

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2340 State Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520 717-569-1632 Website: www.trinityeastpete.org E-Mail:secretary@trinityeastpete.org The Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Rankin, Pastor The Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Rankin, Pastor The Rev. Harry G. Royer, Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Carolyne Call, Covenanted Minister of Mission Mr. Michael Slechta, Director of Music/ Sounds of Trinity Choir Director Dr. Rob Horton, Supply Organist Mrs. Carmen Richards, Pianist Mrs. Carol Kratz, Administrative Assistant Mr. Michael Querry, Sexton Mrs. Amy Grube, Preschool Director

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poot. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Out assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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 every-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Dr. Call is Trinity's Covenanted Minister of Mission and has served in the life of Trinity Church as a lector, Finance Committee member, and involved with the ongoing revisions of our Administrative Manual.

A graduate of Cornell University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Dr. Call was ordained on November 22, 1994. She has served the following ministries:

2020- Conference Minister & President, Penn Central Conference

2019-20 Transitional Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference

2016-19 Executive Director of Development and Communication, Lancaster Seminary

2012-16 Associate Conference Minister, Indiana-Kentucky Conference 2004-12 Director (Office for Civic & Social Engagement), St. Mary's College, IN

2002-12 Instructor, (Depts Ed & Psychology) at St. Mary's College, Indiana 1992-97 Pastor, Old First Church, Middletown, NJ

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, all who look for God with unseeing eyes. Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

Oh, that we knew where to find God! We want to hear and understand God's Word.

Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour. This is the time to embrace new ways.

Here we set the patterns for everyday life. Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing in this time of silent prayer. *(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins together.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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)

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Let us pray the collect together.

Eternal God, before whom our human systems and distinctions amount to nothing, and in whose love the last are often first, grant teachings that will astound us, your presence to transform us, and courage to witness with all we have and all we are to the good news of your love and promise of eternal life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALTER

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

THE SECOND LESSON

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations because he also experienced them. Therefore we an approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

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

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

Hebrews 4:12-16

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Mark 10:17-31

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

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, 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.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

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

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach will receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 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.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

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.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**!

(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.

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. Guide the work of the Lancaster Association and the Penn Central Conference. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. Surround those impacted by natural disasters. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given to honor the October birthdays and anniversary of Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman.

The Worship Aids are given by **Pastor Rankin** in recognition of the Trinity clergy members during this Pastor Appreciation Month. **In honor of** Bob Bistline, Carrie Call, Jere Chapman, Rich Christensen, Jack Esbenshade, Dave Gockley, Bob Hunsicker, Sandy Morris, Bob Musser, Margaret Rohnacher, Harry Royer, Bob Siever, Susan Sokolowski, and Ken Trauger. **In memory of** Vernon & Phyllis Baum, Jim Bright, Charlie Fogle, and Frank Lantz.

Ministering Today

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call
Lector	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Money Counters	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller
Altar Guild	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert, Nancy Enders
Building Trustee	John Shelsky
Koinonia	Paula Dennes
Ministries	Card Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall)
	Called to Care Nancy Enders
	Visitation Denise Pfeiffer

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

Monday	No Preschool
	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM – Bells
Tuesday	1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl
	3:00/4:30 PM – Community Meal Prep/Serving
	7:00 PM – Consistory/Boards
Thursday	2:00 PM – CROP Walk Meeting
	6:00 PM - Scouts
Saturday	4-6 PM – Trunk or Treat
	8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM-Eucharist
	9:00 AM – Sunday School
	10:00 AM – Koinonia
	10:30 AM – Worship
	CROP Walk at Greek Church

Happy Birthday!

Today – Lily Kilgore Tuesday – Derek Eisenhour, Matthew LaRouche, John Brennan, Donna Wolf Wednesday – Phyllis Zimmerman Thursday – Sandy DeLong, Kelsey Harley, Elyse Minder

7:45-16 9:30-77

TOTAL - 93

Worship Attendance, October 6 Sunday School

19

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Rhonda Hartenstine	Janice Jenkins	Betsy Bailey	
Betty Fogle	Denise Huggins	Bob & Marlyn Wible	
Don & Pat Miller	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Harry Himelwright	
Dr. Janet Harriger	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	Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Hank Fox	
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein	
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall and family	Michael McDonough	
Kelsey Minnich Burgo	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Joann & Dawn Garvin	
Erika Otthofer	Ron Becker	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	
Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger			

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Alice Palmer (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine) Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine) Glenn Wible (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible) Diana Landefeld (niece of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christesen) & Joppatowne School Joe Harriger (brother of Janet Harriger) Marianne Gibble (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) Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen) Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor) Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer) Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer) Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call) The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family) Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong) **Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley) **David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner) Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig) Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis) Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig) Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman) Rev. Lov Garber (former seminarian) Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan) John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr) James Malone & family **Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner** (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner) Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig) 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)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton World Peace

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

COMMUNITY MEAL AT FIRST REFORMED U.C.C.: Trinity Church will be providing the meal at First Reformed on Tuesday, October 15. Volunteers are needed at 3:00 p.m. for food preparation. The meal is served from 5-6:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets on the table across from the church office. The church is located at 40 E. Orange St. in Lancaster. Contact Kathy Cooley, meal coordinator, if you have any questions.

PRAYER SHAWL: The Prayer Shawl will meet on October 15 at 1:00 p.m. and 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.

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



People are needed to volunteer to decorate their trunk in Halloween themed décor and pass out candy or other goodies to the children as they come by. We also need donations of candy. The sign-up sheet will soon be available on the table across from the church office. Contact Cherie Cataldi for more information!

THE MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST will meet for breakfast on October 19 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office! This is open to all men of the congregation!

UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.[:] The Christian Education Committee is planning to sponsor a trip to Washington D.C. on October 26. We will be visiting the National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum. The tentative cost of the trip (Cathedral and bus) is \$50 for adults and \$45 for children (5-12 years old). The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. <u>We have 7 seats available!</u> For more information, speak to Sue Bowman or Pastor Rankin.

LUNCH BUNCH: The Parish Life Committee is planning another lunch bunch on Sunday, November 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service at Ciro's. Watch for the sign-up sheet to soon be on the table across from the church office.

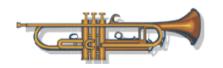
THE RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS will take place during both services on October 27. This will coincide with the congregation's 176th anniversary on October 26. **There will be a special koinonia on October 27!**

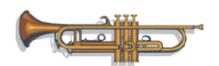
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 3: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 3, 2024. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. The deadline is October 28.

GRIEF GROUP: Since the first grief group ended last month, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) beginning soon. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.



Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office or you can call the church office to place your order!!!





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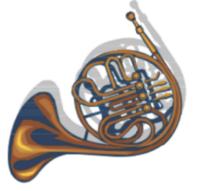
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THE 2024 CONCERT SPONSOR FORMS are available on the table across from the church office.

"I PROMISE" FORMS are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

LUTHERAN CAMPING EVENT DATES



Check out all event details at LutheranCamping.org Dinner church at the Wittel Farm: Nov. 3 – starting at 5 PM.

A Night for Nawakwa Fundraiser at Nawakwa October 19

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa October 27 - 1pm

Lutheran Camping Quilt Auction at Nawakwa November 3 - 2pm



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LANCASTER CROP WALK: Trinity Church was recently recognized as being 34th in the U.S. to raise funds for the 2023 CROP Walk!! Also, the Lancaster CROP Walk was recognized for being ranked 16th in the U.S. and 2nd in Pennsylvania for the 2023 CROP Walk! Pastor Rankin continues to serve as the Lancaster CROP Walk Coordinator!

There is an important date to remember:

 Sunday, October 20---CROP Walk at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and a program follows at 1:30 p.m. The walk will begin at 2 p.m.

Mark & Chris Eyer are once again serving as the coordinators for Trinity Church. The following people from Trinity have already signed up for the

walk: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Nancy Enders, and the Rankin family. You can also give our walkers money. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP! The Consistory has approved to donate \$3,000 from our Hunger Ministries fund to support the CROP Walk!

You can register for the walk on the table across from the church office or at <u>https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/trinity-east-pete</u>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT: We recently heard a presentation by Donna Geisler and Dr. Bill Lovett about their medical mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Board of Deacons decided that the Undesignated Funds from the upcoming Our Gifts to Others offering TODAY will support this mission project.



Church World Service Certificate of Appreciation

Trinity United Ch of Christ

A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top fundraising team with the Lancaster CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger and poverty around the world.

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onal Community Engagement Manager April 5, 2024



SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net).

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 3, 17 & 24. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are December 22, 24 & 29. 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.

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship)at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY!!! (WATCH FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THESE EVENTS)

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 service on **November 10 (the date was incorrect in the September Parish Post)**. We will gather for lunch and then conduct the business of the church (2025 budget and election of leaders). Watch for more details in the bulletins and the November Parish Post.







AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14th. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,

- or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
- and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

- you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
- you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
- you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.
- ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,

that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90:12-17

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

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