Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Contemporary Worship Service
November 15, 2026
25th 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, Nadine Lydic, Clair Burkhart, Carole Mest, LaRue Sheetz, Ruth Weiser, Waynette Shafer and Reanna Johnson.

Friends & Family:
Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Catherine Muth, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Corbin Riegner, MaryJane Lachmuth, Barbara Nuss, LeeAnn Prince, Ricky Koons, Catherine Pell and Mary Dierolf.

Families Of:
Cindy Haas and Paul Holiday.

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		**Vocals By:**
Angie Renninger	Guitar	Mardell Blanford
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet	Sharon Renninger
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar	Janice Sheetz

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This morning we will be receiving a Free Will Offering for The Boyertown Area Multi-Service (Elf Bags)

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Mrs. Virginia Rowland, in Memory of her Husband Charles Rowland and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Honor and Glory of God.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Oscar & Angie Smith, in Memory of Oscar's Father.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by LaRue Sheetz, in Memory of her Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Frymoyer.

- **Opening Song** "Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)" Pg. 19

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 "Holy is the Lord"
"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" Pg. 27
"All in All" Pg. 1

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD
has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will
not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their
houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast the sound of the
day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a
day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a
day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of
trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out
like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be
able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the
whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the
inhabitants of the earth.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then
he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off
and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one
who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and
settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him,
'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the
one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh
man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter,
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have
what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You
knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not
scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and
on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take
the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all
those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but
from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As
for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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 "Your Love, Oh Lord" Pg. 56
"Not Be Shaken" Pg. 37

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

P People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ's Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.

- **Sending**

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

C Amen

Maddy Wyda would like to express a Special Thank You to Mardell Blanford, Sharon Renninger, Janice Sheetz, Susie Logan &Marcia Auge for all of their help to make the church landscape areas beautiful.

The 2027 General Fund Envelopes are on the table in the Parish Hall. Please take your envelopes.

Today is the deadline for the December Newsletter, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing: If you wish to make changes to the Prayer Listing, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office, in order for the change to be made in the December Newsletter.

Shoo Fly Pies, Sticky Buns, Funny Cakes & Pumpkin Roll Orders are available today, please see Linda Brunner to pick up your order. A Special Thank You to Linda Brunner for organizing this fundraiser.

Today is the last day to drop off your item for the PJ Project: 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. Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser. Thank you for your support of this ministry. A Special Thank You to Kathy Kuser for organizing these fundraisers.

Today is also the last day to drop off your items for 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 is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. **New, unwrapped items can only be accepted. Please do not place gift in gift bags, gift bags can be left with item.**

Trinity will be hosting The Community Thanksgiving Service this year on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7PM.** Joint choirs from area congregations will sing. A monetary offering will benefit the needy in our community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Multi-Service's community food bank. Refreshments will be served following the service. Please come on out and give thanks with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other congregations.

Youth Advent Activity "It Takes A Village" Sunday, November 29th 4PM-6PM. Our goal is to create a winter gingerbread village. Items Needed: Used Cereal boxes, Small Dairy or OJ cartons, graham crackers and lots of stale Halloween candy (i.e. licorice, skittles, gummies, etc.). Also donations of stale candies, tubes of white frosting, grahams (outdated is ok...but whole crackers is a must.) Tiny candy canes or gumdrops would be nice too! Also a donation of a train set for the evening would be super too! A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Pizza, drinks and fruit will be on hand.

Trinity is once again participating in the Angel Tree project for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Return the gift unwrapped. Gift bags/ wrapping paper included with your gift is greatly appreciated. Please put the tag with your gift. Thank you for your participation in making a child's Christmas brighter this year. **Gifts and tags must be returned by Sunday, November 29th. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter! A Special Thank You to Waynette Shafer for organizing this event and making the angels.**

POINSETTIAS and LUMINARIES – Orders are being taken for poinsettias for Christmas Eve. The price is $12 (Single-branched 6½" pot, 5 blooms +). Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please write your name, specify color (pink, red or white), and who your order is in memory or honor of. **Poinsettia orders due December 6.** Labeled luminaries will be set out for the Christmas Eve services. Envelopes will be available to reserve a luminary, one for $3 or two for $5, in honor or in memory of loved ones. **Luminary orders are due December 13. Please place envelopes in offering plates.**

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – Please join us to decorate the church for Christmas the evening of Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided.

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will be hosting their 22nd Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 5th at 7PM at Morning Star Church. Ligh refreshments before the concert. A Free Will Offering will be taken for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

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, December 13th and pick up on Friday, December 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.**

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 Raise Right will be available at church and the Raise Right order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note**: Weis Markets cards ($25, $100) can be ordered through Raise Right 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.**

FREE Christmas Wreaths are available in the Parish Hall. Please help yourself.

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, November 15th-	8:00	Cont. Worship Serv.
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service w/Communion
Tuesday, November 17th-	7:00	Worship & Music Mtg.
Wednesday, November 18th-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Thursday, November 19th-	6:00	Thanksgiving Service Choir Practice
	6:30	Sr. Choir Practice
	7:30	Cantata Practice
Sunday, November 22nd-	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, November 22nd:

Ushers: Dan & Kathy Kuser
Lector: Pat Beekley
Acolyte: Kathy Farrington

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month.

December – No free-will offering.

Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 11/08/2026

Attendance	Offerings	
Worship/S.S.	General	Hunger
49/9	$1,601.00	$5.00

Benevolence	Bldg. Maint.
0	$129.00

Simply Giving for October 2026 - 4 Sundays

	Total	Weekly Avg
General Fund	$4130	$1032.50
Building	$ 155	$ 38.75
World Hunger	$ 40	$ 10.00
Benevolence	$ 245	$ 61.25
Organ	$ 15	$ 3.75

Grand Total for October 2026: $4585

Grand Total January-October 2026: $46,430.00



Earn up to 15% on Christmas presents, hostess gifts, and holiday entertaining

Give the gift that gives back

If you need a Christmas present, hostess gift, or groceries for holiday entertaining, gift cards are always a great choice – whether you shop using gift cards or give them as gifts. It's even more thoughtful because you're giving back to Trinity.

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SEPHORA TEXAS ROADHOUSE Wawa VISA

GIANT REDNER'S weis

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

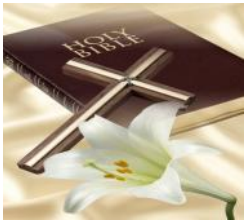
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

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 Joel 1:1-14
T Joel 3:9-21
W Matthew 24:1-14
Th Amos 8:7-14
F 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Sa Psalm 63

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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 Ministers

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Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)
By Brian Doerkson & Brenton Brown

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Chorus:
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see you, all Your goodness shines through
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me

Chorus

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I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
By Martin Smith

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

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

(repeat from top)

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

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

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All in All

By Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your Name
You are my all in all
When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
Your are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your Name
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Your Love, Oh Lord

By Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee
Psalm 36

Your love, oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

Chorus:
I will lift my voice
To worship You my King.
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings.

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Not Be Shaken

by Norm Strauss

I will declare my choice to the nations
I will shout for joy in the congregation
I will worship God, worship God, all my days

Those who love the Lord are satisfied
Those who trust the Lord are justified
I will serve my God, serve my God, all my days

(girls) When the nations crumble
(guys) The word of the Lord will stand
(girls) Kings may rise and fall
(guys) His love will endure
(girls) Though the strong may stumble
(guys) Oh the joy of the Lord is strength
(ALL) To my soul, I will not be shaken
I will not be moved, I will not be shaken.

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