

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

Bethlehem
Bendersville
11:00 am

THE HOLY TRINITY

• June 4, 2023 •



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW 165

***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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



Ⓟ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓢ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

The First Reading is from Genesis, beginning with the first chapter.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 8

L: O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**C: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.**

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

L: Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

L: all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

**C: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

L; O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The Second Reading is from Second Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Susan E. Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”* ELW 412



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers
for a world in need.

Each petition concludes:

P: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

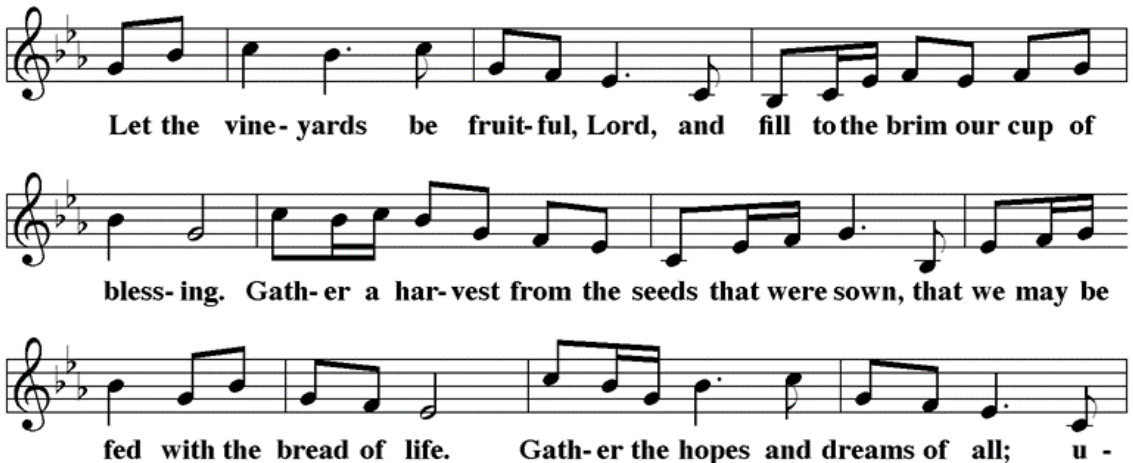
PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN



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 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

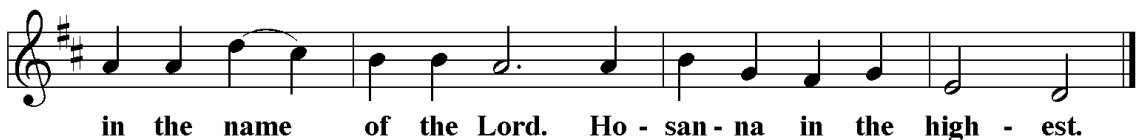
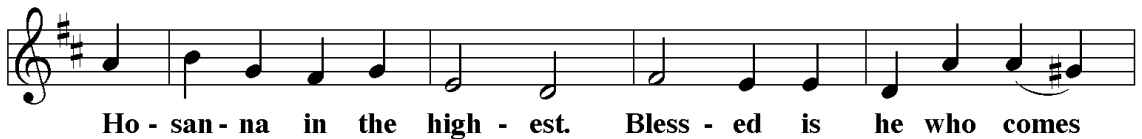
DIALOGUE

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



PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, ... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night ... 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

P: All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please place your hands on your own shoulders to let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***POST-COMMUNION**

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

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

• JUNE 2023 •

SUN. June 4	MON. June 5	TUES. June 6	WED. June 7	THURS. June 8	FRI. June 9	SAT. June 10
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem	 <u>SUN., June 4</u> <i>Birthday:</i> David Disbrow Ed Staley	<i>Birthday:</i> Mike Stoner <i>Anniversary:</i> Mike & Vanessa Shank	7:00 pm: Bible Study (Bethlehem) Chapter 9: Shaping Communities	<i>Birthday:</i> Laura Albright	<i>Birthday:</i> Madison Kuhn	
SUN. June 11	MON. June 12	TUES. June 13	WED. June 14	THURS. June 15	FRI. June 16	SAT. June 17
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem	1-3 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem Parking Lot)	<i>Birthday:</i> Lois Rinehart	7:00 pm: Bible Study (Bethlehem) Chapters 14 & 15: Practicing A Way of Life <i>Birthday:</i> David Rinehart	<i>Birthday:</i> Joe Saum <i>Anniversary:</i> John & Rhonda Slaybaugh		<i>Birthday:</i> Donna Taylor Ella Stoner
SUN. June 18	MON. June 19	TUES. June 20	WED. June 21	THURS. June 22	FRI. June 23	SAT. June 24
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem	<i>Anniversary:</i> Dave & Deb Copenhaver	7:00 pm: Council Meeting (Christ) <i>Birthday:</i> Valerie Trujillo			<i>Anniversary:</i> Harold & Kathy Stoner	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector

J Linda Heller
C Chris Cooley
B Pat Junkins

Greeters/Ushers

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Chris & Vicki Cuttitta

Altar Guild

Harold & Kathy Stoner
Deb & Dave Copenhaver
Kathy Singley



ALTAR FLOWERS:

St. James, Christ & Bethlehem
To the Glory of God



OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ...

Bible Study continues each **Wednesday at 7 p.m.** at Bethlehem with our study of *Practicing Our Faith*, edited by Dorothy C. Bass.

June 7: Chapter 9 – Shaping Communities

June 14: Chapters 14 & 15 – Practicing a Way of Life

CELEBRATION OF THE 45th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

◆ **THE REV. DANIEL V. BILES III** ◆

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, East Berlin

You are invited! RSVP by **JUNE 5:** 717-259-9125 or secretary@trinitylutheranb.org

Send Cards to: Pr. Dan Biles, c/o Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 1016, East Berlin, PA 17316

ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel (this info can also be found on our website – www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com).



Prayer List - Parish Members

Dixie Atha c
Tricia Baumgardner c
Kay Black j
Ruth Bretzman b
Tony Bretzman b
Mary Chronister b

Patsy Gochenauer j
Wahnettah Harvey c
Harold Hollabaugh b
James Hollabaugh b
Cora Kime b
Loren Mortorff b

Larry Peters b
Alan Showers j
Bill Slaybaugh j
Dan Turner c
Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Douglas Barbour
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Jeff Black
Bev Bretzman
Nathan Bretzman
Jane Carey
Jeanne Cuttitta
Helen Daniels
Bonnie DeHaven
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Luann Fix
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Jane Hollabaugh
Vickie Hollabaugh
Robert Irvin
Susanna Kidwell
Jeannette Kime
Harold Kint
Glenn Kuykendall
Ike Kuykendall

Jack Leib
Emily Maiolo
Bradley Metz
Diane Myers
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Ginny Rinehart
Jim Rodgers
Lynn Woerner
Anne Young

With Deepest Sympathy

*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have
died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father
(our saints who have gone before us).*

*Harold Baltzley, Jr.; Diane Baugher; Delmar Crum;
David Jacoby; and Stanley Lupp*