

The truth
will make you
free

JOHN 8:32

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY/ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy 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 (Prayer of St. Chrysostom): *Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto you, and does promise that where two or three are gathered together in your name, you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **Toccata on *How Firm A Foundation*** **Dennis Janzer**
(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *A Mighty Fortress* **#281**

CALL TO WORSHIP--- Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.(sung)**

We have come to affirm our historic faith.

To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures.

To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever!

Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed. Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup.

Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.

INTROIT

God of the Ages, History's Maker (verses 1 & 2)

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er,
2 God of this morn - ing, glad - ly your chil - dren

plan - ning our path - way, hold - ing us fast,
wor - ship be - fore you, trust - ing - ly bow:

shap - ing in mer - cy all that con - cerns us:
teach us to know you al - ways a - mong us,

Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.
qui - et - ly sov - ereign— Lord of our now.

The musical score is written in 9/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. It includes two vocal parts (1 and 2) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The first system includes two vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The second system includes two vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The third system includes two vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The fourth system includes two vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

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CONFESSION OF SINS--- Rev. Harry Royer

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against you, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of your glory. We have broken your commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O Most Merciful Father, hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts, and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins. Take away our guilt. And grant us your peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND CHORAL AMEN

Hear now the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I declare to you that our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Amen. (sung)**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

PRAISE VERSICLE and RESPONSE

Praise the Lord!

The Lord be praised!

Let us sing praise to God!

PRAISE RESPONSE

God of the Ages, History's Maker (verses 3 & 4)



3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - com - er,
4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing,
princ - es of dark - ness own your com - mand:
Lord of the fu - ture, help us, we pray:
what then can harm us? We are your peo - ple,
teach us to trust you, love and o - bey you,
now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.
crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

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COLLECT FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

Pastor Rankin

Let us pray the collect together.

Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

LET THE CHILDREN COME *(Children thru second grade are invited to go to the nursery located by the elevator on the second floor following the children's sermon.)*

THE WORD OF GOD---Rev. Jack Esbenshade

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land, but he was granted the right to see it from Mount Nebo before he died. The statement that no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses(34:10) stands in tension with Deuteronomy 18:15 (God will “raise up for you a prophet like me”) and led to the expectation that another Moses would still come. In several New Testament passages Jesus is identified as that prophet

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Refrain (words by Pastor Rankin)



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. 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!

Repeat Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of

God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle[a] among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

#498

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

#498

SERMON

Dr. Carrie Call

(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)

HYMN

Jesus, I Live to Thee

#254

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

ANNIVERSARY LITANY

Donna Geisler

For those whose faith, courage, and Christian conviction and whose diligent effort and financial sacrifice resulted in the building of this house of worship;

We thank you, O God.

For those who labored with mind and hand to design and construct this sanctuary that Christian people might worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

We thank you, O God.

For all those servants of God who have led your people in worship here, who have preached your word, and who have administered the sacraments to waiting and believing hearts;

We thank you, O God.

For those who have brought their children for Christian baptism, for those who have pledged their love to one another, and for those who in Christian faith and trust have parted with loved ones and committed them to your care:

We thank you, O God.

For those who have confessed their faith in Jesus Christ, have shared in the life and witness of the Church, and committed themselves to the Christian life:

We thank you, O God.

Let us pray together.

For all your goodness and love revealed to us in this congregation for 175 years, we praise you and thank you, O God. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

ANTHEM

Beyond All We Could Imagine

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

We bow to the Father and pray for power that we may be strengthened through the Spirit in us, through the power in His love as Christ lives in us.

May we be filled with all the fullness of God.

Refrain:

Beyond all we could imagine, beyond all we could dream,
our God can do great wonders through His power working in us.

To God be glory in His church, to God be glory in Christ throughout all generations and beyond.

May the Spirit fill us. May Christ dwell in us as we are grounded in His abundant love.

His love surpasses all human knowledge as we are filled with all the fullness of God.

Refrain

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory, great things He has done.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory, great things He has done.

Refrain

...far beyond.

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

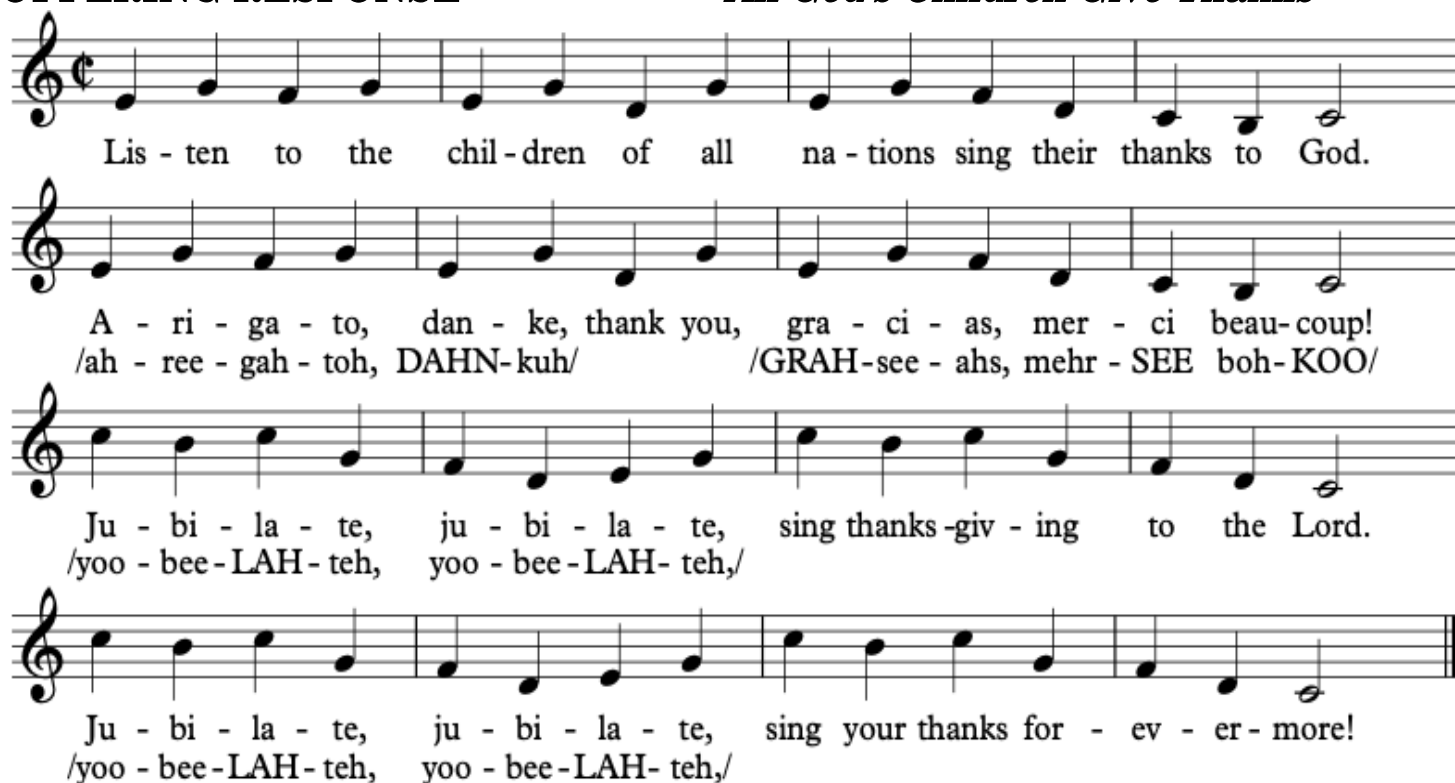
With Praises Ring
Canticle Ringers

Barbara Kinyon

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

OFFERING RESPONSE

All God's Children Give Thanks



Lis - ten to the chil - dren of all na - tions sing their thanks to God.

A - ri - ga - to, dan - ke, thank you, gra - ci - as, mer - ci beau-coup!
/ah - ree - gah - toh, DAHN-kuh/ /GRAH-see - ahs, mehr - SEE boh-KOO/

Ju - bi - la - te, ju - bi - la - te, sing thanks -giv - ing to the Lord.
/yoo - bee-LAH- teh, yoo - bee-LAH- teh,/

Ju - bi - la - te, ju - bi - la - te, sing your thanks for - ev - er - more!
/yoo - bee-LAH- teh, yoo - bee-LAH- teh,/

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OFFERING DEDICATION

Most merciful God, of whose bounty we have received; we implore you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and good-will among all people, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe, Rev. Charlie Gross, Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin
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.

SERAPHIC HYMN

#522

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread (Sung twice)

(During communion, repeat the refrain after cantors sing the verses)

(♩ = 80) Meditatively

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry". The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *f* (forte) in the first system, and *mf* (mezzo-forte) in the second system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

(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 wooden chalices and wine is in silver chalices. 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.)

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

I do not presume to come to your Table, Lord Jesus, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your great mercy. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you, Lord, have promised always to have mercy. Therefore, I ask you to have mercy upon me and to enable me to receive your real life and presence through this Sacrament of Holy Communion. Fill all of us with the gift of your Holy Spirit so that we may grow in love for you and for each other. Cleanse us of all sin. Increase our love for you and all your people. Enable us to know that you are here and that you invite us to enter into a deeper and fuller union with you, our Lord and our God. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

I bow before you, Lord Jesus, in awe and wonder. You have blessed me with the gift of your life and presence. I am not worthy, but you invite me to come to be washed, loved, and empowered. For this great gift, I thank you with my whole being. As you live in me, mold me and transform me so that I may be a sign of your presence and a vessel through which your love touches the persons I encounter. May my heart and soul and all my words and actions give glory and praise to you, my Savior and my Redeemer. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(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.

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, you give the law that your people live by it and flourish. Write your law on the hearts of all who bear your name, and teach us to love your commandments, that we live as you intend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you watch over the ways of the righteous and judge your people with fairness. Guide judges, courts, elected officials, and all those tasked with upholding the law, inspiring them with your wisdom and zeal for justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you call us to love one another as we love ourselves. Give us the will and patience to love those who are difficult to love. Bless all the ministries of this congregation through which we show love for our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you hold your people in love and surround them with your mercy. Draw near to all who are in need. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace, **hear 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now, Hear God's Word

(next page)

Pastor Rankin commissioned Rev. Dr. John Dalles, graduate of Hempfield High School and Lancaster Theological Seminary, to write an anniversary hymn. Dr. Dalles grew up in East Petersburg and his mother was one of the first teachers in our preschool.

NOTES ABOUT THE ANNIVERSARY HYMN FROM DR. DALLES

For the structure, I have three stanzas (a Trinity structure, for sure), and in the hymn I have the Holy Trinity's work among Trinity U.C.C. people down the years.

As you can see, I conclude with a doxology in the last four lines.

The final line can be seen both as a reference to the Holy Trinity and to your church.



1. Now, hear God's Word for us to-day, As gath - ered in Christ's grace we sing,
2. Christ came, God's love and grace to give, To set us free from sin and death,
3. Look back and see God's faith - ful - ness, Then look a-round God's love to see,



To share the truth, the life, the Way: Come one and all, glad prais-es bring!
And by his re - sur - rec - tion, live The way of peace and righ-teous-ness.
And look a -head, with hope-ful-ness, What was, what is, and what shall be.



God spoke in ag -es long a - go, And by God's Word, worlds came to be,
God's Spi - rit, sent to us as light. Shall guide us in each pas-sing day,
Praise God from whom all bles sings flow, Praise Christ the Lord whom we a-dore,



Cre - a - ting all we see and know, And fash - ion - ng our his - to - ry.
Shall make our path-ways clear and bright, And lead us in the fu - ture's way!
God's Spi-rit, praise, God's won-ders, show O Tri - ni - ty, for - ev er - more.



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BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Gordon Young

★ CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY ★

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Pastor Rankin** in gratitude for the pastors and lay people who have led Trinity Church for 175 years!

The Worship Aids are given by **Pastor Rankin** in gratitude for the support he has received from our clergy members. Happy Pastor Appreciation Month!

Ministering Today

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Conference Minister

Assistants

Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin (Pastor: 2012-Present)

Rev. Harry Royer (Pastor: 1990-2011; Pastor Emeritus)

Rev. Jack Esbenshade (Interim Visitation Pastor: 2017)

Ms. Donna Geisler (daughter of Rev. George Geisler,
Pastor: 1964-89)

Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe (Associate Pastor: 1989-
1990)

Rev. Charlie Gross (son of Trinity Church)

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Acolyte

Zachary Baynard

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Bistline

Greeters

Denise Huggins, Charlene Cristy

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Mike Wagner, Shelley Wagner, John Bailey, Anne Rankin,
Rachel Baynard, Stan Seachrist, Andrew Rankin, Betty
Tyndall

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Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy

Building Trustee

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Nursery

Kayla Brennan, Rachel Baynard

Trinity Bread

Charlene Cristy

Koinonia

Christian Education Committee

Ministries

Card Prayer Shawl (Betty Tyndall)

Called to Care Sally Rodenberger

Visitation Denise Pfeiffer

Today we welcome back Sharon Levering as our guest organist. Sharon enjoys reading and working as a supply organist at various churches in Lancaster County. She also volunteers at the Historic Ephrata Cloister and is a singer with the Wheatland Chorale and Musical Associates, as well as a singer with the Ladies Chorus at Landis Homes Retirement Community. Sharon resides in Ephrata with her husband, Lamar.

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Dr. Call is a graduate of Cornell University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Ordained on November 22, 1994, Dr. Call served as pastor of Old First Church, Middletown, NJ from 1992-1997. Following graduate studies, Dr. Call served as an administrator at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN from 2004-2012. She also served as an adjunct instructor in the Education & Psychology departments at St. Mary's College. In 2012, she became the Associate Conference Minister for the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Dr. Call joined the staff of Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2016 as the Executive Director of Development & Communications. On August 1, 2019, Dr. Call began as the Transitional Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference. In 2020, Dr. Call was elected to be the sixth Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference and was installed to that position on September 12, 2021. Dr. Call is Trinity's Covenanted Minister of Mission, and is currently chairing our Administrative Manual Revision Task Force.

Attendance for Sun., October 22	7:45–17	9:30–74	TOTAL – 91
Christian Education	21		

Happy Birthday

Today – Kathy McCarty

Wednesday – Marilynn Trauger

Thursday – Danielle Holbein

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today	12:30 PM – Luncheon at Blue Collar
Monday	7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Executive Committee
Thursday	6:00 PM - Parish Life
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 – Worship

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Ron Becker	Scott & Jane Owens
Sally Rodenberger	Janice Jenkins	Dorothy Fasnacht
Don & Pat Miller	Nancy Patton	Dr. Janet Harriger
The Lehman family	Joann Peck	Harry Himelwright
Donna Wolf & Family	Shelly Family	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	Dave Trostle	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Joann & Dawn Garvin	John Shelsky	Dr. Blaine Connor

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mary Mattern Smith (cousin of Anita Rohrer)
Chuck Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Bob Morris (father of Rev. Sandy Morris)
Deb Olley Heagy (daughter of Jack & Karen Olley)
Donna Esbenshade (wife of Rev. Jack Esbenshade)
The Haverstick Family (friends of Mike & Shelley Wagner)
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)
Dr. Phil Bartholomew (friend of Pastor Rankin)
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)
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)
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 ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Blue Collar in Landisville (Four Seasons Golf Course). Directions are on the table across from the church office.

THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 5: We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 6, 2022. 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 30.**

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 5th.



TRINITY T-SHIRTS: The Anniversary Committee is working with our own Mitch Gibson (from Elizabethtown Sporting Goods) to celebrate our 175th anniversary with Trinity t-shirts. We have already placed one order, but you can still order shirts on the form across from the church office.

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.

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on November 11 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. This is open to the men of Trinity! You can always invite a friend to join you for breakfast!

PRAYER SHAWL: Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, November 21 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.

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.



DATES

Thursday, November 16-1:30 PM

Friday, December 15-7:00 PM

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 worship aids are: November 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.



PEANUT FELLOWSHIP

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: Nov. 14, 28, and Dec. 5.
Hope to see you there!

Sue Husted, Pat Seachrist, & Shelley Wagner

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on November 12 after the 10:30 a.m. service. The kitchen team will provide a luncheon before the meeting. The agenda will include the presentation and adoption of the 2024 budget and election of lay leaders. **The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office!** Copies of the 2024 budget are available on both floors of the building.

The following is the report of the nominating committee:

ELDERS (2023-2026)

Bob Kilgore (1st term)

Karen Olley (2nd term)

DEACONS (2023-2026)

Cherie Cataldi (2nd term)

Vacancy

PRESCHOOL BOARD (2023-2026)

Noreen Trostle (1st term)

Vacancy

CONFERENCE DELEGATES (2023-2026)

Karen Olley (2nd term)

George DeLong (1st term)

Alternates: Ron Denlinger, Lon Wible

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES (2023-2026)

Anne Rankin (2nd term)

Donna Geisler (2nd term)

Alternates: Ron Denlinger, Tim Geiger

“I PROMISE” FORMS are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2024. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

CROP HUNGER WALK UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has already supported the walkers from Trinity Church! **As of October 25, we raised \$9,465!!** You can still support the CROP Hunger Walk by giving money to Mark & Chris Eyer or Pastor Rankin or donate online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-east-pete>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

[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

Parish Resource Center



ADDRESS

2160 Lincoln Hwy
East, #18
(See below for various
routes)



PHONE

(717) 299-1113



EMAIL

[info@parishresour
cecenter.org](mailto:info@parishresour
cecenter.org)



Succession Planning November 9th, 7-8:30pm

Led By
Kristen Krista
Major Gifts Director

ZOOM ONLY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUB SALE

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 at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna · Ham · Italian · Turkey
Roast Beef · Chicken Salad · Tuna Salad**

The above is a list of what you can order at Weavers

Locations: 5253 Main Street, East Petersburg, PA/ 1509 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA /Lancaster Central Market

NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)
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Please make checks payable to: TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00

* Please note you have to go to Weaver's location to order & pickup Subs.

BREAD OPTIONS:

white sub roll · bread · tortilla wrap

CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:

mayonnaise · mustard · creamy horseradish · olive oil · vinegar

CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:

American · Provolone · Swiss

YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:

lettuce · tomatoes · onions · marinated onions · sweet peppers
banana peppers · hot peppers · black olives · pickles
salt · pepper · herb mix · Parmesan

17 sub certificates are left!

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Apple Crumb Pie
10" apple pie with crumb topping and locally grown apples



Shoofly Pie
10" shoofly pie made from Grandma Sraucker's famous recipe



Pumpkin Pie
10" pumpkin pie made from our own homegrown pumpkins



Apple Dumplings
Pack of 2 apple dumplings made from locally grown apples



1/2 Apple Cake
52 oz. cake made from locally grown apples



Pumpkin Bread
20 oz. loaf made from our own homegrown pumpkins



Whoopie Pies
Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie pies with white filling



**Bird-in-Hand
Bakery & Cafe**

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Order Deadline: **Thursday, Nov. 2**

Pickup: **Friday, November 10**

Sign-up sheet in hall outside office



Trinity UCC

2340 State St.
East Petersburg, PA
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Concert/Desserts

Featuring
Trinity Church Musicians

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Concert – 6:00 PM

Desserts Following The Concert

*Freewill Offering Benefits
Schreiber Center For Pediatric Development
and Trinity Music Ministry*



50 YEAR MEMBERS

Marge Burger	1948, 75 years	Sandy DeLong	1967, 56 years
Nancy Patton	1948, 75 years	Donna Geisler	1967, 56 years
Dolly Barr	1951, 72 years	Peter Rohrer	1967, 56 years
Pat Seachrist	1953, 70 years	Ron Denlinger	1968, 55 years
Mary Witmer	1953, 70 years	Gregory Gruber	1968, 55 years
Dorothy Fasnacht	1954, 69 years	Janice Jenkins	1968, 55 years
Patsy Miller	1954, 69 years	Kenneth Jenkins	1968, 55 years
Doug Shaab	1955, 68 years	Jane Portser	1968, 55 years
Tobe Rohrer	1957, 65 years	Carmen Richards	1968, 55 years
George DeLong	1958, 65 years	Jerry Richards	1968, 55 years
Mary Lou Shaab	1958, 65 years	Gale Long	1969, 54 years
Jane Starr	1958, 65 years	Donna Wolf	1969, 54 years
Mary Ann Bradley	1959, 64 years	Denise Gobrecht	1970, 53 years
Roger Alan Bradley	1959, 64 years	Rosemary Huber	1970, 53 years
Larry Lee Brown	1959, 64 years	Jodi Keller	1970, 53 years
Ellie Latsha	1962, 61 years	Cherie Cataldi	1970, 53 years
George Latsha	1962, 61 years	JoAnn Mowrer	1970, 53 years
Stan Seachrist	1962, 61 years	Ronda Hartenstine	1971, 52 years
Mike Wagner	1962, 61 years	Douglas Bradley	1972, 51 years
Sue Husted	1963, 60 years	Dottie Schadt	1972, 51 years
Don Miller	1963, 60 years	Lori Daly	1973, 50 years
David Krantz	1965, 58 years	Cindy Olena	1973, 50 years
Donna Denlinger	1966, 57 years	Lon Wible	1973, 50 years
Janet Harriger	1966, 57 years	Marlyn Wible	1973, 50 years
Kathy McCarty	1966, 57 years	Robert Wible	1973, 50 years
Noreen Trostle	1966, 57 years	Scott Wible	1973, 50 years
David Connor	1967, 56 years	Kenneth Zimmerman	1973, 50 years

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”