

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
October 4, 2026
19th 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 Burkhardt, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Chester Heydt and Lisa Fox.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Sue Miller, Keith Weller, Janet Conrad, Gordon Moser, LeeAnn Prince, Verna Pomar, Loraine Pruitt, Catherine Muth and Scott Thomas.

Families Of:

Anna Bechtel, Joyce Kemp, David Thomas Hawthorne and Larry Clemons.

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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The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Mrs. Martha Beekman, in Honor of her Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren, Calvin, Rhonda and Valerie and also by Wayne & Ginny Williams, in Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren.

The Extra Bouquet of Flowers are presented to the glory of God in Honor of the Baptism of Kaisleigh Wren by her Family.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Support of Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, in Honor of Our Children, Liz, Mark Jr., and Michael.

- **Opening Song** “Better Is One Day” Pg. 6

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 “Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?” Pg. 14
 “Love the Lord”
 “Hungry” Pg. 25

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of
 stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it
 and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me
 and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not
 done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its
 hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be
 trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the
 clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of
 Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness but heard a cry!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
 ‘The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
 this was the Lord’s doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Communion

Closing Songs “You Are So Good To Me” Pg. 52
 “King Forever” Pg. 29

- **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.

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, October 11th and pick up on Friday, October 16th — 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.**

Craft Show, Used Book & Bake Sale — Saturday, October 17th – 9AM to 1PM. Tables are still available for Crafters interested in the show. Please contact Cathy Yoder or the church office. We will have our annual Bake Sale along with our Used Book Sale. Donations of any used books are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Nursery. Lunch will be available to purchase. **Yard Signs are now available for you to place on your front lawn or place of business. Please see Cathy Yoder for a sign.**

Attention bakers! We need your lovingly homemade baked goods for the bake sale at our craft show. So that we have a variety of items, please list what you will be donating on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Ideas include cookies, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, breakfast buns or cakes, pies, etc. Items may be dropped off Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30, Friday Evening 6:00-8:00, or Saturday by 8:45 a.m. Thank you for your support!

The deadline for the November Newsletter is Sunday, October 18th, 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.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All members please make plans to attend.

Pumpkins and Pizza event on Sunday, October 25th, 4:30-7:00pm. All ages welcome! Bring your family and friends! There is a sign up sheet posted in the narthex.

Halloween: Cookies and hot chocolate for neighborhood trick-or-treaters Saturday, October 31st. 6PM-9PM. If you can help or provide cookies, please see Pastor Gene.

The Discipleship Committee will be arranging a date in December to do Christmas caroling at Walnut Woods in Boyertown. If you would like to help us “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex or see a committee member. (Walnut Woods does prefer a weekday afternoon for activities). More information to follow once a date has been selected.

Christmas Cantata “Hope Has Dawned, Noel” by Mary McDonald is Sunday, December 13th at 10:30AM and the Snow Date and Encore Presentation will be Sunday, January 3rd at 3PM.

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 8th**. 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 15th.** Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Trinity is also participating with the Lutheran Home at Topton to help spread the Christmas Cheer with their residents. A list of items needed is in the November Newsletter and a listing will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. New, unwrapped items can only be accepted. **Donations will be accepted until Sunday, November 15th.**

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 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.

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.

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.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, October 4th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service
w/Communion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
w/Communion
Wednesday, October 7th-6:30 TLC Stitches
7:00 Bible Study
Thursday, October 8th- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
7:30 Cantata Practice
Sunday, October 11th-**Hoagie Orders Due**
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, October 11th:**

Ushers: Randy Kehl* & Heidi Yescavage
Lector: Mardell Blanford
Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 09/27/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S.</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
59/13	\$2,804.00	\$75.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$10.00

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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necessary clothing to the underserved.

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Readings for Personal Devotion



M Judges 16:1-22
T Judges 16:23-31
W Matthew 9:2-8
Th Joshua 4:1-10, 19-24
F Philippians 1:3-30
Sa Psalm 28

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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

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Better is One Day

By Matt Redman

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
My soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)
(Than thousands elsewhere.)

One thing I ask and I would seek; to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus

Bridge:

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me;
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

Chorus

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

By Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one.

Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One.

And we can see that, God, You're moving.
A mighty river through the nations.
And young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Chorus:

Open up the doors and let the music play,
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring Your hope
And songs that bring Your joy,
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble,
When all the saints join in one song?
And all the streams flow as one river,
To wash away our brokenness.

And here we see that, God, you're moving.
A time of jubilee is coming.
When young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord. (cont.)

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Every Move I Make

By David Ruis

Every move I make, I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take, I take in You
Every step I take, I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take, I take breathe in You

Waves of mercy, waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God, this love, how can it be?

La, la, la, la, la, la.....

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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

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You Are So Good to Me

By Ben & Robin Pasley and Don & Lori Chaffer

You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in heaven. (2x)

Chorus:

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song (3x)
I will sing again

You ride upon the clouds, You lead me to the
truth
You are the Spirit inside me. (2x)

Chorus

Bridge

You are my strong melody, You are my dancing
rhythm
You are my perfect rhyme, and I want to sing
forever

You poured out all Your blood, You died upon
the cross
You are my Jesus who loves me (2x)

Chorus

Bridge

You are my Father in heaven
You are the Spirit inside me
You are my Jesus who loves

King Forever

By Alan Rose

Chorus:

Oh, Our Lord and King,
our praise to You we bring
There is no other rock but You.
Seated high above, You are the one we love
This is our song of praise to You.

King Forever, You're the first and You're the last
You are Sovereign
All Your commands will always come to pass to
give You glory!

Chorus

Who is like You?
Who else is worthy of our praise?
We exalt You;
You reign in majesty and awesome splendor,
King forever!

Chorus

Abba Father,
Your steadfast love will never fail
You are faithful,
You are God and I will worship in Your courts
forever!

Chorus

