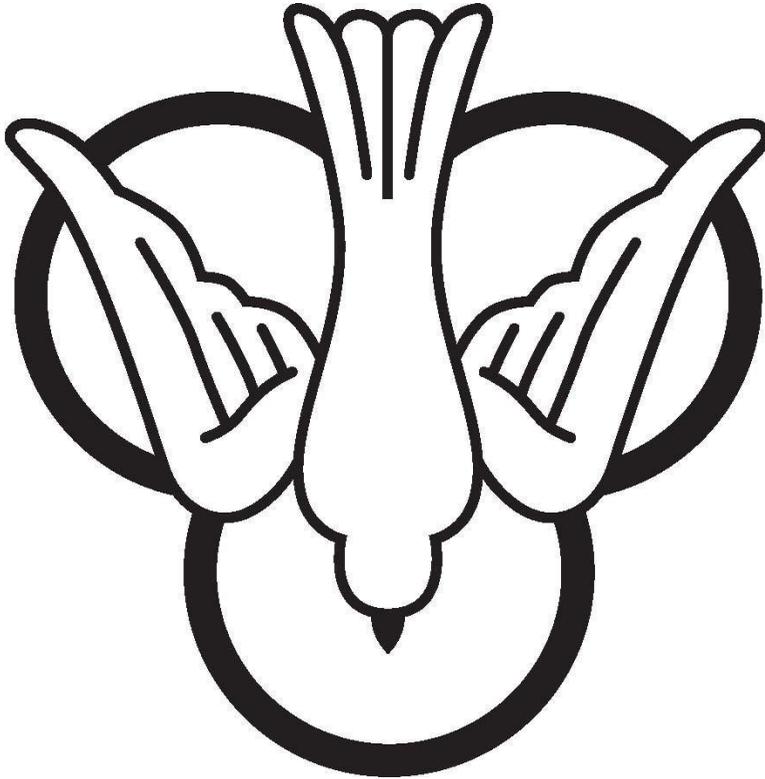


# **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 26, 2021**



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

## *Trinity's Prayer Concerns*

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Skip Boyer	Pr. Terry McCarthy	Noah Rinehart	Phyllis Snyder
Louise Haugh	Theresa McGee	Luther Rinehart	Christopher Teal

## *Trinity's Homebound Members*

Esther Baker	Nancy Brodbeck	Louise Eisenhart	Dottie Mae Eisenhart
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### **Other Family & Friends:**

Heather Artz (Bonnie Boyer)  
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Sandra Quier (Ali Long)  
Larry Reily (Eva Boyer)  
Chuck Ross & Spouse (Manzullo)  
Mike & Aiden Schrek (Kay Hinkle)  
Kathy Sitler & Family (Kathy Kuhn)  
Carol Weiser (Kay Hinkle)  
Everly Grace Williams (Hoffman)  
Edward Yale (Herman)  
First Responders and those serving in the military and healthcare

**Friends & Family Prayer List:** The prayer list for family & friends has been updated. Any names submitted will be kept for 4 weeks unless a longer period is requested. Please let Bonnie Boyer [bonnie0879@verizon.net](mailto:bonnie0879@verizon.net) or the [secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org) know if you need to have someone added to the list.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**     *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*     David Cherwien

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*Children who are present for in-person worship may come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of faithful learning. The Children’s Time takes place early in the service to accommodate those who are energetic and squirmy while worshipping online via the livestream.*

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

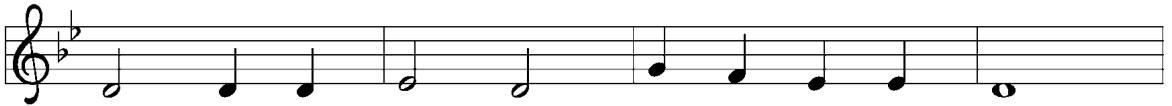
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our comforter,

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

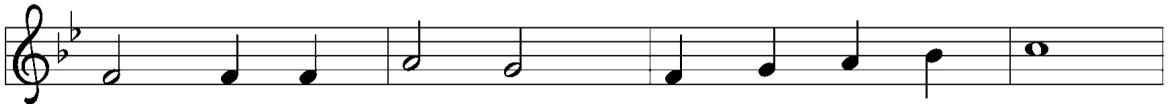
**\*OPENING HYMN** “*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*” ELW 800



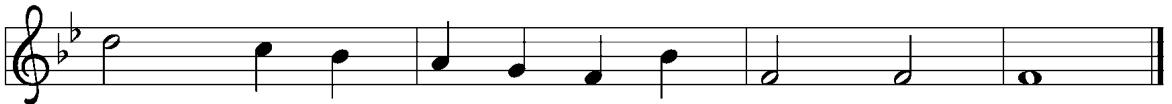
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

## **\*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**P** Let us pray. . .

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'?"

<sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

<sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get

dominion<sup>1</sup> over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight, O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer.**

*Here ends the Psalm*

## **SECOND LESSON: James 5:13-20**

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## \*HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet

and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.



**SERMON**

Rev. Susan McCarthy

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*” ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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 THE PEOPLE**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for all members of the body of Christ; sustain them in lives of prayer,  
service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health of the natural wonders of your creation. Lord, in your  
mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for wisdom and compassion for those in authority. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with illness, and those who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the worship leaders of this congregation, young and old. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all your saints whose peace has shown your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, to your most gracious care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Let us take a few moments to share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.*

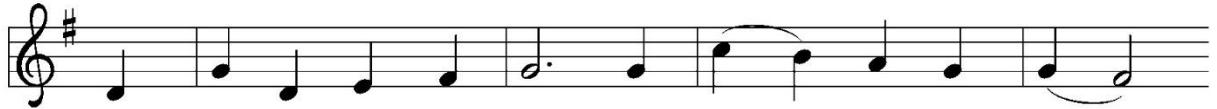
### **OFFERING**

*As we turn our hearts to our offering to God, we give thanks to God for what God has first given to us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions. In gratitude, we return these gifts to the Lord for work in God's kingdom here on earth. Thank you all for your giving here at Trinity! May we use our gifts to God's glory every day!*

## OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

ELW 686



2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 God 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 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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**

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.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Feast and be satisfied!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Worshippers are invited to come forward in the center aisle to receive the sacrament in continuous flow from the pastor; you may return to your seat or stand at the chancel rail while consuming the Meal. Please return to your seats via the side aisles. Anyone worshipping on-line or at home and wishing to receive the sacrament should call the church office to make arrangements with Pastor Susan or another eucharistic minister.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*BENEDICTION

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*"The Heavens Declare"*

Benedetto Marcello



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Assisting in the Service Today:** Assisting Minister: Jim Kline; Lector: Noelle Kline; Ushers: Kathy Kuhn, Anita Madsen; Hymn Leader: Chris Long

**As stated in our most recent COVID-19 Update,** Trinity's leadership encourages everyone to be vaccinated for your safety and the safety of others and to wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated or have any health concerns that would put you and others at risk. To be clear, masks are recommended, but not mandated. Let's continue to pray together for the health of God's children. Thank you.

**This morning we offer intentional prayers** for those dealing with trauma and tragedy, those battling addiction, everyone on both of our prayer lists; those dealing with natural disasters such as the recent hurricanes, flooding, and fires; all military, medical, and first-responder personnel; and our veterans. For whom else shall we pray?

**Bible Study** is held every Monday evening at 6:00pm at the church & online. We've begun a study on the Seven Faith Practices. See Pastor Susan for details and please consider joining in. It's a great group!

**Join the Midweek Prayer Service Wednesdays at 10am in the Chapel.** The service will also be live-streamed to our private Facebook Group, "Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group." If you need help joining in electronically, please call the church office. 717-259-9125

**PASTOR SUSAN'S INSTALLATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED** until the Spring. Those already registered have been contacted regarding the postponement. Watch the newsletter for details.

**A Blessing of the Pets** will take place on Sunday, October 3 at 4:00pm in the yard behind the church. Please bring your favorite animal as we celebrate all God's creatures great and small.

**Food Pantry** will be held Wednesday, October 6 from 3:00-6:00pm in the church parking lot.

**Hymn Sing/Ice Cream Social:** We will be holding an outdoor hymn sing on Sunday, October 17 at 4:00pm in the church parking lot. We will enjoy ice cream and toppings along with some great fellowship as we sing familiar, well-loved hymns. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Susan, Karen Wire or the church office.

**Choir Rehearsals** for the adult choir will begin October 24 at 8:15am. Contact Karen Wire if you wish to join! (717) 873-4795

*Next Week's Lessons: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Gospel - Mark 10:2-16*

2021 Weekly Contributions	
Budget vs. Actual	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
September Budgeted Income	17,233
September Actual Income	13,432
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(3,801)

If salt  
has lost its  
saltiness,  
how can you  
season it?

MARK 9:50



*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
East Berlin, Pennsylvania*

**Our Mission:** We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

**Our Vision:** To fulfill our mission, we will:

**Worship** through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

**Teach** God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

**Serve** and provide for those in need;

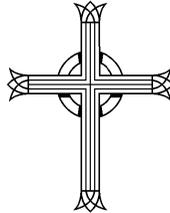
**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**Celebrate** with fellowship;

**Return** with joy what God has given;

**Be active** in our community and the Church.

**Worship, Serve, Celebrate!**



*Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

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