

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**August 30, 2026
14th 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, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Becky Yescavage, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Elaine Dotterer, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, Linda Bewley, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Greg Mest, Nadine Lydic and Clair Burkhart.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tracey Knox, John Durkin, David Lynam, Anna Bechtel, Steve Smith, Judy Moser, Becky Rothenberger and Gail Marasco.

Families Of:

Joan Good-Saylor, Tim Groves, Tanner Antalosky, Franklin Adam and Rev. Dr. Richard O'Hara.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:

Christopher Heffner, Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic and Seth Kurtz.

**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: Sharon Renninger* & Mardell Blanford
 Lector: Sheila Eddinger
 Acolyte: Uta Hahn

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Aunt Martha Grofe Christman.

The Bulletins by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Sue Stoudt.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Kay McGowan, in Memory of Michael McGowan and My Parents.

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude "Honor and Majesty"
T. Kendall

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# 561
 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
- **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



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



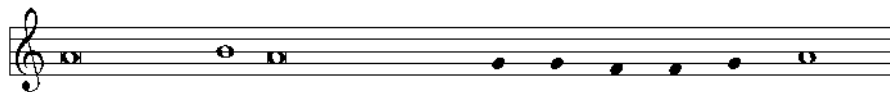
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. G Lord, have mer - cy.



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

• Hymn of Praise



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

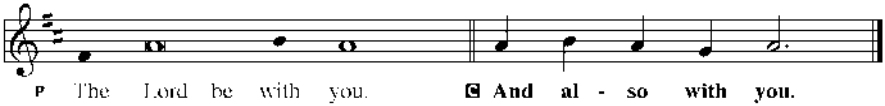


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

- **Prayer of the Day**



- P Let us Pray ...

C O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.

² **Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.

⁴ **I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

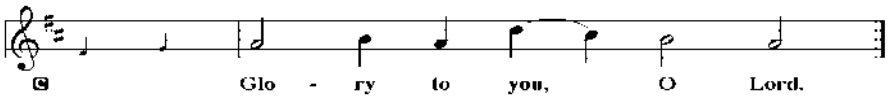
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter

**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Special Vocal Selection by Linda Bewley

"I Will Walk with God"

N. Brodsky

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LBW# 398

"Take Up Your Cross, 'The Savior Said"

• 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**

L 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:

L 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** LBW# 370
"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
D. Hustard

Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons 2026

A Special Thank You to Linda Bewley for sharing her talents with us this morning.

We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 6th, 8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesdays at 7 PM starting September 9th. We'll be studying the Gospel of John.

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will be hosting and Honoring First Responders and in honor of the 25th Anniversary of September 11th on Friday, September 11th, at the Boyertown Middle School West, 7:00PM-9:00PM. Featuring: Boyertown Area High School & Middle School East & West Show Choirs. There will be a Free Will offering at the door.

Trinity Hoagies: "Hoagie Fundraiser" for the General Fund. 8" hoagies from Maurizio's Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, September 13th and pick up will be Friday, September 18th— 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer.** Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month, the next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, September 20th for The Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Thank you for your support.

Mark your calendars:

- **Basket Party, Saturday, September 26th. Doors Open at 9:00AM, Drawing Begins at 10:30AM, tickets \$20.00, to purchase tickets, please see Mardell Blanford or stop in at the Church Office.**
- **Annual Fall Craft Show/Book Fair, Saturday, October 17th. Looking for Crafters and will be accepting donations of used books in September. If you would like to participate, please see Cathy Yoder or contact the church office. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.**
- **Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 13th and the Snow Date and Encore Presentation will be Sunday, January 3rd at 3PM. If you would like to sponsor the cantata, please see Jenn McCarron.**

Coffee Hour will resume in September on non-communion Sundays, please volunteer to host Coffee Hour in order for this time of fellowship to continue. There is a Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00, 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. If you wish to sponsor the bulletins, the cost is \$15.00 to offset the cost of printing.

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity's website. Please note: Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. KOHL'S GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE USED TO PAY YOUR KOHL'S CHARGE. We apologize for any inconvenience. Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.

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.

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.

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

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.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, August 30th- 9:00 Worship Service
 Wednesday, September 2nd-6:30 TLC Stitchers
 Sunday, September 6th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv.
 w/Communion
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, September 6th:

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee
Server: Waynette Shafer
Ushers: Howard Shafer* & Dennis Schaeffer
Lector: Uta Hahn
Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:
08/23/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
60	\$3,271.00	\$75.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	\$50.00	\$11.00

Updates on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

The July-end monthly report from the Treasurers showed:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance
- During July 2026, the General Fund decreased \$2595 to -\$9468
- Note: Compared to July 2025, we are in a slightly improved position at this point in the year, by nearly \$1000.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the September Newsletter which is available via paper copy by mail or on the table in the Narthex, or view digital version on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.



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

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – 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!

**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

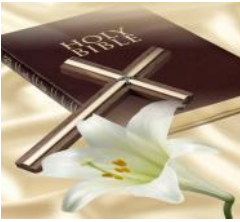
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

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.

www.StLukeGilbertsville.org

Readings for Personal Devotion



M 1 Samuel 7:3-13
T Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39
W Matthew 26:6-13
Th Isaiah 28:14-22
F Romans 9:30-10:4
Sa Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Mrs. Jennifer McCarron, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are its
Ministers

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(Or by Appointment)

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Voices

- 5 Creator, humbly I implore you
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore you,
When I have joined the angel throng
And learned with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my king!



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© Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Johann B. König, 1691-1758

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



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For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light;
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight;
Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:



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Refrain
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sac - ri - fice of praise.

- 5 For yourself, best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n;

Agent of God's grand design,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917, alt.
Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872



Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923
Tune: James Walch, 1837-1901

ANGELIC SONGS
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"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said 398

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If you would my dis - ci - ple be;
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight Per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down;

For - sake the past, and come this day, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
His strength shall bear your spir - it up, Sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
For you the Lord en - dured the cross To save your soul from death and hell.
For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to wear a gold - en crown.

Text: Charles W. Everett, 1814-1877, alt.
Tune: G. Rhau, Neue deutsche geistliche Gesänge, 1544

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LM

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our - our
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin - tual
we

Chris - tian love; The u - ni - ty of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, of
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for our
shall be free; And per - fect love each
and

heart and mind Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
Tune: Johann G. Nögeli, 1773-1836, adap.

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