



*Love  
your enemies*

LUKE 6:27

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/SEMINARY SUNDAY**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

**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:** *O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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*

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**CELEBRATING SEMINARY SUNDAY:** As part of Lancaster Theological Seminary's (LTS) 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they have asked congregations to celebrate their relationship with LTS. Several of the pastors at Trinity & St. Luke's graduated from LTS. Both congregations also served as teaching congregations for seminary students throughout the years. St. Luke's was formed by students of Lancaster Seminary known as the *Society of Inquiry*. In celebration of our rich relationship with Lancaster Theological Seminary, some of the members of our congregation who graduated from LTS are assisting with the 10:30 service. You can see a full list of graduates connected to our congregation towards the back of the bulletin.

**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.**

Come near to one another and to our God.

Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.

**This is a time for meeting and greeting.**

**This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.**

Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.

God is our refuge in whom we trust.

**We believe God is here and will be known by us.**

**Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.**

We are here to receive life in all its abundance.

God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.

**God raises us up and sends us forth.**

**Surely God will help us whenever we go.**

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

# CONFESSION OF SINS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We live as if Christ had never been born.

**We abuse the privileges that are ours as children of God.**

Let us confess our sins before God in silent prayer.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Let us pray the collect together.

**Merciful and loving God, whose clear direction to us includes loving actions toward all people, we pray for the insight and will to treat others as we wish to be treated. Lift us above the physical limitations we have accepted for ourselves so the image of dust may be replaced by the image of heaven. Help us to embody lasting values in all our relationships and to become a part of your transforming plans for our world. Amen.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

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

### THE PSALTER

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.  
**Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

**Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

**The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

**he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Luke 6:27-38

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## **THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **SERMON**

**"Stewarding God's Love & Mercy!"**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(adapted by Dr. Robert V. Moss, 1976)*

*Dr. Moss graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1945 and then served as President of the Seminary from 1957-69. Dr. Moss then served as President of the United Church of Christ from 1969 until his death in 1976.*

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:**

**God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.**

**God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.**

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

### **OFFERING DEDICATION**

Receive our joy, O God, along with our gifts. We reach out with this offering to do good in and through our congregation. May any who have harmed others be helped. Heal us of unjust anger, jealousy, and strife. Through our shared life in this community of faith, create in us the image of one who dwells in heaven. Let us share with the whole world the blessings we receive from your hand. We pray in Jesus' 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.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember

Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

**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**

### **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.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.**

### **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 the ushers 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.

With the spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### ***SILENT PRAYER***

Let us pray together.

**Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by his goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

# CLOSE OF WORSHIP

## RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.  
May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers & the Worship Aids are given by **Jackey Hoover** in gratitude for all my many blessings.

### Ministering Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Rice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Nevin Cooley, Steve Gold, Pat Sensenig, Cherie Cataldi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Mike Wagner
<b>Koinonia</b>	John & Sarah Paulukow
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Church Staff (Carol Kratz) <b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin <b>Visitation</b> Anita Rohrer

<b>Attendance for Sun., February 16</b>	7:45–14	10:30–58	<b>TOTAL – 72</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>23</b>		

### **Happy Birthday**

Monday – Greg Gruber  
Tuesday – Judie Bistline  
Saturday – Holly Connor, Heather DuBois

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

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

Today	3-8 PM – Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
Monday	Secretary Off 7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM – Bells
Thursday	1:30 PM – Pinochle 6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Friday	11 AM-1 PM – Preschool Lunch Bunch
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

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Pat Seachrist	Janice Jenkins	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	John Shelsky
Don & Pat Miller	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
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall and 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	Jodi Keller
Betty Fogle	Autumn Shenk	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Himelwright Family		

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Family of Anna King (attended the Peanut Fellowship)  
The Family of Norman Miller (brother of Don Miller)  
Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
Zach Pfeifer (son of Denise Pfeifer)  
John Zittel (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeifer)  
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)  
Mike Dolinski (friend of George & 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 Gible (friend of Trinity)  
Carol Hooper (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)  
Marlene Harlow (friend of Gail Kogut)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)  
Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
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  
Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)  
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

Victims of Fires in California

World Peace

Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations

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

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



**THURSDAY, February 27, 1:30 PM**  
Sign-up sheet on table outside office

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS** are available on both floors of the church building!

**2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **March 9, 16, 23 & 30.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **March 2, 16, 23 & 30.** 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.



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT:** We continue to support the medical mission project that was presented on Rally Day by Donna Geisler and her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Lovett. Look for the display across from the church office. There are cans for you to place monetary donations. **We have exceeded our goal of \$5,000 by raising over \$5,100!**

**MINISTRY SERVER SCHEDULE:** We have created a serving schedule for the various volunteer ministries for January thru March. You can find them on the table in the Narthex.

**KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP** happens every Sunday in Isenberg Hall at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

**SCOUT FUNDRAISER:** Cub Scout Pack 133 is selling flower bulbs. The money and orders are due on March 2. The order form is on the table across from the church office. Trinity is the charter organization for Cub Scout Pack 133 and they hold their meetings in Isenberg Hall.

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:** We have already seen some snow this season! If it snows on a Saturday night or Sunday morning, we will try to hold worship services as long as the pastor can safely travel to the church. However, there may be times when we have to change the Sunday morning schedule or cancel services & Sunday School. The pastor and the Consistory president will make these decisions in enough time to inform you through the website, Trinity Facebook page, e-mail, and church voicemail. You can always contact the pastor if you have any questions. If we decide to hold services and Sunday School, we ask that you make a personal decision on whether you can attend. We don't want you to risk your health!



# CONCERT FOR REFUGEES

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## Show at Fulton Theatre

Where: Fulton Theatre, 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster.  
For What: To see the play "Jesus Christ Superstar"  
When: March 9, 2025 (Sunday)  
Time: 2 pm show starts  
Price: Adults =\$67.50; children = \$63.50.  
**Mark checks with Jesus Christ Superstar**  
Sign-up deadline: By February 27, 2025

**Note:** There's only **30** tickets available! Speak with Denise Pfeifer, Kayla Brennan, or Anne Rankin (Parish Life Committee Members) for more information!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** There will be two Ash Wednesday services (2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.) on March 5. We are in need of greeters for both services and ushers for the evening service. If you are willing to serve, please contact Carol or Pastor Chris.

## LENTEN SERVICES 2025 "SHADOWS OF THE CROSS"

Each Wednesday we will focus on a particular event in Christ's journey to the cross. The shadow of the cross looms over every interaction, to give spiritual insight.

**March 5 (Ash Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin**

**March 12 (The Shadow of Betrayal): Rev. Ken Trauger**

**March 19 (The Shadow of Servant Leadership): Rev. Sandy Morris**

**March 26 (The Shadow of Denial): Rev. Dr. Carrie Call**

**April 2 (The Shadow of False Accusations): Dr. Randall Zachman**

**April 9 (The Shadow of a Last Chance): Rev. Dr. Joel Hummel**

**April 16/Holy Wednesday Order of Healing (The Shadow of Death): Rev. Jack Esbenshade**

**April 17 (Maundy Thursday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin**

**April 18 (Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.) Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin**



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**Registration fees & information:**

Registration for a new September school term opens at the beginning of January. Registration fee of \$75 and application are accepted in the order received and are non-refundable. You are invited to call or email for information. All classes are held depending upon enrollment. Registration forms are available on the website

**First tuition, due August 15.**

**Tuition for the 2025-26 term is:**

**Tiny Tots** — \$437.00 (\$48.56 per month)

**2-Day Class** — \$875.00 (\$97.22 per month)

**3-Day Class** — \$1,250.00 (\$138.89 per month)

**4-Day Class** — \$1,688.00 (\$187.56 per month)

**1-Day Enrichment Class** — \$480.00 (\$53.33 per month) Enrichment begins in October

**Our Philosophy**

Trinity U.C.C. Preschool provides a developmental approach to learning which cares for the whole child.



**Special screening package for  
\$159 for our members includes:**

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ FREE Hypertension Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!  
888-814-0466 and use code: HSCA001



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## Preschool Fundraiser Announcement

### TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

March 3-14

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from our large variety of soups they carry.

Chicken Corn - Chicken Noodle  
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Redeem soup certificate at these stores:

**S. Clyde Weaver Store & Cafe**  
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#### CERTIFICATE LIMITATION

A large variety of soups, house-made and fresh-frozen. Excludes any specialty varieties with a retail price greater than \$7.00 a pint.

**Price for each certificate: \$6.00**

**Deadline to order: March 14**

Sign-up sheet on table outside office

## **TODAY IS SEMINARY SUNDAY**

In celebration of Seminary Sunday, we list the pastors and members of Trinity and St. Luke's who were educated at Lancaster Seminary. As you can see, we have been connected to the Seminary for the majority of its 200 years! We look forward to our ongoing relationship with the Seminary as it becomes part of the School of Theology at Moravian University.

Current Members of Trinity Who Graduated From Lancaster Seminary:

**The Rev. J. Robert Musser (1961)**  
**The Rev. J. Kenneth Trauger (1962)**  
**The Rev. Robert G. Hunsicker (1963)**  
**The Rev. Harry G. Royer (1965)**  
**The Rev. Dr. Richard L Christensen (1970)**  
**The Rev. John F. Esbenshade (1971)**  
**The Rev. Jere Chapman (1981)**  
**Ms. Sue Bowman (1985)**  
**The Rev. Susan Sokolowski (1998)**  
**The Rev. Margaret Rohnacher (2000)**  
**The Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Rankin (2004/2014)**  
**The Rev. Dr. Joel A. Hummel (2017)**

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**\*The Rev. Walter Pugh (1913)**  
**\*The Rev. Jeremiah Rothermel (1915)**  
**\*The Rev. Thomas W. Rhoads (1923)**  
**\*The Rev. Carl Isenberg (1926)**  
**\*The Rev. Paul Nagy (1936)**  
**\*The Rev. Robert Nagle (1944)**  
**\*The Rev. Carl Marks (1947)**  
**\*The Rev. George Geisler (1950)**  
**The Rev. Harry Royer (1965)**



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- \*The Rev. Jacob F. Wiant (1869)
- \*The Rev. William Lichliter (1875)
- \*The Rev. John Frantz (1906)
- \*The Rev. Robert Roschy (1934)
- \*The Rev. A. Gail Holt (1942)
- The Rev. J. Robert Musser (1961)
- The Rev. Harry Royer (1965)
- The Rev. John F. Esbenshade (1971)
- The Rev. Paul E. Forrey (1993)
- The Rev. James Robison (1998)
- The Rev. Audrey Shirk (2004)
- The Rev. Paul Eyer (2006)

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- \*The Rev. Vernon H. Baum (1947/1971)
- \*The Rev. Beatrice Weaver McConnell (1948)—First woman to graduate & be ordained in the E&R Church.
- \*The Rev. Dr. James W. Bright (1957/1984)
- \*The Rev. Charles E. Fogle (1958)
- \*The Rev. Phyllis Baum (1995)
- The Rev. Thomas B. Busted (2013)- our former organist

Other Connections With Lancaster Seminary Graduates:

- \*The Rev. Charles D. Rodenberger (1934)-father of Dr. Bruce Rodenberger
- The Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr. (1952/1966)-brother-in-law of Mid Gockley
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**FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

<sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown

a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38**

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a].

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