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PALM SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.* **Prayer as you enter:** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us; enter to praise God's marvelous works.

God's steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

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

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess together.

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 19:28-40

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus arranges for a colt to be brought to him for his entrance into Jerusalem. The disciples hail him as the procession leaves the Mount of Olives and moves on to the city. Some Pharisees standing by urge him to silence his disciples, but he responds that if they were quiet, the stones would cry out.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

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

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Setting the Stage"

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to you, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. 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, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the Cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise. With angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, the church on earth and the church in heaven we praise you with your holy name.

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.

COMMUNICATION

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.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we walk the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches of palms that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

BENEDICTION

CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent? You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

(http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Joan Cash in memory of Joan Hammer Yohe, dear friend and former member.

The Worship Aids are given by Rev. Jack & Donna Esbenshade. Hosanna to the Lord of Lords on this Palm Sunday.

Money Counters: Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy, Cherie Cataldi

Building Trustee: Pat Sensenig

Attendance for Sun., April 3	8:00-19	10:30-61	TOTAL - 80
Lenten	17		
Sunday School	13		

Happy Birthday!

Monday – Dr. Janet Harriger Tuesday – Roger Bradley Thursday – Zachary Lehman Friday – Betsy Bailey, David Krantz, Cherie Cataldi

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m2 p.m.)				
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/7:45 PM – Bells			
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Lenten Service			
Thursday	12:15 PM – Lunch with Pastor			
	2:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service			
	7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service			
	NO Preschool Thursday-Monday			
Friday	7:00 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae			
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA			
Sunday	6:15 AM – Sunrise Service in Parking Lot-Eucharist			
	8:00 AM – Eucharist			
	9:15 AM – Easter Breakfast			
	10:30 AM – Eucharist			

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Paul Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Dr. Parry Miller, Anne Rankin, Donna Zirkel, Bob Kilgore, Marvin Lehman and family, Lee Bossert, Sheldon Paulus (son-in-law of Chuck & Sue Husted), Sean McKelvey & family, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jean Otthofer (mother of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Ever (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel(nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), 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), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

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

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES: The Board of Deacons decided to use all donations given through the Lenten Denial envelope to assist those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need. **GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST:** The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 15 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Gerald Simmons, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. Pastor Rankin will offer the invocation and benediction. **We have ONE ticket available.** The cost will be \$20 per person. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday (April 14 at 2 p.m./7 p.m.): Service of Word & Sacrament with Pastor Rankin preaching. The 2 p.m. service will be streamed on our Facebook page and later uploaded to our website.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 15 at 7 p.m.)

Easter Morning Schedule (April 17):

6:15 a.m.—Sunrise Service in the parking lot with Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.—Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion 9:15-10:00 a.m.—Breakfast in Isenberg Hall (sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office)

10:30 a.m.—Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion You are invited to bring real or artificial flowers to put on the crosses at the front of the church building!

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on April 14 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Isenberg Hall! You are invited to stay for the Maundy Thursday Service at 2:00 PM.

"FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY" BOOK STUDY: Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study after Easter. We will be reading *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet via Google Meet at 7 p.m. on April 28 and May 12, 19, & 26. Signup by contacting the church office.

2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS

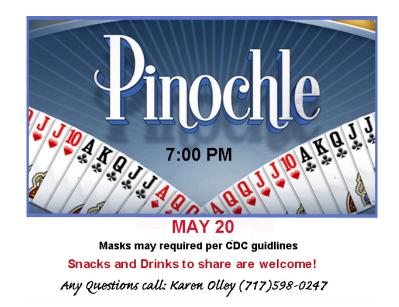
Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: April 24 & May 1. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: May 15 & 29.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: When we returned to worship in the midst of the pandemic, Pastor Rankin has taken on the altar guild responsibility each week. The pastor now is looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare the altar for weekly worship. The following people have agreed to serve: Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, and Jamy Shelly. The pastor is looking for another 2-4 people to serve. Pastor Rankin is willing to offer a training session for all volunteers. You can contact him or Donna Denlinger, the Elder representative to the altar guild.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings and the Wednesday Lenten services (just greeters for those services). Contact the church office to sign-up!

Greeters/Ushers: To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.





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

Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00

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

Place your order form and money in church office

NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)

Email:

Please make checks payable to: TRINITY PRESCHOOL

NAME





You are invited to come in and be a **MYSTERY READER** for one of our preschool classes. You may choose a book of your own or one suggested by a teacher. For more information please contact Sean McKelvey (<u>preschool@trinityeastpete.org</u>).

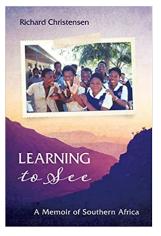


PRESCHOOL FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

The Trinity Preschool will be hosting a food truck and bake sale fundraiser here at Trinity UCC on Friday **May 6** from 12pm to 4pm. **If you would like to donate baked goods** use this sign-up sheet or you may call the church office or email the preschool



director at preschool@trinityeastpete.org.



Learning to See: A Memoir of Southern Africa by Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen

Teaching in the southern African nation of Botswana in the early 1980s, Richard Christensen faced a new world, one endlessly fascinating and challenging. Experiencing warm hospitality from many people, sharing both joyful celebrations and painful struggles with students, he and his family encountered a deeper sense of the true meaning of community. Travel in apartheid South Africa and war-weary Zimbabwe gave him a fuller understanding of the reality of

oppression and how people of faith endured their plight and kept hope alive. In this experience, so surprising in many ways, he came to a deepened realization of the genuine freedom of the gospel and the hope it affords us. He saw that relationships are what save us, that the salvation of God in Christ is not merely personal and individual, but communal, and that we are thus more dependent upon one another than we realize. Learning to see the world with new eyes, he discovered not only a more expansive vision of the church and the world, but also a more honest and complete understanding of himself as a product of an affluent and segregated society. You can purchase book at either **Amazon.com** or **wipfandstock.com**



CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION

Even though the air is cold and snow is on the ground, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. You can find printed brochures on the table across from the church office or view the schedule at <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf</u>

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with "Camp Scholarship"**.

"HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT WEEK" 2022

Save the date: "Hartman Center Spirit Week" will be returning this summer!

This will be a week of camp in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center. Registration information and a brochure will be available soon.

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12 at Camp Mt Luther in Mifflinburg PA. Talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information. **CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Copies of the new church directory are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of *These Days* & Lenten devotionals are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION "HEROES WELCOME EVENT"

The Lancaster Association (U.C.C. churches in Lancaster County) Mission & Ministry Committee would like to invite the leaders and pastors of our Association's congregations to "A Heroes' Welcome" on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

In years past, our Association at one time had a strong Leadership Banquet program in which our churches would gather to recognize and express appreciation to our church leaders. In an attempt to bring back something similar, while also acknowledging the ongoing challenges and threats of Covid, the idea has taken on a bit of a different feel. "A Heroes Welcome" will be held at the outdoor pavilion at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster beginning with registration and fellowship and available lawn games for some fun at 4:00 pm Sunday, May 22, 2022. At 5:00 pm there will be a catered meal outdoors at the pavilion. And at 6:00 pm a simple program will take place in which the churches who are present are asked to have lay leaders share with all gathered the "heroics" that have been demonstrated and observed in the life of their congregation during these past 2 years of pandemic alterations to our church life. How has your congregation continued to service, worship, and witness during the ups and downs of this season of pandemic? We'd like to hear from each other, rejoice with each other, be inspired by each other, and fellowship face-to-face with each other again. For more information contact Brad Haws (revhaws@ptd.net).

The Trinity Consistory voted last year to honor Mike Lichtenwalner and Theodore Slechta for their assistance with our online services and other technology needs during the pandemic. The deadline to sign-up for this event is May 1. Contact the church office to sign-up! SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY U.C.C.



Join us for fellowship and game between Lancaster Barnstormers and the York Revolution! The cost is \$30 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!



Dear Trinity Members,

"Wade In The Water" is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It will be held Monday, July 18 to Thursday July 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with the closing program on Friday, July 22.

We will need your help to welcome and teach the children of Trinity and the wider community. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. Please return this form to the VBS Director's mail slot in the church office by April 15. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.

Dina Slechta and Diane Rice

_____Teacher—travels with group through stations and teaches the story lesson to the class each night.

_____Assistant Teacher - travels with the group through stations and helps with teaching the story each night.

_____ Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - 2 people with clearances who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery.

_____Games Leader—leads 10 to 15 minute games reinforcing the night's concept and story

_____Games Helper

____Crafts Leader

____Craft Helper

_____Floaters - we need some potential teachers and assistants who will be at VBS, ready to jump in as needed.

_____Registration—needs to be there 6:15 to 6:45 the first two evenings to register children

_____Help anywhere needed.

____Youth Helper (7th grade on up)

Transportation Needed_____

Name_____

Phone Number_____

Email Address _____

Days you would be available _____

FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GoD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND LESSON. Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL. Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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