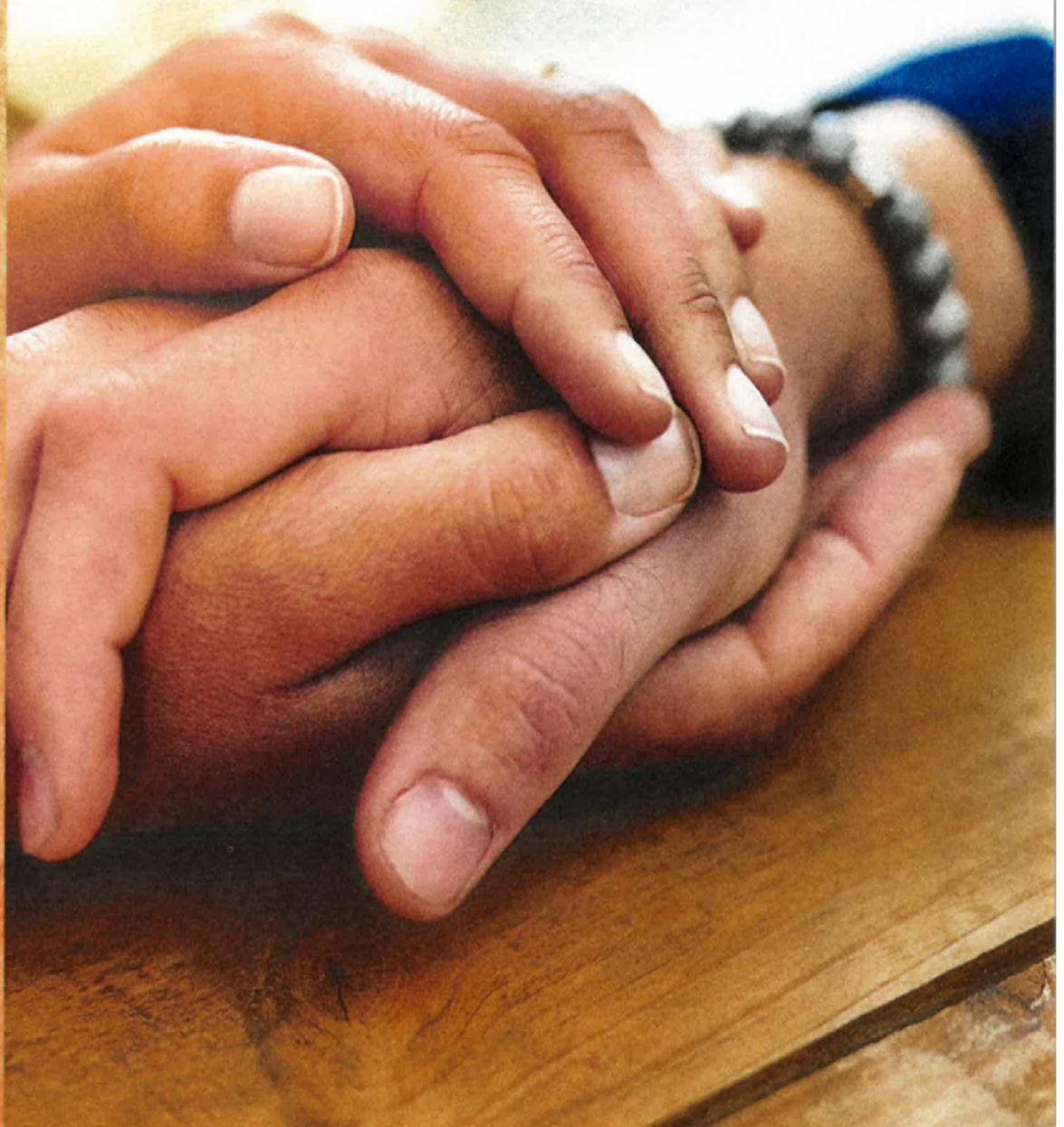


Lord, how often
should I forgive?

MATTHEW 18:21



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Celebrating 175 Years: Honoring Our Heritage, Moving Forward in Faith!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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.**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God. Let us remember God's marvelous works.

Surely God has saved us in difficult times. How can we forget God's guiding hand?

Sing the praises of God, our strength. Know that God is majestic and holy.

How great is God's mercy for all who worship! We sense among us God's kindness and patience.

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 invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. *(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

Forgiving God, whose strength enables us to stand against the temptations we face and whose judgment discerns our deepest motives, empower us by your Word to embody the spirit of Christ in our relations with one another, and in our care for all people, that oppression may end, desperate needs be met, and mercy be extended to all your children; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, [b] fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So

have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggest human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

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

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“We Do Not Live to Ourselves”

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION #1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I belong, both body and soul and in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful savior Jesus Christ, who has totally paid for all my sins with his precious blood and completely liberated me from the power of the devil, and who takes care of me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, everything must work together for my salvation. Besides this, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready to live for him from now on.

(Translated by Dr. Lee Barrett, Lancaster Seminary Professor)

PEOPLE’S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

We honor you, O God, as we give. We know that we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your children. We are accountable to you and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to you for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to yourself. 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.

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.

*(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.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Sound of Trinity Choir in gratitude to Christine Oetama for the beautiful music she provided. You will be missed, friend.

The Worship Aids are given by Mark & Chris Eyer in celebration of Chris Eyer's birthday.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Jeff Hackenberger
Money Counters	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller, Denise Pfeiffer
Altar Guild	Nancy Enders, Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy
Building Trustee	Dave Connor
Koinonia	Paula Dennes
Ministries	Card Children Sunday School Class Called to Care Nancy Enders Visitation Anita Rohrer

Happy Birthday

Today – Beth Bossert, Christine Eyer, Jill Otthofer

Monday – Lon Wible

Friday – Audria Husted, Sawyer Eisenhour

Saturday – Christopher Schwankl

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Monday	7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Tuesday	1:00 PM – Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM - Consistory
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Christian Ed.
Thursday	2:00 PM – CROP Walk Committee 6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	8:00 AM – East Petersburg Parade 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 – Worship 3:00 PM – Organ Concert

Attendance for Sun., September 10
Christian Education

7:45–21 9:30–65 TOTAL – 86
44

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Dr. Carrie Call	Scott & Jane Owens
Dave Trostle	John Shelsky	Dorothy Fasnacht
Don & Pat Miller	Nancy Patton	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Joann Peck	The Shelly Family
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	Mary Witmer	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Erika Otthofer	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Danielle Huggins Holbein	
Joann & Dawn Garvin	Dr. Blaine Connor	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of John Amentler (brother-in-law of Bob & Marlyn Wible)
The family of Al Leanza (former colleague of Anita Rohrer)
Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)
Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)
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)

THE SEPTEMBER PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building. **The deadline for the October Parish Post is tomorrow!**

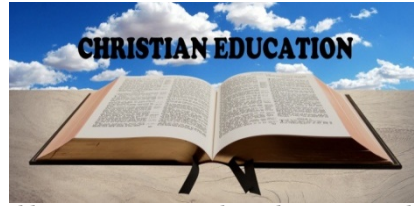
DEVOTIONALS: The July-September edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.



LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON TABLE ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MISSION PARTNER SPEAKER: Susan Cann, from Hoffman Homes for Youth, will be at both services next Sunday to talk about the ministry of Hoffman Homes. She will have a longer presentation in Isenberg Hall at 9:00 a.m.



1. The Children's Class will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Spark lectionary based curriculum. These Sunday school lessons connect kids with Bible stories heard in worship. The Bible story have lessons that are packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts. Fall Year A covers Jesus' teachings and parables in 11 lessons for Pentecost.
2. Adult/Youth Bible Class will be studying *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. Using historical background, archaeological findings, and stories of the faith, Adam Hamilton retraces the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught, and the roads he traveled. The class will meet in Isenberg Hall and will be led by Sue Bowman and Pastor Rankin. There will be opportunities for the youth to have breakout sessions during the class.
3. The Wired Word (Christian Issues Today) Adult Class will meet in the Choir Room. Each week they will have a Bible study lesson linked to the latest headlines and current events using appropriate scriptures. Students can opt in or out of receiving the lesson by email before Sunday. To opt in before the first session, contact Diane Rice with your email address

**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**

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: 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 coordinator. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY: Trinity's next community meal will be Tuesday, September 26-5:00 PM at First Reformed U.C.C. (40 E. Orange St., Lancaster). Volunteer and donation sign-up sheets are on the table across from the church office. Trinity will be serving chicken and waffles. Thanks for your continued support serving a meal to those who are in need. Contact Kathy Cooley for more information!



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

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. **The deadline is October 1!**

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.**



**175th Anniversary Service/Luncheon at Blue Collar
October 29**

**Service is 10:30 and luncheon at 12:30!
The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Guest Preacher**

Menu (you will choose one):

- Barbecue Chicken (tangy vinegar-based barbecue sauce), fries, and green beans
- Salmon with citrus sauce, farro, and green beans
- Stuffed Pork Loin (port wine sauce) rosemary potatoes, and green beans

All meals will include assorted rolls, drinks (tea, water, coffee), and dessert

Children's menu: cheeseburger, mac & cheese, and chicken bites with fries.

Price: \$20 for adults/\$7 for children (Trinity will pay the other portion of the meal price)

Tickets will be sold from September 10 through October 13!

The committee is ordering shirts through Mitch Gibson (from Elizabethtown Sporting Goods) to celebrate our 175th anniversary. The order form is on the table across from the church office.

Contact a committee member for more information: Dolly Barr, Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen, Donna Geisler, Diane Rice, or Pastor Rankin.

Trinity UCC 175th Anniversary Organ Concert

Featuring Current and Former Trinity Organists:
Christine Oetama, Nancy Enders, and Thomas D. Busted
Followed by Light Refreshments

**Sunday, September 24
Concert 3:00 PM**

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Also join us for:

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Oct. 22nd at 4:00 PM

Christmas Concert
Dec. 3rd at 6:00 PM
Followed By Desserts





PEANUT FELLOWSHIP

We will be starting peanuts on September 26th.
We need help. We start at 7:00 AM & end at 2:00 PM.

Anytime you can help would be greatly appreciated. Great fellowship and potluck lunch. Peanuts will be \$6.00 per lb. Please pay by cash or check. You can place your orders at church or call Pat Seachrist at 717-392-1427.

Christmas orders must be placed by November 1st.
Schedule: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14, 28, and Dec. 5. Hope to see you there!

Sue Husted, Pat Seachrist, & Shelley Wagner



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Greeter /Ushers Needed



If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter/Usher for the 10:30 a.m. service please contact the church office. We recently had some vacancies as ushers, so we are in need of help!!!



We are looking for a greeter coordinator that will recruit new people to serve and create a schedule. Contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz.



Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 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: December 31. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: November 19 & 26. 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.



The 51st Annual Lancaster CROP Walk
In memory of Father Alexander Veronis

October 15, 2023
1:00 Registration
1:30 PM Program
2:00 PM Walk Begins

at the
**Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church**

64 Hershey Ave.
Lancaster, PA



Matt Barcaro from WGAL will be the emcee!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/lancasterpa>

For more information contact

Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin
chris@trinityeastpete.org

We are again participating in the CROP Walk to support Church World Services (CWS) as they work to raise money to help men, women and children who are struggling with hunger locally and throughout the world. It is hard to believe but one in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. Every dollar raised makes a difference! The Lancaster Food Hub receives 25% of the funds raised.

We need walkers and need donations to help with this important mission. Below you will also see the URL for our team's site that you can type into a web browser or if you have a smart phone or tablet you can simply scan the **QR Code** to sign up with our team to walk and make a donation.

The following people have already signed up to walk: **Kayla Brennan, Mark & Chris Eyer, Karen Olley, Diane Rice, and the Rankin family.** You can also give our walkers money. **Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP!**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-east-pete>





AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE OUTING

2425 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster, PA

December 16, 10:30 AM

Cost: Adults-\$43, Youth-\$22

Christmas Show: The First Noel

Deadline to sign-up is October 15.

Sign-up sheet on table in hallway outside office.

This is being sponsored by our Parish Life Committee!!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

[Campfire Worship](#) at The Wittel Farm - September 24, 2023

[Party with a Purpose](#) at Kirchenwald - September 30, 2023

[Capture the Flag Spectacular](#) at Kirchenwald - October 1, 2023

[Adult Study Retreat](#) at Nawakwa - October 3 - 5, 2023

[Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa](#) at Nawakwa - October 22, 2023

[Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald](#) at Kirchenwald - October 29, 2023

[Campfire Worship](#) at The Wittel Farm - October 29, 2023

[Annual Quilt Auction](#) at Nawakwa - November 5, 2023

[Women's Craft Retreat](#) at Nawakwa - November 10 - 12, 2023

[Advent Day Apart](#) at The Wittel Farm - December 9, 2023

[Advent/Christmas in the Barn](#) at The Wittel Farm - December 17, 2023

[Winter Youth Retreat](#) at Kirchenwald - January 5 - 7, 2024

MORE INFORMATION AT

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/campperson-congregation-resources/>



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FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

[not printed]

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

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