

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 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.

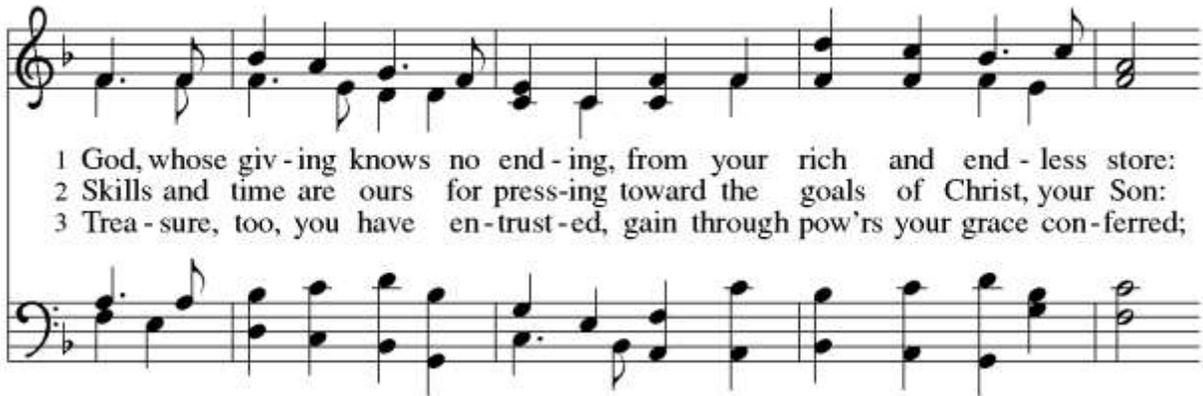
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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

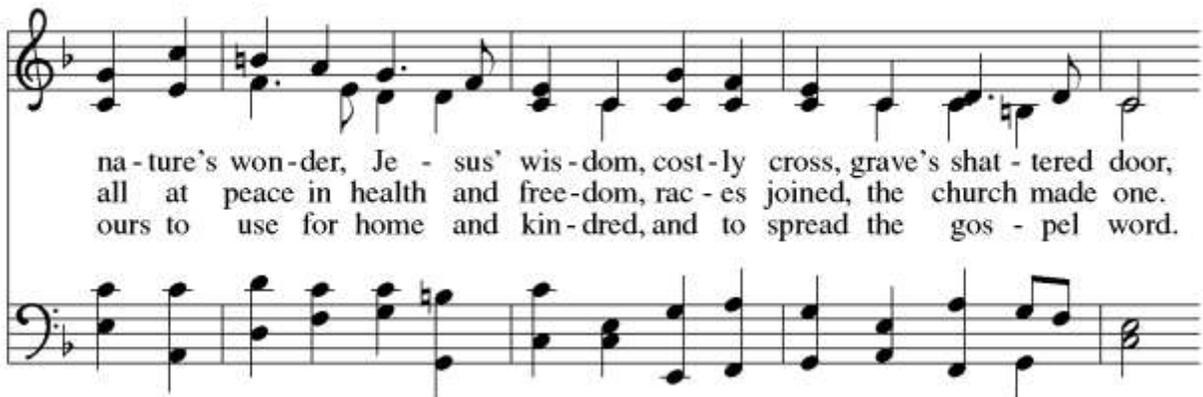
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.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

Opening Hymn

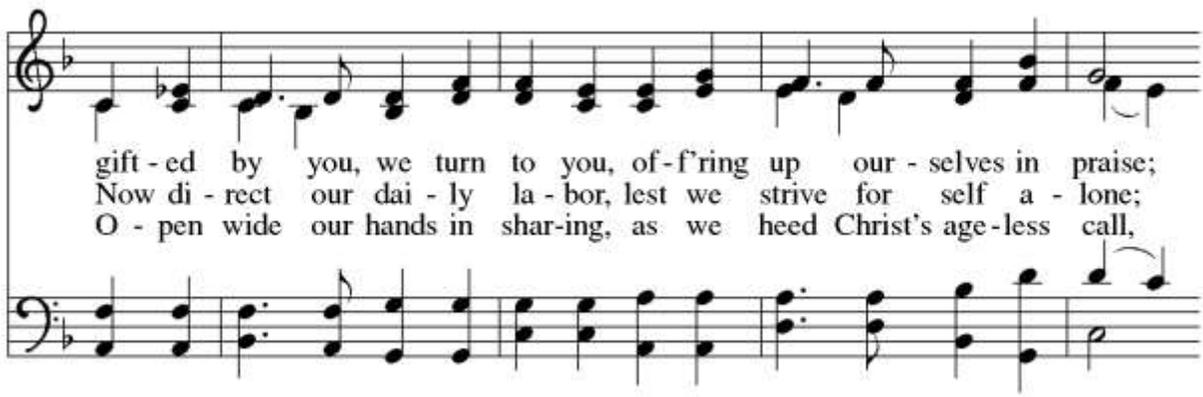
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A reading from Amos:

6 Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

11 Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

12 For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins –
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

15 Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in alternate verses by Choir and assembly.)



12 So teach us to num- | ber our days

that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?

Be gracious | to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

15 Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us

and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

16 Show your ser- | vants your works,

and your splendor | to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;

prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews:

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

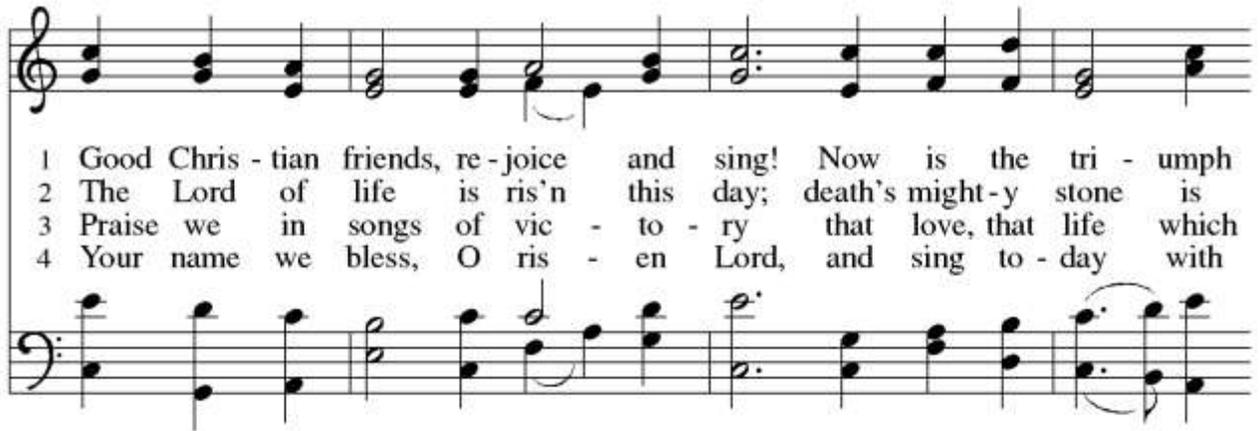
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

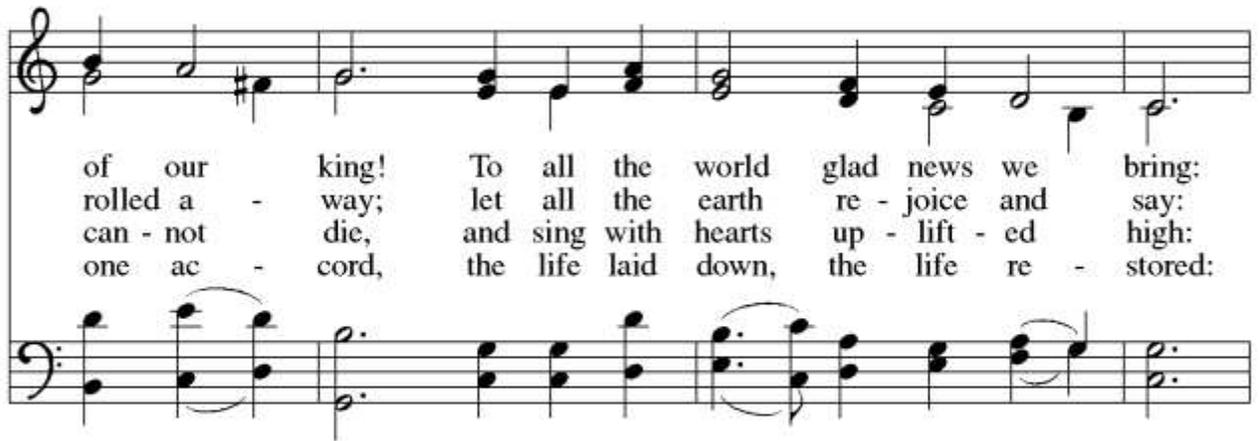
Pastor Brenda Martin

Hymn of the Day

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.**

PASTOR: Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling you share through a Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone.

Today we bless all of these quilts made here in Greenville, Pennsylvania, to be sent around the world to provide that warmth and that message of hope.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts we have made, to you.

We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making it more than just a piece of material — making each piece we have created an expression of love.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a quilt to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. 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: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians and teachers, and all others who use their gifts for the good of your church. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind, especially the Good Shepherd Center and our local Salvation Army. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died, especially Bob, Paul, Wendy and John. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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 *St. Thomas* (Haan)

(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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variation on *Chesterfield*

(Manz)

Flying Quilts Displayed Today

Throughout the Nave please examine the quilts which the Flying Quilts Sewing Group has assembled in the past year for Lutheran World Relief. Flying Quilts is the name given to Holy Trinity's group of women who gather on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Flying Quilts is a wonderful joint effort led by Bonnie Massing and the group includes Marie Eaves, Linda Armstrong, Linda Saverino, Catherine Snyder, Judy Teets, Nancy McLaughlin, Mary Moore, Sharon VanKanegan, Karen McKay, Judy Leary, and Carole Mitchell.

Donations of time (to work on projects), materials (fabric and strong crochet thread), and money (for shipping) are cheerfully accepted.

Baby Care Kits

The quilters also put together baby care kits to send with the quilts. They are always looking for items to put the kit together. Please see the list below for what is needed.

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®), **2** long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet), **2** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square, **4** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred, **1** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap, **2** pairs of socks, **1** hand towel, dark color, recommended, **2** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars, and **2** diaper pins or large safety pins

If you do yard sales and come across any of the above items, gently used please, please drop them off at the church. Help the ladies send more layettes next year.



Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Pianist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Dan Eppley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Sheryl Lanning
Communion Assistant Nancy McLaughlin
Lector Mike Balas
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 loving memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their children.

Attendance at the Saturday, October 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 17. Attendance at the Sunday, October 3, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 54. Total: 71.

This Week at Holy Trinity

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 17, 2021, *St. Luke, Evangelist*

- 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 18, 2021

Messenger articles due today

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Congregation Council
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

Saturday, October 23, 2021

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

Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Request

The Good Shepherd Center's Thanksgiving request for Holy Trinity is **100 cans of vegetables. The deadline for this donation is Sunday, November 14.** Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.



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.*

Celebration of All Saints' Day

We will be celebrating this church festival at our regular Saturday night and Sunday morning liturgies on November 6 and 7.

If you have other loved ones that you wish to be remembered at that service, please complete the form in this month's Messenger, or you may find additional forms in the narthex. **Deadline to return your completed form to the church office is Monday, October 18, 2021.** The names will be printed in the bulletin and also read during Holy Communion.

Come, remember your loved ones with thanksgiving for their lives.

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:

Chuck and Traci Brown (son-in-law and
daughter of Carol and Bonnie Long)
Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)
Tim Hofius (friend of John Logan)
Tillie Schell
Bob Gargas
Barbara Swartz
Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda
Armstrong)
Henry Heil
Donnie Littelle (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:

Bob Gargas
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)