

THE PIPER



JULY 4– JULY 12, 2026

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TLC Disciples

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Vincent, Violet, Lloyd, Laurel, Phyllis, Judy, Anne, Andy, PJ, Bob
& Jonathan

READINGS

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

PSALM 145:8-14

ROMANS 7:15-25A

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30



Please welcome the
following to the Pulpit

July 4 & 5 Kayla Smith

July 11 & 12 Roger Glad

July 18 & 19 Steve Katcher

July 25 & 26 Sandy Coyle



Worship servers for July

8:15 Service

July 5th No Communion

Lou Mayer– Deacon & Lector

July 12

Jenny Wenrich– Deacon & Lector

July 19

Esther Lauchle– Deacon, Kay Gasowski–
Lector

July 26 No Communion

Johnna Batcher– Deacon, Christy Bartley–
Lector

Worship servers for July

10AM Service

July 5 No Communion

Brian Lewis– Deacon, Carol Smith– Lector

July 12

Trisha Hunt– Communion Assistant, Anne
Whitney– Deacon, Ellen Campbell– Lector

July 19

Ellen Campbell– Communion Assistant,
Kayla Smith– Deacon, Jay Aubuchon– Lec-
tor

July 26 No Communion

John Fryer– Deacon, Debbie Fryer– Lector

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY JULY 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

10AM ZUMBA

5PM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

SUNDAY JULY 5

8:15AM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

10:00AM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

MONDAY JULY 6

6:00 PM TROOP 375 MONTHLY MTG

TUESDAY JULY 7

5:30 PM EXECUTIVE TEAM MTG

5:30PM WHEELMAN'S BIKE RIDE

5:45PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

THURSDAY JULY 9

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY JULY 10

5:00 PM CALL COMMITTEE MTG

SATURDAY JULY 11

10:00 AM ZUMBA

5:00PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

SUNDAY JULY 12

8:15 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

If you need something added to the Piper, please email me at tlcoffice2@comcast.net. Deadline is noon on Wednesday. Sue

Office hours Monday –Thursday 8AM-Noon

July 4 & 5, 2026

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved of God,

Someone (somewhere in the back of my mind) once observed that changes can be easy, the hard part is the resulting transition. We can make changes, but don't always consider what necessary adjustments that change can require. For example, buying a new pair of shoes is relatively easy, but breaking them (the transition part) can be difficult, even painful. (And why is it that once you get the shoes broken in and comfortable, it's time to buy a new pair?)

Trinity is going through a transition due to my retirement. Of course, I am too. The change was pretty easy for me to make, after all, it was my decision, but I realize the resulting transition initiated by that change will take weeks and months to work through such a transition.

Of course, we all make changes throughout our lifetimes, and we all have memories of transitions there were rather uneventful, to those that were challenging and difficult. These may bring about the best results and blessings, however. When I was in seventh grade, I was offered an opportunity to sing with the Columbus Boychoir, a professional choir in Princeton, NJ. I was excited to go and making the change was easy. I did not, however, anticipate the challenging transition this precipitated. I don't recall the details, but I guess I was very homesick. Still, the change had been made, and I did survive the transition, for which I will be forever grateful.

There have been other such changes and resulting transitions in my life, as there have been in yours. Leaving for college. Getting that first full-time job. Marriage. Having children. Facing the empty nest. Retiring. These are but a few. For me, accepting my first call to serve as pastor was an easy change, after all, I have worked hard to earn my Master of Divinity. That first call began a transition that has continued to this day.

Trinity too, has faced change and dealt with transitions. For the past 40 years we have made changes, some easy and commonsensical, others requiring much study and conversations. We have also dealt with some challenging transitions. Perhaps having to enter the call process and looking for the next pastor is the most challenging transition to date for the congregation.

St. Paul came to know a bit about changes and transitions. To the Romans the apostle writes, "And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." (Rom 5:2b-4) Transitions can often be associated with suffering, but that may only be the beginning of the journey through the process. God will abandon us in the process, however.

I recall the first time I flew on a jet. No idea when or where we were going, but I do recall that as we ascended, we went through the layer of clouds which was a bit spooky, and then suddenly the plane broke through the cloud cover, and we splashed in blue skies and were bathed in bright sunshine. It was an amazing experience. Like that, as we work through transition, especially difficult ones, we may come to find that as we break through the process we too might splash in clear skies and sunshine that could only be reached or realized by staying the course and being patient with the process.

As I shared this idea with a retired pastor friend, he reminded me that often, when you enter the clouds, the plane is buffet with turbulence, which is disconcerting and even scary, when first encountered. For those experienced with flying, however, we know that turbulence is often part of the transition of flying from one place to another. So too, with the transition congregations experience through the call process, there can be turbulence. At such times, it is important to understand that turbulence is to be expected and in time it will pass.

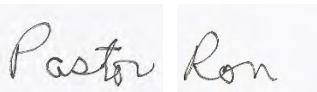
God has called me to retirement, a relatively simple change both for me and for Trinity. Now we find ourselves in the transition. As we have gone through transitions in the past, we will survive this one. Even if it is difficult (and maybe especially because it is difficult), if we stick with the process, trusting God to guide and protect and comfort, we will suddenly break through the clouds of doubt and fear and turbulence to find ourselves in an amazing place, led there by the one who leads us always, Christ the Lord.

Jesus understands our doubts and fears, and in the midst of turbulence finds ways to remind us of his presence. So, as you, the people who are Trinity Lutheran Church, work your way through this call process transition, continue to rely on those habits and practices that have provided and will provide guidance, comfort and direction: Worship and Holy Communion, Prayer, Bible Reading, Serving each other and the world, Giving your gifts and offerings to support the current and future ministry, and do not neglect gathering for fellowship. Yes, these are some of the key faith practices that have brought Trinity to this time and place. As you trust in God and continue to practice the faith we share in these and other ways, I firmly believe, you find a bright and exciting future, bath in the light of Christ and filled with the Love of God!

I will carry you always in my heart, pray for you constantly, and give thanks to God for the people of Trinity! Once again, thank you for your partnership in this ministry as well as the many transitions we worked through together with one another and with Jesus! May Jesus keep you now and always!

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:58)

Love, joy and peace,


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

Pastor Ron

Call Committee Updates: The Call Committee met with Pastor Tyler Graham, Assistant to the Bishop, on June 11. Committee members were introduced to the call process and provided guidance on first steps. Some initial areas of input from the congregation were identified and preliminary discussions were held on how to obtain that input. The next meeting of the Call Committee will be in July.

Upcoming monthly events

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:45 PM Zumba	2	4 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00 PM Worship 
5 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship	6 6PM Troop #375 Monthly Mtg 6:15 PM Troop #375 Mtg	7 5:30 PM Executive Team 5:30 PM Wheelman Bike Ride 5:45 PM Zumba		9 5:45 PM Zumba	10	11 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00 PM Worship w/Communion
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 2025 - JUNE 2028

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PREACHING COHORTS

Go Tell It IN The Mountains Initiative is fortunate to offer a variety of cohort options led by highly gifted and experienced coaches. Both Clergy and Lay Leaders are invited to explore a free opportunity to grow, connect, and strengthen your preaching through our upcoming cohorts!!

- **Coach Shawn Clerkin**- 1st Monday late afternoon/early evening- via Zoom
- **Coach Jim Vitale**- 4th Sunday @ 3PM- via Zoom
- **Coach David Pencek**- 2nd Monday @ 10AM- via Zoom
- **Coach Regina Holliday**- 2nd Thursday @ 7PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Grantville, MD
- **Coach Jean Kuebler**- 1st Tuesday @ 5:30PM- hybrid via Zoom and @ 5414 E. Lake Rd Erie, PA

Space is limited- Sign Up Now @ the link below or scan the QR Code

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA4AE29A5F8C34-64504438-preaching>



JOIN US FOR THE NITTANY
CONFERENCE

POTLUCK
PICNIC

Gather with Lutherans from the Nittany
Conference for fellowship and a meal!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

216 McAllister St.

Bellefonte, PA 16823



WHAT TO BRING

- **Picnic Blanket, Camp or Lawn Chair**
 - There are a few picnic tables available
- **A Dish to Share** - it is a potluck after all!
- **Drinks** - for your group/family/friends
- **Games & Activities** - yard games, corn hole, sports gear, crafts, cards, board games, etc.
- **Friends & Family** - The more, the merrier!

Bring your enthusiasm, and let's celebrate our communities together!

Save the date and come enjoy
an evening of fun, food,
and fellowship!



Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve

Sunday, August 16

Game begins at 6 pm

Watch for
registration details
coming soon!



STATE COLLEGE SPIKES

FUNDRAISER FOR GO REENTRY

INFORMATION:

Thank you SO much for your continued support of Go ReEntry.

On Saturday, July 12, the Spikes are having a fundraiser for Go ReEntry! We are very honored and want to extend this invitation out to you and your church.

For every ticket sold, Go ReEntry receives \$4. In order for us to receive the funds, anyone purchasing tickets MUST use the QR Code provided when purchasing tickets.

How can you help?!

- Please include attached promotional slide into your weekly announcements and on your social media platforms to help us promote this event.
- The Pastor's wife of the church with the most ticket sales get to throw first pitch!
- We also would like to have all children from the ticket sales from our supporters help us sing the National Anthem!
- Keep track of # of tickets your church purchases if possible and if any grade-school children are interested in helping sing! Please contact Mark Frailey with final counts of both.
- This would not be possible without you!

THANK YOU!



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**SATURDAY
JULY 12 @ 6:30PM**



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