

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Home**

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, Bob McElwee, Chester Heydt and Lisa Fox.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Steve Smith, Judy Moser, Becky Rothenberger, Doris Glass, Jenn Riegner, Sue Miller, Keith Weller, Janet Conrad and Gordon Moser.

Families Of:

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

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 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

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Today we will be receiving a Free Will Offering for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Mr. Dennis Brooke, in Loving Memory of his Wife Ruth and also by Ms. Kim Shaner, in Honor of all of her Nieces & Nephews.

The Bulletins are presented to the Glory & Honor of God, by Mark & Sandy Yarnall.

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

- **Opening Song** “Salvation Belongs to Our God” Pg. 42

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

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

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

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

- **The Greeting**

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

C **And also with you.**

Worship Songs

“One Name Under Heaven” Pg. 38

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

“Light the Fire” Pg. 31

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.” ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.” ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 “Grow Something New” Pg. 18
 “You Are Good” Pg. 49

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

L 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**

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

Harvest Home: Today is the celebration of Harvest Home. It is the time we celebrate God's Harvest. We are 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.

Today is the deadline for the October Newsletter, 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.

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

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. **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.

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 today. 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.

Help Wanted: The Bechtelsville Community Fall Fest will be held October 3, 11:00-3:00. Volunteers are needed to help with carnival games: soda ring toss and candy roulette wheel, and at the children's craft station. Please consider sharing Christ's love in the community by volunteering for an hour, two, or more and support their efforts to raise funds for additional playground equipment. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. For questions or more information contact Sharon Renninger.

Bechtelsville Community Park Fall Fest – Saturday, October 3, 11:00-3:00. Fun for all ages: Touch-a-truck event, petting zoo, basket raffle, bike rodeo, car seat safety check, hayrides, games, food, and vendors. Come out and support our community at its biggest fundraising event of the year!

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. The Yard Signs are now available for you to display on your front lawn or place of business. Please see Cathy Yoder to take one.

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 20th-**Harvest Home**

8:00 Cont. Worship
Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service
w/Communion

Wednesday, September 23rd-6:30 TLC Stitchers

7:00 Bible Study

Thursday, September 24th- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice

7:30 Cantata Practice

Saturday, September 26th- 9:00 Basket Party

Sunday, September 27th- 9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Sunday, September 27th:

Ushers: Sharon Renninger* & Mardell Blanford

Lector: Laura Moser

Acolyte: Kathy Farrington

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

09/13/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
56/10	\$2,825.00	\$15.00	\$200.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>	
	\$50.00	\$160.00	

**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:

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

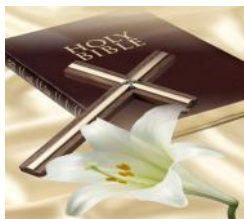
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

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 Genesis 37:12-36
T Genesis 41:53-42:17
W Matthew 6:7-15
Th Genesis 45:1-20
F Romans 14:13-15:2
Sa Psalm 133

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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 Min-
isters

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Or by Appointment)

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Salvation Belongs to Our God

by Adrian Howard & Pat Turner

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Chorus:

Be to our God, forever and ever (3x)
Amen

And we the redeemed shall be strong
in purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Chorus

One Name Under Heaven

By Robert Kritchley

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

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

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

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

Light the Fire

By Bill Maxwell

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

Chorus:

Guys

So light the fire
 In my soul
 Fan the flame
 Make me whole
 Lord, You know
 Just where I've been
 All: So light the fire in my heart again!

Girls

Light the fire
 in my weary soul
 fan the flame
 make my spirit whole
 Lord, You know
 where I've been

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

Chorus

Grow Something New

By Matt Frazier

Lord, You're the keeper of what you grow.
You water, You guard, for fruit to show;
For mercy and justice to flow.
You planted the vineyard, our needs you know.

Grow something new in our lives, oh God.
Grow something peaceful, grow something true.
Grow something new in our lives, oh God.
Grow something new. Turn our hope back to
You.

You broke down the wall of hostility.
You bring us near you so we can see
Who you want us to be:
Not many, but one for eternity.

Grow something new in our hearts, oh God.
Grow something peaceful, grow something true.
Grow something new in our hearts, oh God.
Grow something new. Turn our hope back to
You.
Turn our hope back to You. Give us hope that's
in You.

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)

