

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
October 19, 2025**

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, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Eileen Heffner, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley, Sherri Schaeffer, Tammy Kemp and Mike Wyda.

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.

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

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

Vocals By:

Mardell Blanford
Sharon Renninger
Janice Sheetz

October 19, 2025
19th Sunday after Pentecost

**Today we will be receiving a Free Will Offering for The Eastern Berks
 Fire Dept.**

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Mrs. Karen Irely, in
 Memory of My Husband Barry Irely's Birthday.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God, by Lois Schwager, in
 Memory of My Husband Ronald's Birthday.

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

- **Opening Song** "All Your Promises" Pg. 3

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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” Pg. 40

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” Pg. 27

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Pg. 11

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with an adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Closing Songs “Hungry” Pg. 25
 “You Are Good” Pg. 49

- **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**

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 \$1,817 - this significant improvement from Negative \$7,420 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 \$25,100 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.

A Special Thank You to all who came out and supported the Craft Show, it was a big success!!! Thank you also to the Men in the kitchen and to Howard Shafer & Dennis Schaeffer for arranging the tables and chairs in the Parish Hall and also a Big Thank You to Cathy Yoder for organizing this event and also to Sharon Renninger for organizing the Bake Sale. Many hands make light work!!!

A Special Thank You to Karen Irely for her help in the church office this week.

Today is the November Newsletter Deadline, 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:

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 19th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Monday, October 20th- 6:30 Scouts
 Tuesday, October 21st- 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg.
 Scouts
 Wednesday, October 22nd-6:30 TLC Stitches
 Thursday, October 23rd- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
 7:30 Cantata Practice
 Sunday, October 26th-**Reformation Sunday**
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 w/Communion
 4:30 Youth Halloween Party

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, October 26th:

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser
 Server: Waynette Shafer
 Ushers: Howard Shafer* & Dennis Schaeffer
 Lector: Jennifer McCarron
 Acolyte: Jennifer McCarron
 Crucifer: Diane McElwee

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 10/12/2025

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S.</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
64/14	\$2,501.00	\$60.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$85.00

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

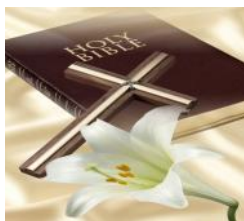
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

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.

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Readings for Personal Devotion



M 1 Samuel 25:2-22
T 1 Samuel 25:23-35 [36-42]
W Luke 22:39-46
Th Isaiah 54:11-17
F 2 Timothy 2:14-26
Sa Psalm 57

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are
its Ministers

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(Or by Appointment)

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All Your Promises

By Andrew Smith

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name
Your words are true, Your mercy does not change
All Your promises are precious, reviving our faith
Every one of them will be fulfilled one day

Chorus:

Oh... all Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen" in
Jesus

Your promises are true.

All Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen" Lord
Jesus

We'll keep running after You

We will run, we will run and not grow weary
We will rise upon the eagle's wings
In the presence of the Lord our spirits will soar
Till we one day gaze upon our King

Chorus

Bridge:

But my foot had almost slipped, O Lord, I'd
almost lost my way
Till I entered the house of the Lord, and heard
Your sweet Spirit say

Chorus

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Open the Eyes of My Heart

By Paul Baloché

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

By Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea.
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart,
and let the healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of when your love came
down.

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

(repeat from top)

Oh, I feel like dancing.
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now.

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God
And renew a right spirit in me. (repeat)
Cast me not away from your presence, Oh Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of my salvation
And renew a right Spirit within me.

Hungry

By Kathryn Scott

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run
dry
And so I wait for You, so I wait for You

Chorus:

I'm falling on my knees
Offering all of me
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for

Broken, I run to You for Your arms are open wide
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my
life
And so I wait for You, so I wait for You

Chorus

You Are Good

By Israel Houghton

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever (repeat)

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship You. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
We worship You for who You are.
We worship You. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
We worship You for who You are.
You are good!

Yes You are, yes you are! So good, so good!
Yes You are, yes You are! So good!

You are good all the time,
All the time You are good! (repeat)

