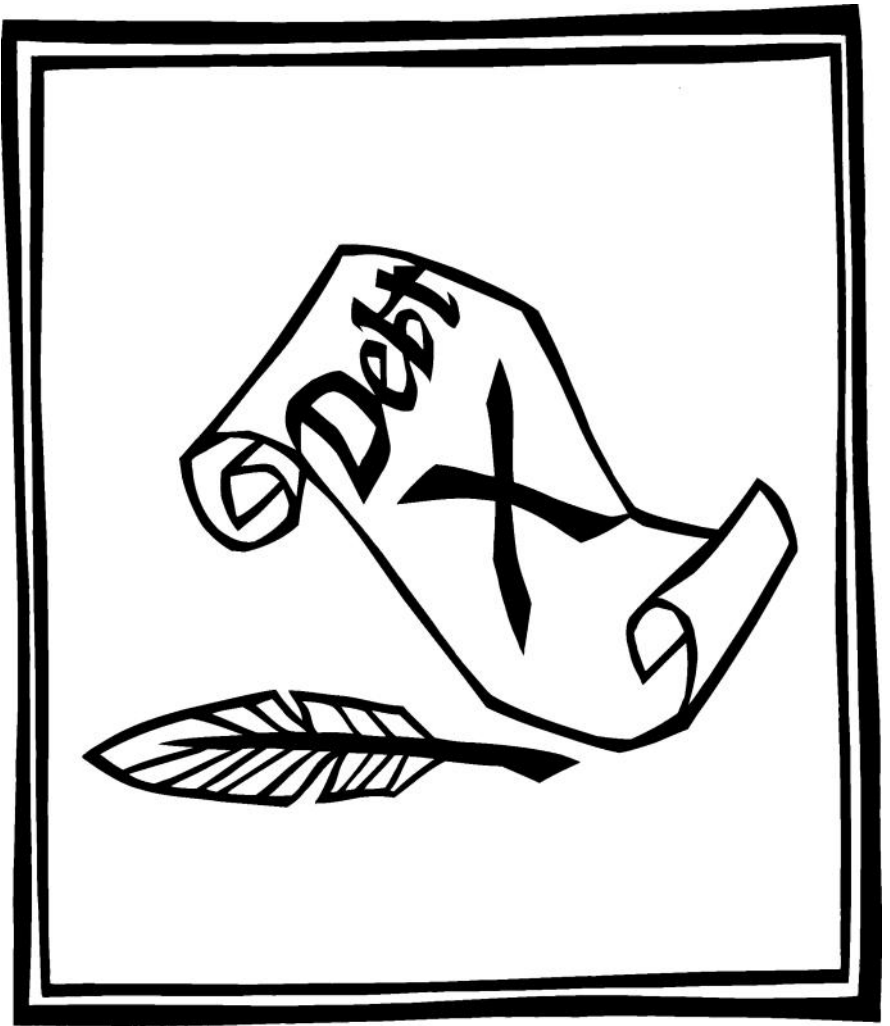


**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**September 13, 2026
16th 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, Nadine Lydic, Clair Burkhart, Carole Mest and Bob McElwee.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Steve Smith, Judy Moser, Becky Rothenberger, Doris Glass, Jenn Riegner and Sue Miller.

Families Of:

Franklin Adam, Rev. Dr. Richard O'Hara, Gail Marasco, William Rohrbach, Charles Hoffman, Anna Bechtel and Joyce Kemp.

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!

This morning we welcome LaRue Sheetz, as our Organist, while Jenn McCarron is on vacation.

September 13, 2026 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Bob McElwee* & Kathy Kuser

Lector: Sharon Renninger

Acolyte: Uta Hahn

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Sharon & Randy Renninger, in Memory of her Mother Cynthia Eshbach's Birthday and also by Mrs. Ruth Reinhard, in Memory of her Grandson Chad's Birthday.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Lois Schwager, in Memory of her Grandson Colin Hiriak's Birthday.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Janice Sheetz, in Memory of Robert & Cynthia Eshbach and James Eshbach.

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude

"Prelude in C"

J. S. Bach

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# 527
 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vv. 1-5)
- **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. **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Q Lord, have mer - cy.



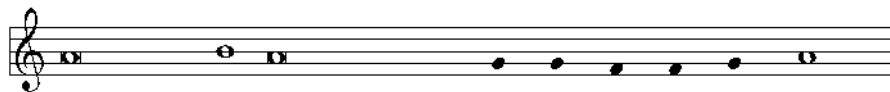
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



Q 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. **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **Q** 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,

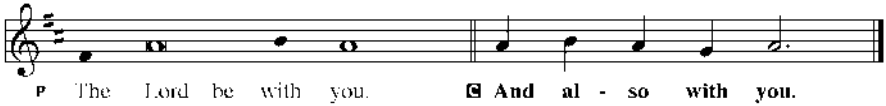


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

- **Prayer of the Day**



- P Let us Pray ...

C O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

[¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.]

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

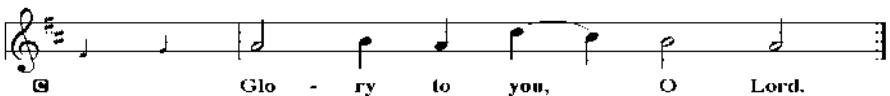
¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.



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



Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

“There Is Sunshine In My Soul Today” *J. Sweeney*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LBW# 126

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

- **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# 552
 "In Thee Is Gladness"

Postlude "Postlude"
J. Hook

Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons 2026

A Special Thank You to LaRue Sheetz as our organist this morning.

FOUND—WEISS CARD—On the Table in the Narthex.

Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 7 PM, we are studying the Gospel of John.

Harvest Home: The celebration of Harvest Home will be Sunday, September 20th. It is the time we celebrate God's Harvest. We will be collecting donations for Boyertown Area Multi-Service throughout September. **Nonperishable items** can be placed in the box in the Narthex. Please see the list of top pantry needs in this bulletin.

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 Today, 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.

The deadline for the October Newsletter is Sunday, September 20th, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing: If you would like to make 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 October Newsletter.

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. Also....The Finance Committee proposed, and Church Council approved, a 50/50 ticket raffle at the upcoming Basket Party, with the proceeds going to offset the current deficit in the General Fund. To support the cause, Tickets can be purchased for \$1 per ticket, or \$5 for 6 tickets by seeing 50/50 Ticket Chair Rich Deskie prior to, or at, the Basket Party. Rich will be set up in the Parish Hall following Sunday services on 9/13 and 9/20. One winning ticket will be drawn at the Basket Party for the prize of 50% of tickets sales. Winner need not be present at the Basket Party.

- **Annual Fall Craft Show/Book Fair & Bake Sale, Saturday, October 17th.** Looking for Crafters and now will be accepting donations of used books, please leave your books in the nursery . 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 continue 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, September 13th-**Hoagie Orders Due**
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Wednesday, September 16th-6:30 TLC Stitchers
7:00 Bible Study
Thursday, September 17th- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
Friday, September 18th- 11:00 Hoagie Pick Up
Sunday, September 20th-**Harvest Home**
8:00 Cont. Worship Service
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, September 20th:

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser
Server: Linda Ritter
Ushers: Kay McGowan* & Linda Brunner
Lector: Sheila Eddinger
Acolyte: Diane McElwee

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:
09/06/2026**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
48/12	\$2,062.00	0	\$9,485.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>	
	0	\$150.00	

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
24	\$1,676.00	0
	<u>Build. Maint.</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
	\$25.00	0

<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>
72	\$3,738.00

**Updates on Church Financial Status From The
Finance Committee:**

The August-end monthly report from the Treasurers showed:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance.
- During August 2026, the General Fund increased \$1002 to -\$8466, reversing the negative trend since May.
- Note: Compared to August 2025, we are in a slightly worst position at this point in the year, by \$1046.

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service:
Non-Perishable Items Needed:**

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Shampoo and Conditioner
5. Syrup
6. Pancake Mix
7. Instant Mashed Potatoes
8. Stuffing Mix
9. Hamburger Helper
10. Chef Boyardee Meals
11. Cake/Brownie Mix
12. Jelly
13. Peanut Butter
14. Canned Chicken
15. Canned Mixed Vegetables

Sodium free, sugar free, gluten free and low-fat items are also appreciated for clients with dietary restrictions.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN
NEED.**

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!



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**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 Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16
T Deuteronomy 17:2-13
W Matthew 21:18-22
Th Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28
F Romans 13:1-7
Sa Psalm 119:65-72

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

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All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 winds a - loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

Refrain

with soft-er gleam:
 ning, find a voice.
 with warmth and light, Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 a - bun-dant show.



5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part,
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 All you who pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*

6 And you, most kind and gentle death,
 Waiting to hush our final breath,
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 You lead to heav'n the child of God,
 Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. *Refrain*

7 Let all things their Creator bless
 And worship God in humbleness.
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One, *Refrain*

5 Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore
The wealth that did the world restore,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6 To you, eternal Three in One,
Our songs shall rise in unison;
Those whom you ransom and restore
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen

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Tune: Sarum plainsong, mode 1

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Where Charity and Love Prevail

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F Dm C F C F B^b C F C⁷ F B^b C

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, There God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let all con - ten - tions cease.

F Gm⁷ C Dm C F B^b C Dm B^b6 F C F

Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love we thus are bound.
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, In him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; Be his our on - ly peace.

5 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

6 We now forgive each other's faults
As we our own confess,
That we may love each other well
In Christian gentleness.

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Tune: attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

TWENTY-FOURTH
CM

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In Thee Is Gladness

1 In thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
2 If he is ours, . . . We fear no pow - ers, Not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv - en The gifts of heav - en, Thou the
death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can

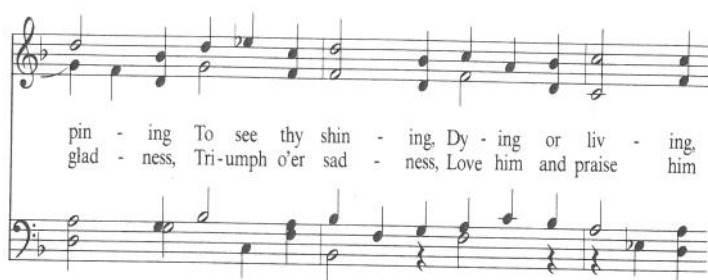
true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; Our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of his

break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly Has built se - cure - ly
glo - ry With heart and voic - es; All heav'n re - joic - es

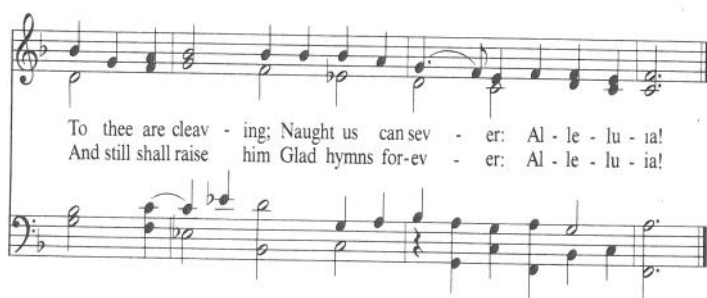




And stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
In him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love him and praise him



To thee are cleav - ing; Naught us can sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

