online.

April 27th and May 4th, at 9:00 am in Isenberg Hall, we are pleased to invite the congregation to hear the Rev. Dr. Richard Christensen presenting; Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, centurions, and tax collectors in the New Testament: Who were all these people really, and why does it matter; The Rev. Dr. Christensen has had a long career as a pastor, campus minister, mission teacher in Botswana, and professor of philosophy and the religious history of the United States.

Looking ahead in June and July:

Celebration Sunday is June 8th when at 9:00am we will join classes in Isenberg Hall to observe the learning and the friendship we have enjoyed during classes this year. We will usher in the 2025 Vacation Bible School theme and partake of some tasty treats!

Vacation Bible School 2025 “The Bible” will be held from July 14-17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm! The Closing Program begins July 18th at 6:30 pm. Through stories, crafts, games, and music, “The Bible” looks at what the Bible is, where it came from, and how to use it. We will be looking at some of the characters whose lives and actions are depicted in its pages, in addition to Jesus’ life, and what it means for us today.

A class for adults will be led by the Rev. Jack Esbenshade. Please find more VBS information in the May Parish Post. Volunteer forms are on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, please speak with Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

VBS INFORMATION: This year’s Vacation Bible School will be held from July 14-18. You can find more information about VBS in the May Parish Post. Volunteer forms are on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, speak to Dina Slechta or Diane Rice.

SPRING BOOK STUDY: Pastor Chris is planning to do book study this spring (after Easter) via Google Meet. We will be reading Henri Nouwen’s book *With Open Hands: Bring Prayer Into Your Life*. Contact the church office or Pastor Chris if you are interested in participating.

Summer Church Camp: There are copies of the camp schedule for Nawakwa and Kirchenwald (Lutheran camps) on the table across from the church office. There is also an opportunity to go back to Hartman Center (former U.C.C. camp in Milroy, PA) July 27-August 2. The Rankin family will be participating in the Lutheran camps and the Hartman Center reunion week. Remember....church camp is for all ages!

You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.** For more information about church camp, speak to Anne Rankin, Trinity’s Certified Camp Liaison.

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OPEN DATES FOR KOINONIA: There are still open dates for Koinonia during the month of May. The open dates are **May 4, 11, 18, & 25**. If you could volunteer for any of those dates either use the signup sheet outside the kitchen or call the church office.

2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **June 8, 22, & 29**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **May 11 & 18**. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

2025 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.



Thursday, May 22, 1:30 PM
Sign-up sheet on table outside office

NEW DIRECTORY: Look for a draft of a church directory across from the church office and make any necessary changes by the end of May!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS are available on both floors of the church building. If you have any questions, contact Amy Grube (Trinity Preschool Director) at preschool@trinityeastpete.org.

Trinity UCC Summer Camp

Come learn, explore,
and create at our
Science and Art
Camp



Week 1 - Science Camp
9:00-11:30
May 12-May 16

Week 2: Art Camp
9:00-11:30
May 19- May 23



Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 4 and 5 year olds \$90/week
Tuesday and Thursday – 2 and 3 year olds \$65/week

Based on a minimum of 8 students

Tell a Friend!

*Please submit your check and form below to save your spot!

*For those new to Trinity UCC Preschool, you will be sent our emergency form, car rider information and permission page to fill out after registering.

My Child _____, age _____ will attend Science Camp _____, Art Camp _____,
Both camps _____. Parent's Name(s) _____
Cell#(s) _____ Email _____
Tuition enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

PRAYER SHAWL: The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on May 20 at 1:00 p.m.. This is the last meeting until Fall. Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

THE MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast May 17 at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:

If someone is graduating in your family, please submit their name, school, and future plans with the church office ASAP!

CHURCH GIVING CARDS: Since some members give online or on a monthly basis, they don't have anything to place in the offering plate during worship. Pastor Rankin recently shared with the Consistory an idea that he received from a church he visited for a concert. They have laminated cards in the pews for those people to place in the offering plate as their act of worship (you can see a picture below). The Consistory decided to try this after Easter. Look for these cards to be placed in the pews beginning in May! If you have any questions speak to Pastor Rankin, Jeff Hackenberger (Consistory President), or Lon Wible (Chair of Deacons).



TOA at Lititz presents:

The Silver Singers

BROADWAY SHOW HITS

Come enjoy an uplifting performance of
your favorite Broadway Show Hits.

The Silver Singers will be coming to East Petersburg
to perform a spectacular SHOW!

All are Welcome. Admission is Free.



May 17, 2025 - Saturday @ 3:00pm

Trinity United Church of Christ
2340 State Street - East Petersburg, PA



Lancaster Stormers Game

June 25th

Penn Medicine Park

Stormers vs. York Revolution



**The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity).
Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account
and those under 4 are free.**

You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office.

We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!

Gates open at 5:30 PM – Buffet served. Game – 6:45 PM.

Deadline to sign up is June 9

GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Person(s) ordering Geranium Plants _____

Please order: _____ Red Geranium(s) @ \$6.00 each – 6” pot **Total amount due \$** _____

Designation as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Give plant to a shut-in member _____ Yes _____ No

_____ or plant geranium at church

The last date to order is Sunday, May 18, 2025. Give order forms and payment to Dan Otthofer, or place in offering or email the church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ. Thank you!



FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes
of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

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