



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA**

TLC Renews



We want to be a congregation who continues:
Trusting God
Loving and Connecting with God and one another
Reaching out to all God's children

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 14, 2021 10:00 AM**

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Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed*
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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
 - Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
 - Masks covering nose and mouth are required during the service.
 - The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
 - Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Onward Christian Soldiers

* **Brief Order of Confession:**

We confess the deeds and distractions that have kept us from honoring God and have divided us from other human beings.

Mighty God, we confess our arrogance in failing to place you at the center of our lives. We fail both to love and trust you with our whole selves. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds out time for private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. We seldom ask for guidance nor explore your ways of self-sacrificing love. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need.

The Holy Spirit renews us, offering us forgiveness and assuring us our sins will be remembered no more, our brokenness healed. God's love is planted in our hearts renewing our minds. We are transformed so loving words, attitudes and behavior become second nature to us. We are set free to honor and love God and encourage and serve one another.

*Gathering Hymn of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name (CCLI #2823825)

1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance
flow
Blessed be Your name

2 Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the
wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on
me
When the world's all as it should
be
Blessed be Your name

4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
Pre-Chorus
Chorus

5 You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name
Chorus

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*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:** We pray together: **Source of all wisdom, who in Jesus Christ teaches us the way of love. We ask for signals and signs of your presence, guidance and leading, but have often been led astray by our own desires and interpretations. May we hear you now above the clamor of other voices and hearing respond as you intend. Amen**

WORD

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel – Mark 13:1-8**

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Questions to Ponder:

- *The purpose of apocalyptic literature isn't to tell the future but encourage the people through hard times in the present. God's love wins! Where do you hear hope in Jesus' parable of the temple?*
- *Jesus warns us to avoid being led astray. Astray from what? We can use this statement to affirm our biases, or we can look to the person of Jesus and consider his message, “love others as I have loved you.” How might your biases align with or conflict with that message?*
- *It is important we take seriously sharing our God moments. Doing so not only encourages each of us to see God, but also trains the eyes of our*

hearts as well. Please fill out the forms in your bulletin or comment on Facebook

***Sermon Hymn** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less/Blessed Assurance*
(ELW 596/638)

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

2 When darkness veils his lovely
face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed
away,
he then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

4 When he shall come with trumpet
sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the
throne! *Refrain*

5 This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Text 596: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Text 638: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

***Prayers of the Church -** *(Each petition ends with "Hear us O God.". The Congregation responds "Your mercy is great.")*

MEAL

(To be safe, you received a pre-package Communion kit with a host and cup of juice. You will be instructed on when to open the kit and receive Jesus in the bread and cup.)

***Offertory**

Everything we have, do and are is a gift from God. God invites us to use our gifts of time, talent, money, and other blessings to love others. We join God in the

work of healing our broken world. Contributions may be placed in the collection plate, mailed or there is a donation button on the website. We pray - offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

Gracious and generous God, sometimes it is hard to see results from the gifts we share. Evil continues to thrive. Needs multiply. What have we accomplished with all our efforts? **Yet we declare our faith and trust in you and know that hope abounds. We believe that you hear us and that you care. We give what you have first given us, our time, talent, money, and our very lives in the hope that by your grace, our offerings make a difference. In humility we dedicate these gifts and renew our commitment to your purposes. Amen.**

Time of Silence: *At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God's presence.*

***Dialogue**

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.

***Words of Institution**

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, Jesus 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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us: **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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

Don't panic! Jesus is here, truly present in the bread and cup of Holy Communion. Eat, drink, be strengthened and comforted.

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***Post Communion Prayer**

How grateful we are for this family meal You have prepared for us, most gracious God. May we be open to receiving the gift of your love in the food we have shared, Jesus' very real presence in the bread and cup. **Let it nourish us when we feel depleted, sustain us when times are difficult, comfort us when we are sorrowful and enhance our joys when our cups overflow. May the meal we have shared enable us to nurture others through the gift of this bread of life. For the meal we have eaten, O God, make us truly thankful. Amen**

Sign of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

SENDING

***Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you up with joy, love and peace, so that filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, you may be instruments of peace in a world filled with chaos and uncertainty. May you be an agent of justice that all might know the truth of God's loving ways and join Jesus in bringing light into the darkness and hope among the despairing. God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*Sending Hymn

My Lord What a Morning (ELW 438)

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
- 2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
- 3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

*Sending for Service

Go in peace with Jesus to guide and protect you. Shine God's loves wherever the world remains in darkness. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert
Assisting Minister – Don Swart
Singer – Ella Swart
Usher – Darrell Swart
IT Ministry – Darrell Swart
Communion Preparers – Bud and Donna Wolfe