



**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 today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

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. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. 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.*

Prayer as you enter: *Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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.

We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives new birth into a living hope.

Death has no power over us. Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

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.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Locked Doors or An Open Place?"

Pastor Rankin

(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

We rejoice in the inheritance you have given us, O God, and delight in sharing it with others. You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. We want others to experience what we have begun to realize in company with one another and with you. To that end, bless all the offerings of this day. 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.

COMMUNICATION

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.

(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 need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your 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.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness or grief. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Jane, Chip, Troy, Kelly & families** in memory of Charles(Chuck) H. Portser, III.

The Baptismal Font Flowers are given by **Pastor Chris, Anne, Rachel, and Andrew** in honor of Zachary's 16th birthday on April 18!!!

The Worship Aids are given by the **Hambrick-Stowes**, with thanks to God for our grandson Zachary, celebrating his 16th birthday on April 18th.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Rev. Jack Esbenshade
Money Counters	Lee Bossert, Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Hedwig Hunsicker, Sally Rodenberger
Koinonia	Cathy Hoshauer
Building Trustee	Hank Fox
Ministries	Card Evangelism Committee (Sarah Paulukow) Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Dottie Schadt

Happy Birthday!

Monday – Jordan Ditzler

Tuesday – Rev. David Gockley, Zachary Baynard

Wednesday – Gretchen Woerner, Denise Pfeiffer

Friday – Nevin Cooley, Logan Garrett

Saturday – Erin Derstler, Betty Fogle

Attendance for Sun., April 9	6:30-15	8:00-49	10:30-122	TOTAL -186
Maundy Thursday	2:00-16	7:00-37		TOTAL - 53
Good Friday	44			

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today	4:00 PM – Celtic Martins 6:00PM—Confirmation Class
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Tuesday	1-3 PM – Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM – Consistory/Bds.
Thursday	2:00 PM – CROP Walk Mtg.-Isenberg 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts 7:00 PM – Executive Committee—Choir Room
Friday	11:00 AM – Mom and Muffins
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist/Reception of New Member 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Eucharist Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Guest Preacher 6:00 PM—Confirmation Class

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Don & Pat Miller	Joann Garvin	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Scott & Jane Owens	Anne Rankin	Dorothy Fasnacht
Dawn Garvin	Erika Otthofer	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Marge Burger	Deb Lichtenwalner
George DeLong	Joann Peck	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Mary Lou Shaab	Ron Becker	Stan & Pat Seachrist
Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Donna Zirkel	Carmen & Jerry Richards

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Betty Tyndall and family	Hank Fox	Charles & Betty Booraem
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Nancy Patton	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Mary Witmer	Kathleen Sensenig Adams

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The people of Turkey & Syria

The family of Rev. John Binkley (friend of Trinity members)

The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)

Janice Zimmerman (Ken Zimmerman's sister)

Jack & Sandy Neal (friends of Trinity members)

Joan Nevins (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)

Janet Grebinger (friend of John and Sarah Paulukow)

Larry Gerlach (Dolly Barr's brother)

Kevin McCarty (son of Kathy & Bud McCarty)

Pat Ressler (friend of Marge Burger & Jodi Keller)

Robert Good (brother-in-law of Betty Fogle)

James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

The Eshelman Family (friends of Rick & Joann Mowrer)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

Eric Zirkel (brother-in-law of Donna Zirkel)

Joan Sleet (sister of Donna Zirkel & Pastor Royer)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig),

David and Brenda Haverstick (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen)

Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights)

Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer)

Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

Rev. Phyllis Baum (former member of Trinity Church)

Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer)

The Martin family

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)

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)

Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother)

Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law)

The Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church)

THE APRIL PARISH POST is available 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.

WELCOME LUNCHEON: The Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a welcome luncheon for new members and recent visitors to Trinity Church following the 10:30 service on April 30th. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office.

KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, April 18 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: It is not too late to buy S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to support the Trinity Preschool. The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

PRESCHOOL MYSTERY READERS: Trinity Preschool is looking for Spring Mystery Readers for the remainder of March and April. Please contact Sean McKelvey through the church office or email at preschool@trinityeastpete.org to schedule a time to read a book to a preschool class. It's a fun way for Trinity members to support and be part of our preschool.

MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on **May 6 at 8:00 a.m.** Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

2023 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.

TODAY

The Celtic Martins In Concert

Trinity UCC

2340 State St.

East Petersburg, PA

717-569-1632

www.trinityeastpete.org

Sunday, April 16

Concert At 4:00 PM

Outdoors - Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Concert will move indoors in case of inclement weather.

Freewill Offering Benefits
Ting Ministries And
Trinity's Music Ministry



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PINOCHLE
1:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Thursday, May 11

All you have to do is sign up in the hallway near church office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:

Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: April 30 & May 14. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: April 30, May 14 & 21. 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.

FLOWER DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to be on the rotation to pick up the weekly chancel flowers from the florist on Friday mornings? If so, contact Lee Bossert. Would you like to deliver the chancel flowers after worship to members of the congregation? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.

KOINONIA: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments and drinks/coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes.



Conference Minister to Preach

The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, a member of our congregation and Penn Central Conference Minister, will be preaching at both services on April 23.

THE LANCASTER COUNTY CLIMATE SUMMIT (APRIL 22) is a community-focused event for everyone to come together to advance climate awareness and take action in Lancaster County. Presentations on various subjects will occur throughout the day at the following locations:

1. **Information Pop-Up/Talking Circle:** Penn Square-Fulton Bank
2. **Ware Center (42 N. Prince St.):** Climate Overview/Finances
3. **Tellus360 (24 E. King St.):** Home Energy/Buildings & Cities/Materials
4. **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (31 S. Duke St.):**

Transportation/Faith Based Climate Action---Pastor Chris will be presenting information about the Come Follow Me Retreat/Adult Elective

5. **St. James Episcopal Church (119 N. Duke St.):** Food & Land
6. **First Presbyterian Church (140 E. Orange St.):** Water
7. **First Reformed U.C.C. (40 E. Orange St.):** Health, Climate Justice

More information can be found in the brochures on the table across from the church office or at <https://regenall.org>

You are cordially invited to a celebration commemorating
the close of Lancaster Theological Seminary's

THE way forward CAMPAIGN

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Lancaster Theological Seminary | 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

2 p.m. | *Donor wall unveiling – Lark building, first floor*

3 p.m. | *Dessert and champagne reception – Front lawn*

Dress is garden casual.

Please register by Thursday, April 20, 2023

online at lancasterseminary.edu/wayforwardcelebration or contact Matthew Hanna
in Development at mhanna@lancasterseminary.edu or 717-290-8729.



SAVE THE DATE
Barnstormer's Game

JULY 5



Mark your calendars for **July 5** when the Lancaster Barnstormers will play the Long Island Ducks! **The cost is \$30 (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. **We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up! Call the church office to sign up.**

Cherry Academy Workshops



people better connect with the local organizations working in this area, and with each other as they imagine new and exciting projects.

people are food insecure with 1 in 6.5 children struggling with hunger. (data from Feeding America and Central PA Food Bank, 2020 and 2021).

This themed year of events will not only expand knowledge of food insecurity issues in the city and county but will also help



WORKSHOPS

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Food Bank Panel

Apr 24, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Webinar

Central PA Food Bank,
CAP, York Food Bank

Food banks are the backbone of hunger relief efforts. They work behind the scenes to collect donated and bulk-purchased food and distribute it to other food pantries and food programs. Food banks are the storage and distribution depots that provide food to the smaller agencies who hand out food directly to the public. Food pantries, community meals, and many other food programs in our community rely on Central PA Food Bank, York County Food Bank, and CAP for access to donated food. Hear directly from these organizations about the work they are doing and how you can be involved.

Children and Hunger

May 1, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Brad Peterson, Power Packs Webinar

In Lancaster County, 1 in every 6.5 kids struggles with hunger. Food insecurity has the potential to be harmful to individuals of any age, but it can be especially devastating to children as their bodies need fuel to grow and develop. Power Packs' unique approach to providing nutritious weekend meals and food preparation skills help families better stretch their food dollars. In partnership with 11 out of the 16 school districts in Lancaster County, Power Packs works directly in schools. Hear more about their work, the Georgetown University research project analyzing their methods, and how you can get involved.

CALLED TO CARE MINISTRY: The Evangelism Committee has revitalized the Called to Care ministry. Meals will be provided for members after they have returned home from the hospital or during other critical moments. Transportation to medical appointments is also available. Nancy Enders will be the coordinator for April.



FOOD TRUCKS
Stoney's Burgers & Fries
Tri-County Barbeque
TJs Ice Cream
Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

Peace of Mind Protection Fire House

Save the Date
**FRIENDSHIP FEST
FOOD TRUCK**

**Magician
Eric Vera**

**EVENT
July 16**

4:00-7:00 PM

**BOUNCE HOUSE
no charge**



AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT



5:00-6:00 PM

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. Below is a list of the camps this year! **Contact Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!**

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! **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”.**

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH & ADVENTURE TRIPS
JUNE 18-24	Day Camp (M-F)		High Adventure	
JUNE 25-JULY 1	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Tree Toppers	Classic Kayak	Beach (Grades 6-8)
JULY 2-8	Pioneers	Classic Jr Quest (Grades 4-6)	Classic Arts & Crafts S.U.R.E.	Sr. High Super Adventure (Grades 9-11)
JULY 9-15	Kids at Heart			
	Mini Camp	Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Guppies	High Adventure Ten Day	Adirondack Backpack (Grades 7-11)
JULY 16-22		Arts & Crafts Back-Country Outpost S.U.R.E. TURTLES	Water Adventure	Beach (Grades 9-11)
JULY 23-29	Pioneers	Classic Arts & Crafts NightHawks S.U.R.E.	SUB Adventure	Adirondack Canoe (Grades 7-11)
JULY 30-AUG 5	Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Bikes & Boulders	Back-Country Outpost High Adventure	KirchenQuest (Grades 7-11)
AUG 6-12	Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)			
	Mini Camp	Ultimate Sports	Fishing Ultimate Sports	

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of scenic forest, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, PA.

CAMP WEEK	EXPLORERS Grades K-2	JUNIORS Grades 3-6	INTERMEDIATES Grades 6-9	SENIOR HIGH Grades 9-11
JUNE 25- JULY 1	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Equestrian Team Sports	Classic Arts & Crafts EXTRAvangaza	Classic
JULY 2-8	Mini Camp	Classic Day Camp Plus (M-S, Grades 2-5) Holy Smoke!	Classic Full STEAM Ahead!	Adventure Sampler
JULY 9-15	Elder Camp			
	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Arts, Crafts, & Photography Beginner Guitar and Music	Classic Camp Musical Rock and Roll Adventure	
JULY 16-22	Family Camp			
JULY 23-29	Nature Detectives Mini Camp	Classic Night Owls O.W.L.S. Wild Things	Classic Ten Day	Ten Day
JULY 30- AUG 5	Classic Day Camp (M-F)	Classic Team Sports	Classic Blaze and Paddle Adventure Team Sports	
AUG 6-12	Family Camp			

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

HARTMAN CENTER HOMECOMING CAMP (July 31-August 5)

There will be several camps happening that week at the Hartman Center Campground in Milroy (the former Penn Central Conference Camp). Look for more details in the upcoming bulletins and the March Parish Post.

Dear Trinity Members,

“God’s Garden” is the theme for this summer’s Vacation Bible School. It will be held **Monday, July 10 to Thursday July 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**, with the **closing program on Friday, July 14**. We will need your help to welcome and teach the children of Trinity and the wider community. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. **Please return this form to the VBS Director’s mail slot in the church office by April 15**. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.

Dina Slechta and Diane Rice

_____ Group Leader—travels with group through stations.

_____ Assistant Group Leader - travels with the group through stations.

_____ Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - person who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery.

_____ Games Leader—leads 10 to 15 minute games reinforcing the night’s concept and story

_____ Games Helper

_____ Crafts Leader

_____ Craft Helper

_____ Story Station Teacher

_____ Snack Helper

_____ Floaters - we need some potential teachers and assistants who will be at VBS, ready to jump in as needed.

_____ Registration—needs to be there 6:15 to 6:45 the first two evenings to register children

_____ Help anywhere needed.

_____ Youth Helper (7th grade on up) Transportation Needed _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Days you would be available _____

Save The Dates

VBS 2023



God’s Garden

July 10 - 13 6:30-8:30 PM

July 14 Closing Program

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Psalm 16**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even

if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

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