



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GREENCASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**HOLY COMMUNION  
WITH THE RITE OF  
THANKSGIVING FOR RETIREMENT  
for  
THE REV. WILLIAM W. DEHASS**

**AUGUST 28, 2016**

Today we celebrate the retirement of the Rev. William W. DeHass from the active ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor DeHass is a 1981 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

He was ordained on May 29, 1981 by the Central States Synod of the Lutheran Church in America at Bethany Lutheran Church in Lindsborg, Kansas.

Pastor DeHass has served the Church in the following places of ministry:

The Greater Bedford Lutheran Parish  
Bedford, Pennsylvania  
June 15, 1981 to March 15, 1985

St. John-St. Luke Lutheran Parish  
Greenvillage and Scotland, Pennsylvania  
March 16, 1985 to December 31, 1989

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Scotland, Pennsylvania  
January 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992

Brickerville United Lutheran Church  
Lititz, Pennsylvania  
July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1998

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Greencastle, Pennsylvania  
July 1, 1998 to August 31, 2016

## PRELUDE MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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.**

**HYMN—** “In Christ Called to Baptize” #575 in ELW

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.**

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Let us pray... (Prayer of the day is on the insert)

Message for the Young People

(Prayer cards collected after the children come forward)

First Lesson – from the insert “Today’s Readings”

Psalm – sung responsively

Second Lesson – from “Today’s Readings”

*Congregation stands for the “Alleluia” and the Gospel*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to....

**Glory to you, O Lord**

The Reading of the Holy Gospel – from “Today’s Reading” insert

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Congregation then stands for the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – “What Is This Place” #524 in ELW

## THE RITE OF THANKSGIVING FOR RETIREMENT

L: We rejoice this day as we celebrate the retirement from the active ministry of Word and Sacrament William DeHass, who has faithfully served in this ministry from the time of his ordination by the Church.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: According to apostolic tradition you were set apart to the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer. Before Almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of his people, you assumed this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

*Pastor DeHass: I thank God for having called me to this ministry.*

L: The Church in which you were ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran Confessions as true witness and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. You have preached and taught during your ministry in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions. Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously also gave you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*Pastor DeHass: I thank God for his guidance in this ministry.*

L: As the Apostle Paul spoke to the Philippians, so we repeat his words to you.

**C: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."** *Philippians 1:3-6 (NRSV)*

## **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**

*The prayers will be offered in petitions ending in "Lord, in your mercy". The congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer"*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you,"*

## **OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

*As the offering is received, the congregation stands and sings "Let the Vineyards"*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave,  
 and 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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-'. The third staff continues with 'san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -'. The fourth staff continues with 'est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-'. The fifth staff concludes with 'san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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.

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 we and 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.**

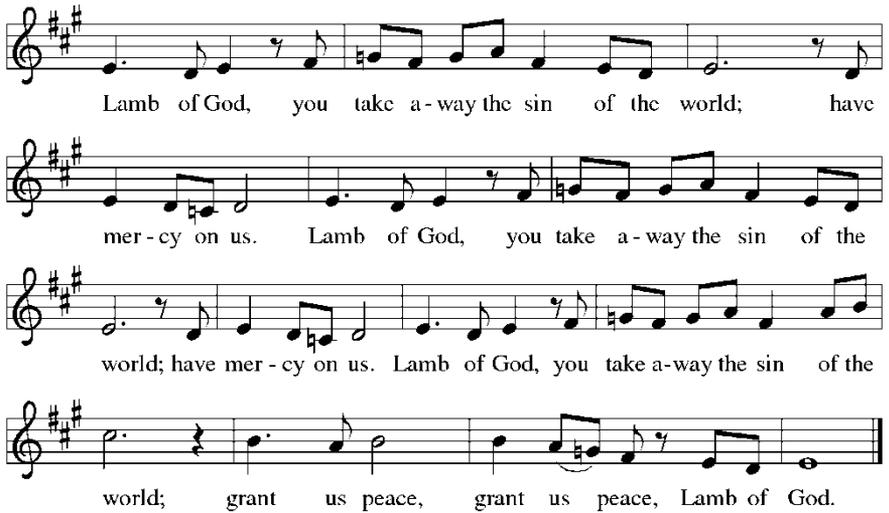
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Congregation is seated and sings the "Lamb of God"*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*During the distribution of Holy Communion you are welcome to sing the songs. They lyrics will be projected on the screen.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE END OF CALL**

L: Bill, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998, we of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greencastle called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's Table. With the Gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

L: People of God, members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor William DeHass from service as your pastor?

**C: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

L: Bill, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Pastor DeHass: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together. (*Pastor DeHass hands over Trinity's stole to as a sign of the completion of his call.*)

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.

You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Bill among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:  
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:  
keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:  
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;  
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Bill and his family and all of us  
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.  
As Bill and Beth have been a blessing to us,  
so now send them forth to be a blessing to others;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

L: Farewell and Godspeed!

**C: Farewell and Godspeed!**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** – “All Depends on Our Possessing”  
#524 in ELW

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

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**SERVING TRINITY TODAY:**

Assisting Minister: Dave Wolfe

Lay Reader: Dave Wolfe

Cantor: Matt Cessna

Acolyte: Connor Cline

Greeter: Alice & Rob Marsh

Ushers: Terry Ellis & Bruce De Master, Don Swart

Nursery: Debbie Cline

Communion Presenters: Stacie, Sarah & Abbie Wolfe

Communion Preparers: Donna Wolfe & Dave Wolfe

Communion Assistants: Nancy Freshman & Donna Wolfe

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**Attendance last Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. – 85 (9 visitors and 76 members)

11:00 p.m. - 24 (3 visitors and 21 members)

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**Offering Last Sunday:** Regular -\$1709.00; Benevolence - \$75.00; Building Fund - \$886.00; Special Appeal - \$13.00; Food Pantry - \$20.00

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be added to today’s prayers by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew racks. The prayer cards will be collected following before the Children’s Message.

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**IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK: -**

Sunday - Worship with Holy Communion -10:00 a.m.

Fellowship time following service

Monday - AA - 8:00 p.m.

Friday - AA - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - Worship with Holy Communion - 8:30 a.m.

Fellowship time following

Worship with Holy Communion - 11:00 a.m.

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**GODS BLESSINGS** to Pastor Bill and Beth as they start a new chapter in their lives. **HAPPY RETIREMENT!** You will be truly missed.

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Grace's 12th birthday with love from her Mom, Dad & Madison ~  
Matt & Linde Cessna

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**THERE WILL be an informal meet and greet** on Thursday September 1 @ 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Interim Pastor Brenda Kiser. If you are able we are requesting the congregation to provide desserts. Please see Donna Wolfe or Laura Ellis if you have any questions. Thank you!!

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**FELLOWSHIP TIME FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE.** If you or a couple people would be willing to provide snacks and cold drinks for Sunday morning fellowship time, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule. If you do provide snacks, please either refrain from items with peanut butter or nuts or be sure to mark the items. We have several members who have allergies to these foods.

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**CALL COMMITTEE** – the Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the Call Committee beginning this fall. The Committee of six persons will be responsible for leading the process for the call of new pastor for Trinity. If you are willing to be considered for this, please speak with Beth Ford or another member of the Congregation Council.

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## **Chambersburg Conference News** **September 2016**

### **DINNER AT THE RIDGE**

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00pm** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**. The cost is \$6.75. The menu for September is Creamed Lettuce, Baked Lasagna, California Blend Vegetable, Garlic Bread Stick, Variety of Desserts and Beverages. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, September 9th.

## **WELLNESS TALK**

There are two Wellness Talks scheduled for the month of September. The first will be held **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. Brenda Vitucci, CRNP, will be speaking about general health and what questions and information to tell your physician at your next visit. On **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**, Ted Obrien will be presenting Acupuncture 101. Both talks will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please R.S.V.P. to 267-1665 if you plan to attend these informative sessions.

## **Butcher Shoppe Sub Ticket Sale**

The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary has partnered with the Butcher Shoppe in Chambersburg for a fundraiser. The Auxiliary is selling tickets for subs at the cost of \$5.00 for a 12 inch sub. For tickets, please contact the Auxiliary key person from your congregation or Linda Beaver at 264-0737. Thank you for your continued support of the Auxiliary!

## **Come! Help Us Celebrate!**

Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grindstone Hill is celebrating 250 years with a Festival Weekend. The event will take place Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 7pm. Food will be available all day along with various displays and entertainment. The celebration will conclude Sunday with an outdoor worship service and potluck picnic in the woods.



