



*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2021*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,

those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and

gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis:

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in unison.)



1 O | LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
2 **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens**
 out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
 to silence the foe | and avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**
 human beings that you should | care for them?
5 Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
 with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
6 **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**
 you have put all things un- | der their feet:
7 all | flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts | of the field,
8 **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**
 and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
9 O | LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from Hebrews:

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4

having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?
7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,
8 subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday verse will be sung by the Assembly.)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3 He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4 They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” 5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6 But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11 He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

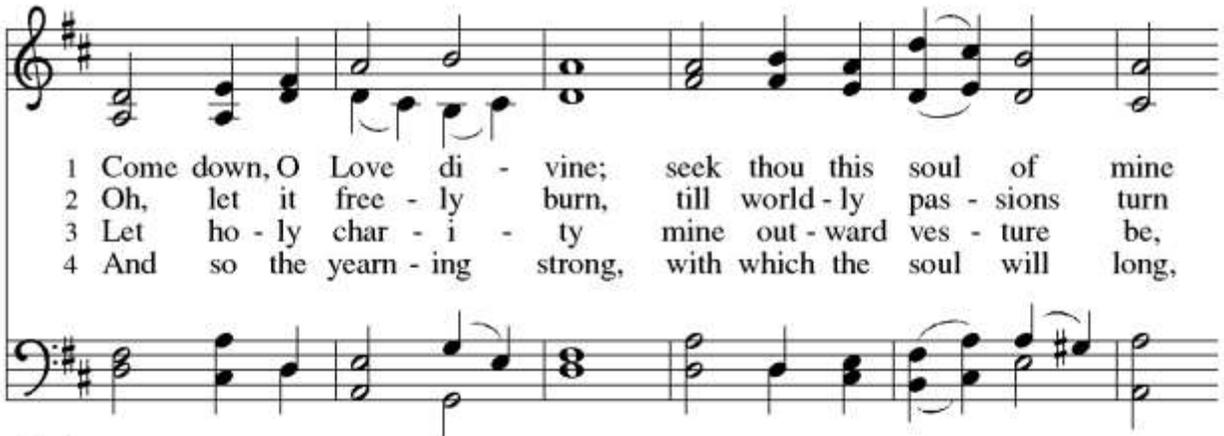
13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

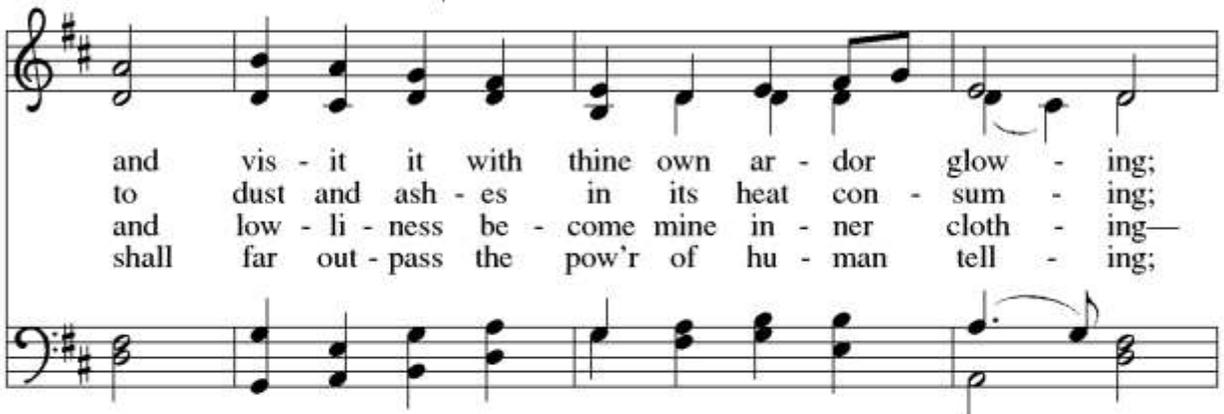
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

A: Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, teachers, worship leaders and council members. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. We pray for all who lead, especially our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and all local municipal and school officials. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Bring an end to the pandemic, so that we may live in safety, free of fear of COVID. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us, and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. We pray for our teachers and our students as we gather for Sunday School, confirmation and adult education today. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us, especially Wendy and John. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared Interlude on *Down Ampney* (Fedak)

(The assembly processes forward to offer food and regular offerings)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty
of your glory.

You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone
who believes in him
may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks
for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things
for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you
revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion

Selected Hymns

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

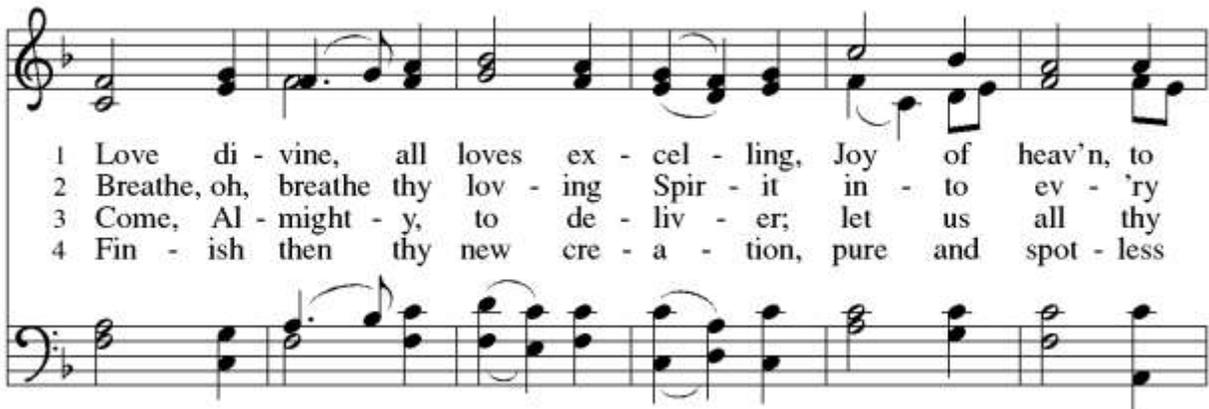
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

(Remain facing the altar while the Sending Hymn is sung.)

Sending Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sortie

(Rawesthorne)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Pianist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Linda Armstrong

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Jane McCall
Communion Assistant Kris Abraham
Lector Don Achenbach
Head Usher Bob Massing
Altar Guild Ruth Gruber
Mary Beth Bradley

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in memory our parents Ralph and Gladys Sibley by their children.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of our granddaughter, Jordan Marie Watson, by Vic and Michele Shine.

Attendance at the Saturday, September 25, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 22.
Attendance at the Sunday, September 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 45. Total: 67.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, October 3, 2021, *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Harvest Weekend

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. CCSS
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, October 7, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, October 9, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 10, 2021, *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 14, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Officers' Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, October 16, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Sunday Church School and Confirmation Classes

Schools are back in session, and our Christian education is back in person at Holy Trinity. Join us for these classes: Our littlest members up to first grade will meet upstairs in our children's Sunday School space; our 2nd through 6th graders will also meet upstairs in the children's Sunday School space; Confirmation students will meet downstairs in Trinity Hall; and Adults will meet downstairs in Brath Hall.

Harvest Weekend

This weekend we are observing a harvest theme in our worship. Please plan to present your **gifts of canned goods** at the offering for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

Small Group for Young Adults

We are beginning a small group for young adults that we anticipate will meet once a month. This group, for people in their 20's and 30's, will be exploring how faith speaks into their lives, using a curriculum that includes video from some of the ELCA's dynamic young leaders. This group will gather on Sunday, October 24, after Sunday School (so, at about noon) to pick a time that is most convenient for them to gather. If you'd like to be a part of this group, please join us on October 24 at noon at the church.

Liturgical Calendars for Every Home

If you would like to receive a 2022 calendar please notify the church office at 724-588-8870 or by e-mail at holytrinitygreenville@verizon.net by Monday, October 18, 2021. You must notify the office if you want a 2021 calendar. *Once the calendars come in, they may be picked up in the workroom.*

Good Shepherd October Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **October is cans of vegetables and fruit**. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

Second Mile Giving for October – Youth Gathering

Youth Gathering gathers about 30,000 of our youth from around the country every three years for a week of worship, learning and service opportunities. The Gathering in 2022 will be held in Minneapolis.

Those who have attended Youth Gathering have said that no one – not the teens or their adult leaders – comes home unchanged. It is an amazing experience in a life's faith journey.

Because Youth Gathering involves significant preparation in advance – the teens spend a lot of time together and the congregation would help with fund-raising – we will lift up Youth Gathering as a repeated emphasis in Second Mile Giving.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Tim Hofius (friend of John Logan)
Tillie Schell
Bob Gargas
Barbara Swartz
Robert Quinones (nephew of Rich and
Denise Hall)
Denise Hall
Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda
Armstrong)
Henry Heil
Donnie Littel (friend of Rich & Denise
Hall)

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Lori McCann
Jim Shaffer
Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Carl Long
Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Wendy Richardson (sister of Ray Richardson)
John L Mott (father of Catherine Mott)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)