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<u>Celebrating 175 Years: Honoring Our Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith!</u> THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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: *O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

(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.

God has gifted each one of us in unique ways. In our variety, we complement one another.

We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness. Blessed be our God, whose word is true.

In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs. We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

We are here, seeking to discern God's will. We are open to God's transforming Spirit.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power.

Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit. *(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. 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)

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Let us pray the collect together.

Holy God, who revealed to Peter the significance of Jesus' loving ministry, open our ears to hear your Word for us, and our eyes to see ways you are working among us today. We seek the keys to your realm where all are welcome and freedom is offered to become all we can be. May cheerfulness, generosity, and compassion abound among us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so not God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 16:13-20

At a climatic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"All That We Are!"

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.

Romans 12:1-8

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

Receive our offering, gracious God, as an expression of our thankfulness. In your church, we are privileged to cultivate the dimensions of our lives that give meaning and purpose to all we do. Here we become aware that the greatest gifts we receive are not material, and we learn how best to use the particular gifts you give us. At the same time, you show us how our material advantages can help others. May many be blessed through our sharing of these offerings and our sharing of ourselves; through Christ our Lord. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. Have we not heard? Have we not known? In the beginning, you swept across the earth with your Spirit of life and renewal. When we forgot or neglected your truth, you redeemed us and renewed us. From the earth's first gardens to the mountaintop storms, you have spoken to us, and entrusted us to be your people. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed your covenant with us, reviving us and reclaiming us through your grace and love. And so, with your people on earth, with all of creation, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise, saying:

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!

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your powerful love for the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, welcoming any and all, Christ continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, welcome now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving the lives of his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

(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.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Give strength to those impacted by recent natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's pastoral and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, ushers, altar guild, and church staff so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Jane Portser in honor of the August birthdays of Jane, her sister Joyce & the 16th birthday of her grandson Ryan.

The Worship Aids are given by the Latsha Family in celebration of the 75th Anniversary on August 28th of George & Ellie Latsha.

Ministering Today

| Pastor/Celebrant | Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin | |
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| Lector/Assistant | Jeff Hackenberger | |
| Money Counters | Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Jeff Hackenberger, | |
| | Charlene Cristy | |
| Altar Guild | Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy | |
| Building Trustee | Hank Fox | |
| Ministries | Card Elders (Tim Geiger) | |
| | Called to Care Nancy Enders | |
| | Visitation Ken Trauger | |

| This Week at Trinity Church | | | |
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| (Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m2 p.m.) | | | |
| Today | 3:00-7:00 PM – Church Picnic | | |
| Monday | 7:00 PM—Executive Committee | | |
| Wednesday | Bat Remediation Work at Church | | |
| Thursday | 10:00 AM—Hartenstine Visitation/11:00 Memorial Service | | |
| Saturday | 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA | | |
| Sunday | 7:45 AM – Eucharist | | |
| | 9:30 AM – Eucharist | | |

Happy Birthday!

Today – Bradley Olena, Rylan Shelley Monday – Douglas Hess, Carol Martan, Isabella Woerner Tuesday – Kevin Daly, Gregory Gable, Kimberly Knoll, Kerry Kreider, Hillary Bossert-Daviss Wednesday – Nancy Patton Thursday – Mark Shenk

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

| Dr. Blaine Connor | Dr. Carrie Call | Scott & Jane Owens |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dave Trostle | John Shelsky | Dorothy Fasnacht |
| Bud McCarty | Don & Pat Miller | Dr. Janet Harriger |
| The Lehman family | Mike Wagner | Joann Peck |
| Donna Wolf & Family | Ron Becker | Mary Lou Shaab |
| Stan & Pat Seachrist | Donna Zirkel | Carmen & Jerry Richards |
| Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley | Sam Minder III | Lainie Christensen |
| Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser | Hank Fox | Charles & Betty Booraem |
| Betty Tyndall and family | Nancy Patton | Bob & Marlyn Wible |
| Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline | Mary Witmer | Kathleen Sensenig Adams |
| Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman | Erika Otthofer | Danielle Huggins Holbein |
| Joann & Dawn Garvin | Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman | |

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Eugene Hartenstine The family of Lee Manifold (father of Marcia Eisenhour) The Family of Rev. John Saxton (seminary friend of Rev. Bob Hunsicker) The family of Betsy Leinbach (mother of Chuck Leinbach) The family of George Achorn (requested by Dr. Janet Harriger) Dr. Lee Barrett (Lancaster Seminary Professor) Andrea Paulukow (daughter of John & Sarah Paulukow) Richard Paulukow (relative of John & Sarah Paulukow) Jaden Allen (nephew of Carol Kratz) Cindy Commero Cook and family(friend of Sarah Paulukow) Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty) The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor) Jessica Brown (niece of Mike & Shelley Wagner)

Janice Zimmerman (sister of Ken Zimmerman) Larry Gerlach (brother of Dolly Barr) James Michaud (Sevi Keares' teacher) John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr) Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen) **Marianne Gibble** (friend of Trinity) 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), **Don Pfeifer** (husband of Denise Pfeifer) **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) Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)



Hempfield Fire Department Park 19 Main Street, Landisville (parking is in the lot behind the fire department) SIGN-UP SHEET FOR PICNIC & CAKE WALK ON TABLE OUTSIDE OFFICE **THE SEPTEMBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

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

VBS MISSION PROJECT: This year's VBS mission project is the Hempfield Power Packs. You can donate to the offering by marking the special designation box on your offering envelope with "VBS Mission".

TRINITY PRAYER BOOK: In the spring, participants in the Adult Sunday School Class were sharing prayers that were meaningful to their family. Anne Rankin thought it would be good to compile these prayers and create a Trinity prayer book as part of our 175th anniversary. You can submit prayers to Pastor Chris or Anne.

SHARE YOUR STORIES/MEMORIES OF TRINITY CHURCH: The 175th Anniversary Committee invites members of the congregation to share your stories and memories of Trinity Church for our November Echoes of the Past article. What are some of the things you remember from our past? Who are some of the people you remember? For some of our newer members, what drew you to Trinity Church? Whether you have been here 50 years or you recently joined, we want to hear from you!! **Please submit your stories/memories to the church office by October 6.**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Greeter /Ushers Needed

If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 9:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!!



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer!

2023 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: October 29, December 17 & 31. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: September 3 & 24. 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.

MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064 Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

August 27 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert QuintEssentially Brass A quintet with their engaging personalities and

sparkling instrumental performances and another season. Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.



Calling all Singers and Ringers 2023-2024 Season Starts

September 11, 7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir September 18, 8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

> *New Singers and Ringers Welcome Contact Michael or Dina Slechta



We still have a few openings for Musical Offerings over the summer and if anyone is interested in offering their gifts, they should contact Mike & Dina Slechta at <u>music@trinityeastpete.org</u>.

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on September 16 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the signup sheet on the table across from the church office. This is open to the men of Trinity! You can always invite a friend to join you for breakfast!



Fall

Worship

Times

Service Times: 7:45 & 10:30 AM Sunday School: 9:00 AM Koinonia: 10:00 AM



PRAYER SHAWL: Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 19 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.



LOOK FOR THE SIGNUP SHEET ON TABLE OUTSIDE OFFICE!

CONCERT FEATURING TRINITY'S ORGANISTS: As part of our 175th anniversary, we will welcome back some of our former organists for a concert on September 24 at 3 p.m. Look for more information soon!



DATES Thursday, September 28-1:30 PM Friday, October 20-7:00 PM Thursday, November 16-1:30 PM Friday, December 15-7:00 PM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

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