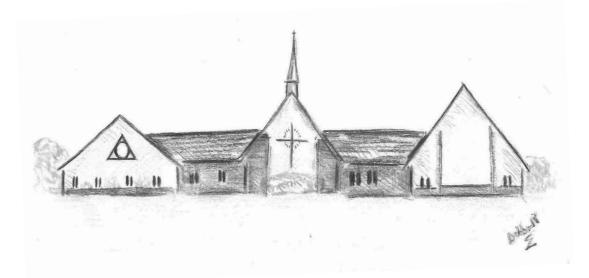
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2024



<u>OUR MISSION:</u> To make disciples for Jesus Christ, to baptize and to teach the faith, that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ and become responsible members of His church.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

W&P 113



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Most merciful God,
- C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ⁴ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 641

All Are Welcome



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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C Gracious and loving God, you created us in your own image as your beloved children and hold us in the palm of your hands. Help us to trust your care; lean on your strength; and live with gratitude, hope, and joy.

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that we have is a gift from you. We pray for your guidance as we individually discern the investment of our time, talent and treasure in this mission as you intended. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

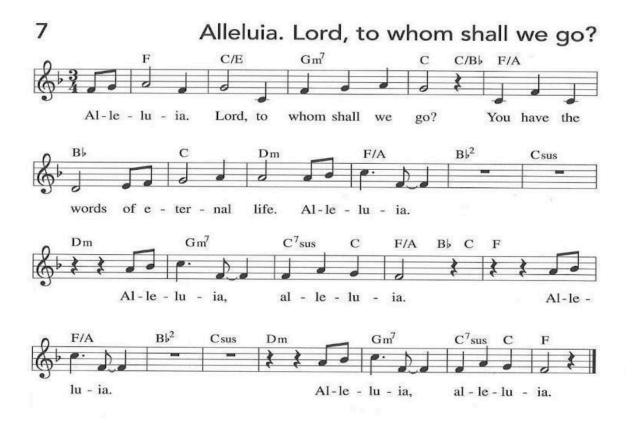
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7

- L O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- C Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- L For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- C In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- L The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- C O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- L For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 7:24-29

- P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventh chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!' Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.
- P Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN ELW 692



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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

С 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

- L Let us pray.
- L Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *A brief silence*.
- L Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely:

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joe & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Brandy, Rhiana, Paula, Tom, Steve, Rick, Bill, Dave, Brandon, Mike, Rick, Mike, Stacy, Joan, Peggy, Jane, Anna, Marita, Chrissy, Tilly, Heather, Susan, Bob, Jeff, Bob, Al, Leslie, Mary, Sherry, Rhonda, Joe, Bill, Edward & Carol.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength. Christine & Meg.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan & Brian.

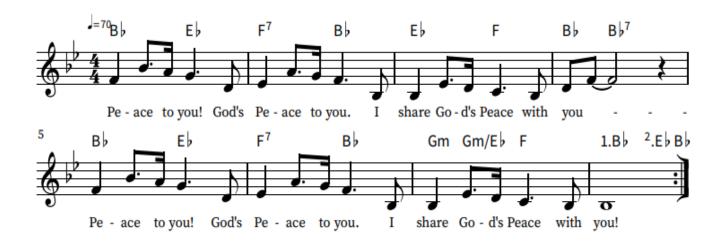
And for those who we hold in our hearts and those whose needs are known only to you God.

- L Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- L Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- L Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.



Peace

P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

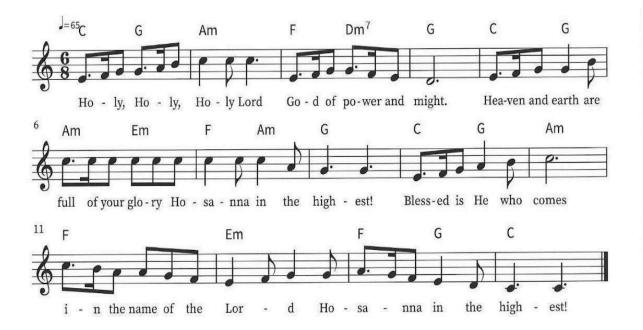
- P God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
 As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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; who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



SANCTUS

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

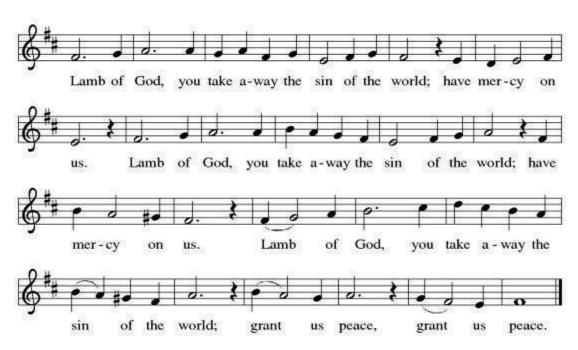
P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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.



LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services. A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides. P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.
 Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

C Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 583



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our family's October birthdays & our wedding anniversary by Dan & Drina Ditzler.



Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.
- Join us after worship for the congregational luncheon.
- Council Candidates The Nominating Committee has begun its work to put together a slate of candidates for the election of two new council members at the congregational meeting in January. If you are interested in running for council, or have someone you would like to suggest (please ask them before submitting their name) fill out the form that is on the table in the narthex and put in Ann Dungan's mailbox. The form contains a list of criteria for council members. Please contact Ann Dungan with any questions.
- TAG BOOK CLUB News: This month's book selection is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. "The Women" reveals the powerful contributions and horrific sacrifices of the American military nurses who served in the Vietnam War, a war whose agencies refused to acknowledge that they were even there. Please join us on Tuesday October 29 to discuss this powerful book. Any questions, contact Lori Peltier, lorjarp@gmail.com or 610-405-4654.
- Volunteers are needed for Coffee Time so this welcoming ministry can continue. Open set up dates: November 3 & 17. Open clean up dates: November 10 & 17. Sign up on Sundays in the narthex or contact Marilou at <u>mariloudoughty@gmail.com</u>.



Serving Today 10/13	
Lector	Francesca Burnett
Greeter	Jennifer DePaulis
Communion Assistants	Lynn Chialastri & Bob Graves
Ushers	Dan & Drina Ditzler
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour
Building Opener	Rick Cole
Altar Guild	Ann Dungan
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole, Joan Woodruff
Serving Sunday 10/13	
Lector	Alma Nowmos
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Judy Flanigan
Ushers	Mike Martorelli & Bob Chambers
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith & Lynn Chialastri
Building Opener	Jeff Shadle
Altar Guild	Linda Stone
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole, Joan Woodruff



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, October 13 – Stewardship Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship 11:15 AM – Fall Fellowship Luncheon 1:00-3:00 PM – Food Drive & Blessing of the Animals Monday, October 14 No School-Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM- Aerobics - Hall 7:00 PM - Worship & Music Meeting-Room 109 **Tuesday, October 15** 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM – Finance Meeting – Room 129 Wednesday, October 16 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM - Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM- Aerobics - Hall 7:00 PM – Wednesday Evening Prayer – On Zoom **Thursday, October 17** 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 1:00 PM -TAG Cards & Games - Narthex 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Friday, October 18 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM - Trinity Country Nursery School Saturday, October 19 8:00 AM – Car Club – Narthex

Fall Events at Trinity

October 13th

Stewardship Sunday 11:15 AM Fall Fellowship Lunch/Stewardship Panel 1:00-3:00 PM Drive Through Blessing of the Animals

October 27th

Reformation Sunday Wear red to commemorate the Reformation! <u>November 3rd</u>

All Saints Sunday Remember those who have gone before us.