Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



October 12, 2025 18th Sunday after 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, Deanna Heydt, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Jennifer McCarron, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Eileen Heffner, Tammy Strunk, Terry Kemp, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley Sherri Schaeffer and Tammy Kemp.

Friends & Family:

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

Families of:

Jerry Bryce 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.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany. (Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

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 normally 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!

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Today's Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Janice Sheetz* & Heidi Yescavage

Lector: Uta Hahn
Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Bob & Diane McElwee, in Memory of their Parents.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God, by Mrs. Kathy Murphy, in Loving Memory of her Mother Hilda M. Schaeffer.

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

• (those who are able may stand)

Prelude

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

C. Van Hulse

Announcements and Concerns

• Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

• Processional Hymn LBW# 549 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

• 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.



• Kyrie



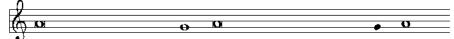


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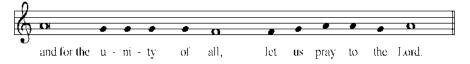
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



❷ Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house, and for all who offer there their wor - ship and praise,





A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. @ A - men

• Hymn of Praise



• Prayer of the Day



• P Let us Pray . . .

C Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than

all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

PSALM: Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²Great are the deeds | of the LORD!

They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor, and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered; the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him; he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever; holy and awesome | is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding. His praise en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful–

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. This one who was healed does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but offers thanks to Jesus and glorifies God.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter



Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

"Autumn Carol" Russell, Schulz & Widmar

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LBW# 534

"Now Thank We All Our God"

• 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

• The Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

After each portion of prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

• The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Mission Statement

- 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.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen, Amen, Amen.
- Recessional Hymn WOV# 721 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

October 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 \$1817 - this significant improvement from Negative \$7420 at end of August was largely due to Memorial Contributions being elected by Ritter and Sheetz families to go to the General fund and the successful Basket Party allocating 50% of profits to the General Fund. Thank you to all responsible for these allocations and support.

Our congregation is, however, still not meeting the income needs of the budget for 2025, which was approved by the congregation last December. This means some Bills are being paid by borrowing "internally" from other accounts with positive balances.

Also to note: This year is not the start of this issue as the General Fund is Negative by \$25100 since the start of 2023.

Our request for your consideration:

The committee has met 4 times this year 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.

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 continues to monitor our Financial situation closely and will communicate further as needed.

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

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Scott & Jennifer McCarron, who were married at Trinity on October 11th.

The Paper Recycling Dumpster has been taken away. A Special Thanks to Waynette Shafer for organizing this removal.

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 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 will once again 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", 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 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, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases, 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: Orders are due by Tuesday, November 4th and pick up will be Wednesday, November 12th. 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 12th
10:30 Worship Service

Monday, October 13th
Tuesday, October 14th
6:30 Scouts

7:00 Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday, October 15th-6:30 TLC Stitchers

Thursday, October 16th
6:30 Sr. Choir Practice

7:30 Cantata Practice

Saturday, October 18th
Sunday, October 19th
8:00 Cont. Worship Service

9:15 Sunday School

Next Week's Worship Assistants: Sunday, October 19th:

10:30 Worship Service

Ushers: Dan & Kathy Kuser

Lector: Ruth Weiser Acolyte: Uta Hahn

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 10/05/2025

Benevolence \$50.00
Bldg. Maint. \$170.00

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Attenda<u>nce</u>

Offerings
 Worship
 General
 Benevolence

 15
 \$1,870.00
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Build. Maint.
\$10.00

Total Attendance

Total Offering \$5,388.00

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.
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Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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Readings for Personal Devotion



M Numbers 12:1-15

T Leviticus 14:33-53

W Luke 5:12-16

Th Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31

F 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Sa Psalm 61

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The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music
Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary
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The Members of this Congregation are its
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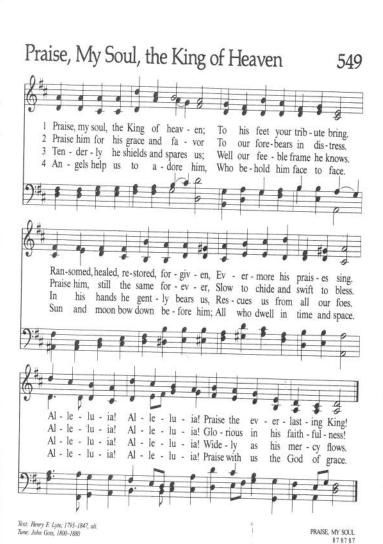
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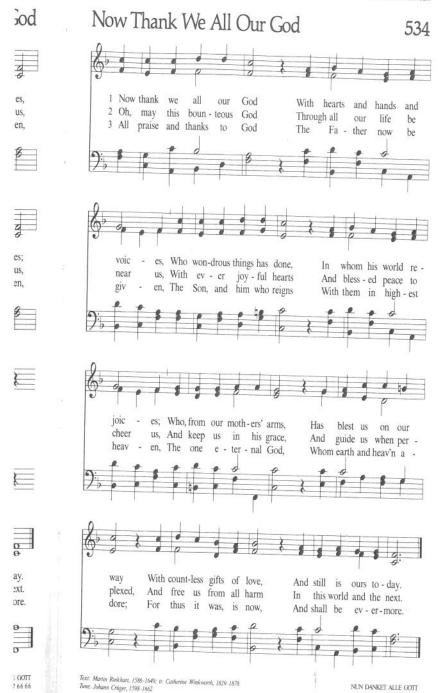
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- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable love, While angels delight to hymn you above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727

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