



Trinity Lutheran Church

“Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ”

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The Feast of

✠ The Nativity of St. John The Baptist ✠



Sunday, June 24, 2018
Eucharists at 8:30 & 10:00 am

~ Today's Hymns ~

Gathering Hymn: 249 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Communion Hymns:

466 “In the Singing”

255 “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness”

250 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Sending Hymn: 796 “How Firm a Foundation”

~ Today's Readings ~

The First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

L: A Reading from Isaiah:

Hear me, O coastlands, listen, O distant peoples. The LORD called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm. He made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me. You are my servant, he said to me, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength, yet my reward is with the LORD, my recompense is with my God. For now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15

LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my | rising up;

you discern my thoughts | from afar.

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places

and are acquainted with | all my ways.

For you yourself created my | inmost parts;

you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvel- | ously made;

your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

My body was not hid- | den from you,

while I was being made in secret

and woven in the depths | of the earth.

The Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

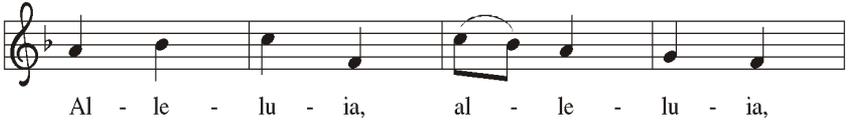
L: A Reading from Acts:

In those days, Paul said: "God raised up David as king; of him God testified, I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish. From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.' "My brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent."

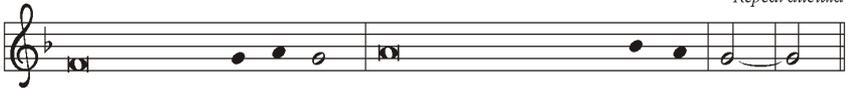
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

D: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

D: When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

D: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Deacon's Intercessions:

- ✘ We pray for the Church: that, like St John the Baptist, our lives might point all creation to the saving mercies of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the new day, which he brings.
- ✘ ... that as we gather and celebrate the Eucharist, the Word and Sacraments will inspire and strengthen our lives.
- ✘ ... that faithful servants of the Church will tend the flock of Christ and lead us to green pastures.
- ✘ We pray for those who govern the nations: that they may have the vision and resolve to pursue justice and to work for peace.
- ✘ We pray for all the people of creation: that God will help us to recognize the value and dignity of every human life.
- ✘ We pray for families, especially parents and children; that nations and communities might recognize these sacred bonds that God has established, and seek ways to support and nurture their well-being.
- ✘ We pray for those recovering from violence, illness, addiction or natural disasters, especially today we remember...: that God will surround the with compassionate care-givers, and grant them healing of mind, body, and spirit.

- ✘ We pray for those who have died in the faith and rest in the Lord’s merciful embrace, especially...; that, on the last day, healed and made new, they may rise to celebrate the Great Feast, with Christ and all His people.
- ✘ We give thanks for the Saints of the Church, especially St John the Baptist, whose birth we celebrate; St Irenaeus, ancient bishop and defender of the Faith; and St Peter, chief of the apostles and St Paul, apostle and missionary to the Gentiles, whose martyrdoms we remember this week. May we be inspired by their faith and devotion and, with them, follow the Lord in lives of witness and selfless service.

Readings for Next Sunday, July 1

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

“To The Glory of God...”

- ✘ The Flowers are sponsored in honor of Peter’s 40th birthday, by Mike & Pat Macchiarolo.
- ✘ The Bulletins are sponsored in honor of Zeke Raines’ 7th birthday, by Royce & Janet Raines.
- ✘ The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored in honor of:
 - ...Brooke’s birthday by Mike & Melinda Feaster.
 - ...Joanna’s birthday by Mike & Melinda Feaster.

Parishioners and friends are invited to sponsor Altar Flowers (\$30/\$45), Bulletins (\$20), the Sanctuary Lamp (\$5) and our Lutheran Missionary to Tanzania (\$25). Please see the registration sheets in Trinity Hall and feel free to call the Church Office with any questions.

Parish Announcements

~ June 24, 2018 ~

Upcoming Ministries and Events

This Week

- Sunday (24) THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
... 8:30 am ~ Holy Eucharist
... 10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday (26) Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (Presbyterian)
- Wednesday (27) Pillow-Case Ministry: 1:00 pm (Senior High Classroom)
Adult Nite Out Fellowship: 5:30 pm (Twisted Trout)
- Friday (29) Young Adult Nite Out Fellowship: 6:00 pm (Klavuhn's home)

Next Week

- Sunday (1) THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
... 8:30 am ~ Holy Eucharist
... 10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist
- Monday (2) Altar-Nave Renovation Team Meeting: 3:00 pm
- Tuesday (3) Book Club: 1:30 pm (Parish House)
Hot Summer Nights: 5:00pm (Parish House)
Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (St. John's UCC)
- Wednesday (4) Independence Day - Church Office Closed

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

~ Continuing through Sunday, September 2 ~

Eucharists are celebrated at 8:30 and 10:00 am

We gather in Trinity Hall as the Altar/Nave are under Renovation

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is Open Monday - Friday

8:00 am - Noon ~ and ~ 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Please Call or Visit During these Times!

~ *Worship & Music Ministries* ~

Sunday Eucharists ~ Gathering in Trinity Hall!

Through Sunday, September 2...

- ... We're gathering for Sunday Morning Eucharists in Trinity Hall through the summer months, while the renovation of the Altar & Nave is accomplished.
- ... We're looking forward to returning to the nave, with a special Celebration of Dedication, on Sunday, September 9, as we kick-off our 250th Anniversary Year.
- ... Thanks again to all the members of the Altar & Nave Renovation Team for the countless hours of planning which they devoted to the project, and to so many parishioners and friends for the generous outpouring of financial support for this once-in-a-lifetime project!

We're on "Summer Schedule"...

Our regular Sunday Morning liturgies are celebrated at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Sunday School, Faith & Fun Club, and Wednesday Evening gatherings for Bible Studies, Vespers, and Choir Rehearsals are on summer break and will resume in the Fall.

Kids Getting Restless?

If your little ones find themselves getting restless and you need to change the setting for a few minutes, feel free to use the nursery room.

There is a bathroom for little ones, a changing table, and a few other items

that may help them channel some of their excess energy.



~ *Children & Youth Ministries* ~

Youth Service Dinner & Knoebel's Trip

Tuesday August 7 - Thursday August 9, 2018

- ✓ All youth, having completed grades 6-12, are invited to take part in an adventure that has just a little bit of everything.
- ✓ We'll begin by serving the Free Community Dinner on Tuesday evening and then enjoy a special lock-in at the Parish House.
- ✓ Wednesday morning, we'll travel to  Knoebel's Amusement Park, spend the day at the park and the night at a luxurious hotel near the park.
- ✓ Thursday morning, we'll return home ~ with one more special surprise along the way!
- ✓ The cost is \$150, which covers transportation, all meals, an all-day/all-ride pass at Knoebel's, and overnight in the motel.
- ✓ To register, turn in your medical release form and \$25 deposit to the church office. See Pr. David with any questions.

~ *Adult & All-Parish Ministries* ~

Pillow-Case Sewing Ministry

Wednesday, June 27; 1:00–4:00 pm

Parishioners and Friends are invited to gather in the Senior High classroom to decorate pillow-cases and small quilts which are sent to hospitalized kids and cancer patients. Come and sew for a few afternoon hours as you are able. Please contact Doris Caldwell (814) 442-7347 with any questions.

Adult Nite Out Fellowship

Wednesday, June 27; 5:30 pm ~ at the Twisted Trout

... Wednesday is "Burger Night" at the T.T.! Plan to join with friends of the Parish! A sign-up is in Trinity Hall.

... And, another gathering is already on the calendar for Thursday, August 9, hosted by Brenda & Ray Jennings. Watch for details and sign up info, in the near future.

Young Adult Night

Friday June 29, 2018; 6:00 pm~ at the Klavuhn's

Our Young Adults are excited to get together again at the home of Jason and Jennifer Klavuhn (626 Sycamore Lane, Bedford) on Friday, June 29. We'll make pizzas, go swimming, and enjoy a relaxed evening together. This gathering will be a time for "adult fellowship", without our kids. Please sign up in Trinity Hall.

Trinity Book Club

Tuesday, July 3; 1:30 pm

The Trinity Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 3, at 1:30 pm, in the Parish House. We'll discuss *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts. Please contact the group's coordinator, Pat Macchiarolo, with any questions (814-977-2436).

Warming Up For Hot Summer Nights

Tuesday July 3, 2018; 5:00-6:00pm; In Parish House

Everyone is invited to come out a little early for a time of food and fellowship in the Parish House before DBI's first official "Hot Summer Night" of 2018. Get a good parking spot while they are available and bring along an appetizer to share and something cold to drink as we get ready for a great evening together! A sign up is posted in Trinity Hall.

Photo Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 18; 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to another fun and fast paced scavenger hunt at Trinity! We will gather together at 6:00pm, break into teams, and take off into the streets to identify some of the more discreet landmarks around town. There will be a prize for the winning team. And don't worry...there's ice-cream enough for everyone! Please sign up in Trinity Hall.



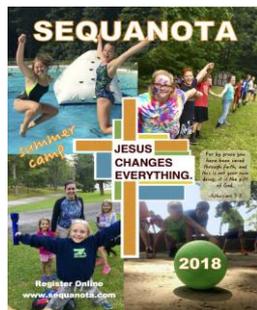
~ Outreach Ministries ~

Camp Sequanota

June's Special Ministry Highlight and Appeal

- ✓ Camp Sequanota offers exciting weeks of camp for children, youth, adults, families, and friends with special limitations.

Daily camp activities include Bible studies, swimming, crafts, worship, games, campfires, and visiting the camp store. Special experiences may also include challenge courses, rock climbing, zip-lining, canoeing, sleep-outs, cook-outs, pool-parties, sports, fishing, and much, much more!



- ✓ Please share a financial gift with Camp Sequanota this month, which helps keep the cost of camp a little more affordable. Checks can be made payable to Trinity and note “Camp Sequanota” on the memo line. Special Envelopes have been prepared for this appeal, and are with the Bulletins.
- ✓ Check out the Sequanota web site ~ sequanota.com.

Free Community Dinner ~ Ecumenical Ministry

- ✓ Trinity hosts and coordinates the “Free Community Dinner” ministry which has been serving warm and nutritious meals to neighbors of our community every week since September, 2009!
- ✓ **Thanks! for all the support** which so many parishioners and friends share with this ministry!
- ✓ **Trinity's Youth** will be serving our upcoming dinner, on Tuesday, August 7th. A sign-up sheet, for brownies, is posted in Trinity Hall.

~ *Other Notes and Updates* ~

250th Anniversary Photo Directory

- ✓ We are excited to be partnering with Lifetouch Photography to create a new congregational photo directory to celebrate our 250th anniversary. Photos will be taken August 3-4, 7-8 and October 3-4.
- ✓ Please be sure to sign up to have your photo taken during these days, so that you will be included!
- ✓ This allows other parishioners the chance to see who you are, and will also afford you a free 8x10 of your best picture and your own free copy of the photo directory once they are printed.
- ✓ You can register with Rosie Leppert and Beth Hullihen, near the elevator, after liturgies on Sundays through June. And, you can also follow the link, on Trinity's website, to go on-line and register yourself.
- ✓ Please contact the Church Office or Pr Weinhold if you have any questions!



Garden of the Resurrection News...

Trinity's Garden of the Resurrection was constructed and dedicated in August of 2014, and is located along the north side of the church, adjacent to the Parish House. Designed exclusively for the interment of cremated remains, the Garden has already received 5 interments and 16 others have made "pre-arrangements".



The statue of St Francis, watching serenely over the Garden, in the shadow of the church, was recently replaced, and is a beautiful addition to the space.

Please visit the "Garden of the Resurrection" tab on Trinity's web-site, or contact Pr Short or Pr Weinhold for more information.

The 250th Anniversary Altar & Nave Renovation Project

- ✓ THANK YOU, very much, for such a generous outpouring of financial support and generosity toward this very special project!
- ✓ If you've not done so already, please consider making a pledge and supporting the renovation and improvements. You can share your gifts weekly, monthly or annually over the next 3 years.



Altar-Nave Renovation Construction Progress Report...



- ✓ Please visit Trinity's website (click the "Nave Renovation" tab on the homepage) to see photos of the work's progress.
- ✓ So far, the pews, carpeting and padding, and the lights have been removed, and the walls are being repaired and prepped for painting.
- ✓ A detailed description of all the aspects of this extensive project is also available of the website.

Goal: \$265,365
To Date:
109 Pledges
\$150,085 (57%)

- ✓ Thank you, again, for all the support you've shown the Christian Ministries of Trinity through the years, in so many ways!

***A Little Help with Watering and Caring for our Flowers,
Please...***

Parishioners and friends are invited to share in the task of watering the flowers in the pots and gardens around the church. Volunteers are asked to water the plants every-other day (or so), depending on the heat and the rain. The hose and watering can are available at your convenience, 24/7. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall. Contact Judy Smith (977-8588).



Loose Coins in the Sunday Offering...

Loose coins which are received in the Sunday Offering are directed to acts of charity, through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This might be a small grocery order or other essential need to help a neighbor address a challenging situation. See Pr Short or Pr Weinhold with any questions. Thanks for your generosity!

*If you've not done so already...
Would you please Consider Naming Trinity
to Receive a Special Legacy Gift from your
Estate? These Gifts will assist those who
follow us to continue to share Faithful and
Meaningful Christian Ministries with the
Families of Trinity and our Bedford
Community!*



~ 2018 Church Council & Ministry Team Notes ~

President: Kevin Rizzo

Vice-President: Wynn Leppert

Secretary: Tammy Crawford

Treasurer: Jay Cessna

Worship & Music: Jennifer Bailey & Lisa Hagenbuch

Children & Youth: Tammy Crawford & Kevin Rizzo

Adult & All-Parish: Alice Corle & Betsy Littlefield

Outreach: Mary Lorah & Carol Siegfried

Property: Wayne Hullihen & Wynn Leppert

Finance & Stewardship: Jay Cessna & Don Replogle

Upcoming Ministry Team Meetings and More:

- ✓ July 2 (Monday); 3:00 pm ~ Altar/Nave Renovation Team Meeting
- ✓ July 16 (Monday); 6:00 pm ~ Worship & Music Team Meeting
- ✓ July 16 (Monday); 7:00 pm ~ Outreach Team Meeting
- ✓ July 17 (Tuesday); 6:00 pm ~ Children & Youth Ministry Team Meeting
- ✓ July 17 (Tuesday); 7:00 pm ~ Adult & All Parish Ministry Team Mtg
- ✓ July 23 (Monday); 6:00 pm ~ Finance Ministry Team Meeting
- ✓ July 23 (Monday); 7:00 pm ~ Property Ministry Team Meeting
- ✓ August 6 (Monday); 5:15 pm ~ Parish Musician's Planning Meeting
- ✓ August 20 (Monday); 6:30 pm ~ Church Council Meeting
- ✓ August 27 (Monday): 6:00 pm ~ 250th Anniversary Team Meeting
- ✓ October 8 (Monday) 6:00 pm ~ Deacon's Conclave

~ *Worship Attendance & Offerings* ~

Our Worship and Tithes are an out-pouring of our Gratitude in response to the Lord's Gracious Gifts of Life and Salvation.

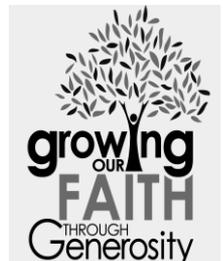
This Past Week ~ through June 22

Attendance: 162

Tithes & Offerings: \$6,863.64

Year to Date: \$145,324.64

Thank You for Supporting the Ministries of Trinity with such Generosity!





Please contact the Church Office to have family members and/or friends included in the Prayers at Sunday Liturgies and on the Parish Prayer List. And, be sure to notify Pr Weinhold or Pr Short if you would appreciate visitations and prayers during hospitalizations or extended home-bound recuperations.

For The Church...

- ✦ Our Bishops, Pastors and Deacons in Christ, and all who labor for the Gospel.
- ✦ Parishioner and friends who serve on our Church Council and Ministry Teams.

For Our Nation and All Peoples Of Creation...

- ✦ Leaders of the Nations, and our own National, State and Local Officials.
- ✦ Police Officers, Fire-Fighters, Healthcare Workers, and Military Personnel.
- ✦ The Homeless and the Hungry, and those who care for their needs.
- ✦ The ministries of Camp Sequanota, especially the children, youth, and summer counselors and staff.

✦ For Parishioners, Family Members & Friends In Special Need...

- ... Ann Bittner, Becky Bortz, Harry Clark, Fred & Connie Claycomb, Steve Cornell, Andrew Crawford, Dorothy Egolf, Betty Hoover, Juanita Kerr, Laura Morse, Rodney "Pete" Moser, Patricia Oakes, Suella Pensinger, Chuck Replogle, Peg Roadman
- ... (6/24) Michelle White (Ginger Welsh's friend) Ken & Shirley Rabenstein (Gordon & Carol Bowers' friend)
- ... (6/17) Bobby Englebach (Frances Leibfreid's friend), Marian Lippert (Gretchen Fleischer's sister), Bonnie Schnably (Joe's cousin)
- ... (6/10) ~ Tauris Davis (Tammy Crawford's father), Kim Reitz (Pr. David's friend)

For Those Who Have Died and Those Who Mourn...

Howard Atkinson (6/17), Mike Slovich (6/17 Marlene Seese's uncle), Anna Kuchemba (6/6 Alice Corle's mother), Jamie Hershberger (6/3 Lisa Hagenbuch's friend), Ruth Wilson (5/19), Bill Rogers (5/16 Betty Estep-Frailey's son-in-law), Frances Defibaugh (5/16 Liz Speicher & Becky Toth's sister), Harry Ritchey (5/12 Wendy Cox's friend), Ruth Hoppe (5/6), Walter "Hank" Robinette (5/4 Arlene Fluke's brother).



Serving Today ~ Sunday, June 24

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Greeters	Craig & Tammie Hess	Ryan & Rachel Papuga
Ushers	Marlene Seese & Jeremy Vent Wayne Hullihen Fred Claycomb	Jeff & Nancy Saxman Dave & Sharon Wertz
Acolytes	Allison Seager	Luke Davidson
Lector	Erick Seager	Linda McElroy
Deacon	Diane Cogan	Guy Mellott
Altar Guild	Lisa Hagenbuch & Sara Snyder	Judy Smith & Barb Short

Serving Next Sunday, July 1

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Greeters	Denise Steele	Shirlene Knopsnyder Dorothy Vensel
Ushers	Bill & Mary Ann Martz David & Kristen Statler	Dan & Lois Boyer Ron & Michele Plush
Acolytes	Lizzy Martz & Halee Boggs	Sammy Prescott
Lector	Laura Vent	Diane Cogan
Deacon	Lori Dunkle	Don Replogle
Altar Guild	Faith Nelson Rosie Leppert	Carol Siegfried Shirley Nycum

Through June & July...

June Offering Stewards:

Wayne Hullihen &

Wynn Leppert

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June Property Steward:

Jeremy Vent

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June Recycling Steward:

Guy Mellott

July Offering Stewards:

Jay Cessna &

Don Replogle

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July Property Steward:

Wayne Hullihen

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July Recycling Steward:

Dan Kerr