

***RENEWED IN GRACE CO-OP
MINISTRY***



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Assisting This Morning:

10:00 am @Trinity

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Covid Protocol: Masks are recommended for all non-vaccinated and vaccinated persons. We ask that you especially wear your mask while singing and in close proximity to others.

Communion Practices: Please come forward if you wish to receive communion or a blessing. If you need Gluten Free wafers or Grape Juice, please come forward with your palms facing toward the ground. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. For wine and gluten bread, please come forward with your palms facing the ceiling. All baptized persons are welcome at the table.

The altar vases are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of his mother, Betty, by Lenny and Peg Bowling.

The bulletins and candles are sponsored by Nancy Paine in fond memory of all loved ones.

New Here? We are happy you are here! If you would like to get to know *Renewed in Grace* more deeply, please leave your name and number on the book near the door you entered from. The Pastor will then be in contact with you.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8 (*Read responsively*)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits -**
³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

HEBREWS 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches

the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand as you are able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

All Creation Sings

RIG Praise Team

The holy gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life.

When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound

for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Please be seated*

HOMILY

Rev. Chad Butz

SPECIAL MUSIC Congregational Hymn Sing

**Please stand as you are able*

CREED "We Believe"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. We give thanks for the new climate bill that passed in the U.S. Let this be the beginning of our movement toward taking better care of the planet you entrusted to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress *especially: Michelle Johnson, Michael Pressler, Carol Marks, Clair Fry, Bob Wertz, Bruce Baldwin, Jack Etter, Vessie Ortenzio, Don Alsedek, Anna and Carl Zeiders, Barb Hawkins, Bruce Sauder, Jeff Myers, Courtney Lee Johnson and all those we name in our hearts to you now.* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service, especially those who manage our website and social media accounts, run our various ministries, offer their musical leadership and talent and lead our councils and congregations. We give thanks to you and your gifts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**Please share the peace in your location and socially distance a message of peace.*

**Please remain standing as you are able.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

THE 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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the

miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Creator of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes throughout the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth:

*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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, 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.

SHARING THE MEAL

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**Please be seated for distribution of communion*

**Please stand as you are able for the blessing*

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Thursday Night Takeout Meals at Trinity - Our free meals program is still successfully continuing each Thursday. Thanks to Jim and Sandy Canning for their leadership. Sandy does ALL the cooking each week and we thank her for that! When people come in for meals, some of them also "shop" the Little Food Pantry tables in the social hall. The table is in need of non-food items such as toilet paper, paper towels, and toiletries (same list as St. Peter's!). If you can donate items, please bring them to the social hall on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings. Food items are also welcomed!

Thursday Night Meal Counts

Date	# of meals	Date	# of meals
August 4	39	August 11	43

Please remember the following members & friends in your prayers.

St. Peter's Prayer Concerns:

Members living at care facilities:

Barbara Hawkins at *Ecumenical Community*

Warren & Esther Nelson at *Traditions of Hershey, Palmyra*

Members who are shut-ins living at home: Geraldine Reider, Bruce Sauders

Those in need: Michael Pressler, Carol Marks, Clair Fry, Bruce Baldwin, Jack Etter, Don Alsedek, Barb Hawkins, and Bruce Sauder.

Trinity's Prayer Concerns:

Those in need: Bob Wertz, Carl & Anna Zeiders, John & Nancy Brunner, Jeff Myers.

We continue to pray for: Chuck Korte, Ben Whittington and all our homebound members.

In case of a pastoral emergency outside of his or Barb's office hours, **Pastor Chad** can be reached by his cell phone which is 610-297-2514. Please also note the following message from Pastor Chad, "Due to the overwhelming amount of spam calls we receive I most likely will not pick up, so please always leave a message in the case of a Pastoral Emergency. Do not hesitate to call again, as well, if I don't respond within a half hour. Please limit pastoral emergency calls to life threatening circumstances and/or death of loved one." **Barb will be in the offices as follows:** Mondays & Wednesdays from 1-4pm at St. Peter's and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1-4pm at Trinity. Remember, she will be covering for both offices remotely while at the other office.