Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Contemporary Worship Service
October 5, 2025
17th Sunday of Pentecost

Good Morning and Welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

Remember in your prayers:
Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Jerry Bryce, Deanna Heydt, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Jennifer MacDonald, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Eileen Heffner, Tammy Strunk, Terry Kemp, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers and Linda Bewley.

Friends & Family:
Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Karen Smith and Dennis Weller.

Families of:
Nancy Umstead, Justine Rick and Ben Delp.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:
Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

Members of the Worship Team		**Vocals By:**
Angie Renninger	Guitar	Mardell Blanford
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet	Sharon Renninger
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar	Janice Sheetz

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The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Martha Beekman, in Honor of My Children, Calvin, Rhonda, Valerie and Grandchildren and also in Memory of Gerhard Hahn by the Hahn and Zaiser Family.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God, by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Support of Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Mary Kiersey, in Memory of Brother Michael McGowan.

- **Opening Song** "All Who Are Thirsty" Pg. 2

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you've wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C: **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Worship Songs "One Name Under Heaven" Pg. 38
"Holiness" Pg. 23
"Light the Fire" Pg. 31

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
[2]O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
[3]Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
[4]So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous–
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
[2:1] I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
[2]Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
[3]For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
[4]Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" [6]The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

[7]"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? [8]Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? [9]Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? [10]So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

Sermon

- **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of the People

Communion

Closing Songs "Your Love, Oh Lord" Pg. 56
"Trading My Sorrows" Pg. 47

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

P People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ's Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.

- **Sending**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

September Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in the current Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), the General Fund has a Negative balance of $7,420 (an improvement from Negative $10,452 in July, largely due to 5 Sundays of giving in August). While this is an improvement, our congregation is not meeting the income needs of the budget for 2025, which was approved by the congregation at the December Congregational Meeting. This means some Bills are being paid by borrowing "internally" from other accounts.
Also to note: This year is not the start of this issue as the General Fund is Negative by $30,703 since the start of 2023.

The committee met in early May and again in July to discuss and is asking all members to consider the following actions to help us recover from the current situation:

- Increase your giving - even a small increase by many will help.
- Start to buy, or increase your purchases of, Gift Cards from the church on the 1st Sunday of each month. The church receives a % of each sale.
- Review the Simply Giving program and consider setting up automated donations to the church which helps smooth the income stream over the whole year, and makes your giving easier and typically more consistent.
- Support fundraisers and special events at the church - note that not all fundraisers and events benefit the General Fund. And…**Thank you for supporting 2 new fundraisers in August!**

New item - if you own products through Thrivent that generate Thrivent Choice Dollars, consider directing them to our church as we generally receive over $1000 of Thrivent Choice Dollars per year.

Kindly consider how you can help, with respect to your current individual or family situation.

If you have already done this, we thank you for your prayerful consideration and any resulting actions.

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their financial support of the church and our 2025 budget along with all other donations and contributions you are providing to the church to support our mission.

The committee will continue to monitor our Financial situation closely and communicate further as needed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

Finance Committee Meeting: The next Finance Committee meeting will be **Tonight, Sunday October 5 at 6:30PM**, in the Parish Hall. If you are on this committee, please make plans to attend,

The Craft Show is Saturday, October 18th – 9AM-1PM. We will have several new crafters: Stained Glass, Jewelry, Seashell Crafts, Scented Candles & Wood Magnets). Returning crafters: Crochet Items, Wreaths & Fall Crafts). We are collecting used books for the Book Sale, books can be dropped off in the Nursery. Thank You for your donation. Yard signs are now available for you to display in your front yard or place of business. Flyers are on the table in the Narthex for you to distribute.

Attention bakers! We need your lovingly homemade baked goods for the bake sale at our craft show on October 18. So that we have a variety of items, please list what you will be donating on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Ideas include cookies, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, breakfast buns or cakes, pies, etc. Items may be dropped off Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30, Friday (contact Sharon Renninger, 484-374-5928, for a time), or Saturday by 9 a.m. Thank you for your support!

The November Newsletter Deadline is Sunday, October 19th, please submit your information to Karen in the church office.

Prayer Listing: Any changes to the Prayer List, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office in order for the change to be made in the November Newsletter.

Youth Happenings: All young persons and those young at heart are invited to the annual Pumpkins and Pizza event on Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 4:30-7:00pm. There will be pizza, drinks and snacks, a costume parade, singing of the "Monster Mash," creative pumpkins, fun treats, and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please let Jenn know by Thursday October 23rd by calling 267.664.3394 so we can make sure we have enough for everyone. See you on the 26th for a spooktacular time together!

Operation Christmas Child: Once again, we are collecting “filled shoe boxes” for children, as a Christmas Project. Gift suggestions: School supplies, small toys, hygiene items, other items (t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, etc.) Please include the “How to Pack A Shoebox” Insert along with a check or cash for $10.00, filled boxes must be returned to church by **Sunday, November 9th.** Thank you for your support! Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser.

PJ Project: In conjunction with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Trinity would like to create "Elf Bags" for needy families for Christmas Eve and are looking for our help to fill these bags. The items needed besides new Children's Larger size pajamas (10/12 & 14/16), Adult Size pajamas for older children (Small-XL), Children's Christmas Books, Family games for older children (Card Games, Sorry, Monopoly, etc.), Monetary donations to purchase items needed, hot chocolate packets and microwave popcorn packets. **Please bring your donation to the box in the Narthex by November 16th.** Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

The Christmas Cantata "Favorite Christmas Selections, Through the Years" this year will be Sunday, December 14th at the 10:30AM Worship Service. Snow Date and Encore Presentation is Sunday, January 4th at 3:00PM.

Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

Coffee Hour—Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for October, November & December. Please sign up for this time of fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

Social Ministry provides meals for shut-ins/members who are in need of meals. If a meal is needed, please contact Kathy Kuser at 610-754-6293.

Need a ride? We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, <u>the cost is $32.00 for one vase and $64.00 for 2 vases,</u> please contact Mary Snyder. **If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for $40.00. When sponsoring flowers,** please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. **You may also sponsor the bulletins for $15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them.**

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

WAWA Hoagie Coupons Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are $5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

Scout Troop 511 Hoagie Sales: **Pick up will be Wednesday, October 8th**. 8" hoagies are made from Dan's Deli, **Cost is $7.00**. There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

October 19 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 16 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, October 5th-	8:00	Cont. Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service w/Communion
		Worship & Music Mtg.
	6:30	Finance Comm. Mtg.
Monday, October 6th-	6:30	Scouts
Tuesday, October 7th-	2:00	Discipleship Comm. Mtg.
	6:30	Scouts
Wednesday, October 8th-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Thursday, October 9th-	6:30	Sr. Choir Practice
	7:30	Cantata Practice
Sunday, October 12th-	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, October 12th:

Ushers: Janice Sheetz* & Heidi Yescavage
Lector: Uta Hahn
Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 09/28/2025

Attendance	Offerings	
Worship/S.S.	General	Hunger
70/13	$2,200.00	0

Benevolence	Bldg. Maint.
$10.00	$120.00

The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule

1st Wednesday
Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays
Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday
Shoppers Welcome
6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday
CLOSED

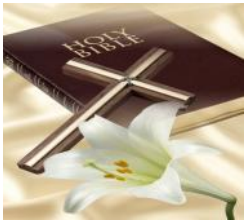
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only
June-August
9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.
In the case of inclement weather,
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

Readings for Personal Devotion



M	2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36
T	2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37
W	Matthew 20:29-34
Th	Isaiah 7:1-9
F	Revelation 2:12-29
Sa	Psalm 3

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All Who Are Thirsty

By Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

We sing...
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come

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Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

We sing...
Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come

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One Name Under Heaven

By Robert Kritchley

One name under heaven
Whereby we must be saved (repeat)

Forgiven of my sin
Baptized in the water
Filled with the Holy Ghost
And washed in the blood of the Lamb (repeat)

Free, really free my friend
Freed by the blood of the Lamb (repeat)

God's gonna move this place
God's gonna move this place
God's gonna turn this world upside down (repeat)

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Holiness

By Scott Underwood

Holiness, Holiness
Is what I long for
Holiness, is what I need
Holiness, Holiness
Is what You want from me.

Chorus:
Take my heart and form it
Take my mind, transform it
Take my will, conform it
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, Righteousness
Is what I long for
Righteousness, is what I need
Righteousness, Righteousness
Is what You want from me.

Chorus

Faithfulness…

Chorus

Brokenness…

Chorus

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Light the Fire
By Bill Maxwell

I long to praise You
But I fall to my knees.
My spirit is willing
But my flesh is so weak.

Chorus:

Guys	Girls
So light the fire	Light the fire
In my soul	in my weary soul
Fan the flame	fan the flame
Make me whole	make my spirit whole
Lord, You know	Lord, You know
Just where I've been	where I've been

All: So light the fire in my heart again!

Your Spirit renews me
As Your healing begins.
You breathe new life right through me
Like a mighty rushing wind.

Chorus

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Your Love, Oh Lord

By Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee
Psalm 36

Your love, oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

Chorus:
I will lift my voice
To worship You my King.
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings.

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Trading My Sorrows

By Darrell Evans

I'm trading my sorrows,
I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness,
I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord. Yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord. Yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord. Yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

I am pressed but not crushed,
Persecuted not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse,
For his promise will endure
That his joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning.

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