

THE PIPER

OCTOBER 5-12, 2025



## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC Disciples

Neil Kimerer, Cory Bird, Zachary Smith, Carol Brooks, Donna Weller, Jim Cowan,  
Alicia Musheno, John Owens, Carol Smith, Linda Leslie,.

#### TLC Friends

Ardee, Mike C., Tim,, Jerry, Barbara, Raye Hecker, Sally, and Patrick Moseley,

### Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kameryn Schoenauer	1
Callie Burn	3
Isabella Card	5
Lacey Sheaffer	5
Judy Leslie	6
Katrina Oselinsky	7
Pat Corbett	11
Claire Topper	12
Matthew Campbell	13
Don Breon	18
Kathy Brasier	20
Mildred Ritz	21
A Eva Stitzer	23
John Eakin	27
Scotti Gustafson	29



Allegheny Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

October 5, 2025  
**BLANKET SUNDAY  
AND  
LWR COLLECTION**



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

### TRINITY EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

#### **17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

11:00 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

1:30 PM PASTOR AT FOXDALE

6PM Cadet Girl Scouts #375 Mtg

6:00PM E@ Rehearsal

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY @FOXDALE

NOON FAMILY HOSPICE MEMORIAL  
(UPMC)

6:00PM TROOP #375 MEETING

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:30AM UPMC SUPPORT GROUP

5:00PM EXECUTIVE MEETING

5:00PM BROWNIE TROOP MTG

5:45PM ZUMBA

7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:00PM DINNER

6:40PM THE CHOSEN SSE4

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:45 PM ZUMBA

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

#### **18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

11:00 AM FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

4PM CADET GIRL SCOUTS #375 MTG

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

October 4/5, 2025

Dear Beloved of God,

On Wednesday night we watched season 5 episode 3 of The Chosen. In this episode, which is rooted in the “night in which [Jesus] was betrayed,” we hear Jesus offer this prophecy to the disciples:

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

“Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (Mt. 24:6-13)

I found myself, as I often do these days, thinking about our current cultural and political quagmire and concluding “the more things change the more they stay the same.” Jesus offers this forth-cast in light of the cultural and political quagmire of his own time. People vying for power, misrepresenting the truth, conspiring for personal gain, eliminating opponents, etc., etc., etc.

Yet, as I reflect on the story of Jesus, I find myself gaining comfort and hope (if not as deep a peace as I might desire) for all of us of both church and state. History, that is the story of the church, tells how Jesus’ words come to pass. Being a disciple of Jesus is not always easy or comfortable, or even safe! But, as Jesus also promises, “I will not leave you orphaned, I am coming to you.” (Jn 14:18)

Of course, Jesus does come to us most notably in the waters of Baptism, in the Holy Communion, and in the spoken word. When we gather for worship, meet for meals, gather in small groups like the quilting group or choir rehearsal. There I find hope.

I don’t know what the future holds for any of us, but I hope and pray that the Holy Comforter will continue to guide and guard us and our loved ones. By the power of that Spirit, may we endure to the end, whenever and however that end comes.

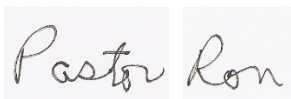
One additional promise from Isaiah, but echoed throughout both the Old and New Testaments:

“I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert. (43:19)

I am eager to see what the current “birth pangs” bring to fruition!

God bless and keep us all!

Love, joy and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Ron". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Ron



## CROP Hunger Walk State College

Sunday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm

St Andrew's Episcopal Church  
208 West Foster Avenue  
State College, PA 16801 USA

Register at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org)  
Trinity Walkers for Christ



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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### TO OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

If you are interested to help as an acolyte, with the offering and communion we would love to have you participate in these important roles during the church service. Contact our Council President,

**Brian Lewis, [greywolf1949@comcast.net](mailto:greywolf1949@comcast.net),**

**Pastor Ron, or the Church office,**

**814-238-2024, [tlcoffice2@comcast.net](mailto:tlcoffice2@comcast.net)**

*No gift is too small if serving God*

## The Chosen

**Wednesday October 8, Series 5, Episode 4.**

6:00PM Dinner

Baked Salmon, Baked Chicken, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes,  
Steamed Broccoli and Dessert

6:40 PM-The Chosen

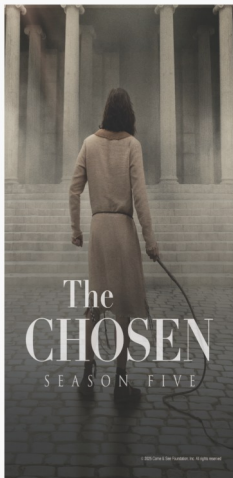
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**October 15 There will be no Dinner & Movie**

October 22, Stuffed Roast Port Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
Cooked Vegetables, Salad and Dessert

October 29, Chicken Noodle Casserole, Green Beans, Corn, Salad,  
Dessert

If you'd like please bring a dessert to share.



# FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



If you have a child that you think is ready to begin receiving

## **Holy Communion,**

plan now to attend this 3-session class.

We meet on **Sundays at 11 am** (right after worship) and a lunch will be served.

The classes will meet on

**October 5, 12 and 26.**

At least one parent is asked to attend.

The class will commune for the first time on

**Sunday 26 at the 10 AM service.**

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ron or the Church Office 814-238-2024, [tlcoffice2@comcast.net](mailto:tlcoffice2@comcast.net)

## ALL HALLOWS' EVE

Better known to most people as Halloween, the night people of all ages don costumes and go from house-to-house saying to whomever answers the door "trick or treat." Of course, treats are expected!

We here at Trinity also participate that night by handing out **hotdogs and other snacks out along North Oak Lane.**

We do this as a type of service evangelism and there are people who look forward to getting one of our hotdogs.



If you would like to support this effort, please consider donating candy, drinks (fruit juices, or sodas, or whatever), hotdog buns, cookies, or chips.

Please make sure they are all individually wrapped (unfortunately we cannot accept homemade items). For uniformity's sake, the hotdogs will be purchased.

Also, if you would like to help that night, please contact Pastor Ron to learn how you can help or for more information.





## Points to Ponder

The other day I was walking on the beach and ahead of me lay what appeared to be a collection of sparkling baubles, a blanket of shimmering diamonds. But

as I travelled towards these gems my mirage became a simple deposit of crushed shells reflecting the morning sunlight. They were fragile conches and clams which had outlived their usefulness, which had been tossed and broken down by the sea and its currents and by time and deposited here, if only temporarily. Soon the tide will wash them away and bring in another batch at another time. As I walked along feeling them crunch under my feet, I was joined by another early riser. Instead of just traveling through this cluster she was concentrating on building her private collection of gems from among this beach detritus. She didn't see remnants and broken particles; she saw treasures. She lingered and hovered over them, sorting through the deposit.

Don't we often feel like those shells? Having lost our purpose, having been beaten down by life? Having sinned and perhaps thus feeling unworthy? We often judge ourselves old or frail or useless or unseen. And we forget.....forget that our Lord doesn't see just the crushed shells. Like the woman beside me, He doesn't focus on the blemishes and imperfections. Because from His vantage point we ALWAYS look like shining diamonds reflecting His love....we are his children, his treasured ones. We are loved and He only sees us as precious creations. He is like my beach companion, seeing value and wonderment among the imperfections. And this earth is only our temporary home. Soon we will be called, swept away by an eternal God whose love is hard for us to wrap our minds around.

Scripture is continuously reminding us of this.

- 1 John 3:1 “–See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”
- Psalm 103:10–11 “–He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.”
- Lamentations 3:22–23 “–Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”
- Isaiah 54:10 “–Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken.”

His steadfast love is unshakeable. No matter how battered by life we become no matter how unworthy we feel. Christ loves us unconditionally. Why is it so hard to live every moment in that certainty?

Similarly..... For you baseball fans. I was today years old when I learned about the slight detour baseballs take from the manufacturer to the pitching mound in Major League Baseball. Did you know that major league baseballs are hand rubbed for thirty seconds by a member of each team's staff with a special mud from a secret location along the Delaware river in NJ? Pearly white, smooth baseballs are sullied with this muddy miracle concoction to help reduce the slipperiness and make it a tad more tacky to give pitchers more control. They are made dirty before ever reaching home.

We enter this world as perfect unblemished creatures and life takes over. We succeed and we fail, but we try. We love and we fail to love, but we try. We sin, beg forgiveness, and we repent. We live our lives and get dirty. If you're not getting dirty, folks, you're not living. And so when it's finally time to face our Lord at the end of our lives, we are pretty scuffed up. But God sees beyond all that. He sees into our souls, He sees our essence and if we have lived our lives with our eyes on the prize, if we have tried and fallen and have gotten back up intending to do better, all the scuffs, all the dents and bruises do not matter. He created us and knows who we truly are. God loves us. He may shake His head in bemusement at times. He may be saddened by our choices but He is always there loving us, no matter what. And He calls us home to be with Him when it is time.

Again scripture is clear on this.

- Romans 8:38–39

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Ephesians 2:4–5

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).”

- Psalm 86:15

“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.”

- Lamentations 3:22–23

“It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

He loves us with a steadfast love...he sees us as valuable as sparkling diamonds and he calls us home to Him, not as perfect human beings, but as part of His creation, after life has scuffed us up and left its mark on us.

May we go through this week aware of God’s unconditional love for us. May this blessed assurance bring us peace. May we strive to treat others and ourselves with the same love and compassion and understanding that God shows us, that Christ showed toward others. May we value each other and ourselves.

Contributed by, *Carol Smith*



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