THE PIPER

November 8-14, 2026







It's time to order your poinsettias for the Christmas season.
Forms are on the table in the Narthex.
Orders are due Nov 15, 2026.

Please Welcome the following to the Pulpit.

Nov 7 & 8: Roger Glad- Communion
Nov 14 &15: Kayla Smith
Nov **21 & 22**: Sandy Coyle
Nov 28/29 Kayla Smith

Flowers are sponsored by Christy Bartley in honor of her family.

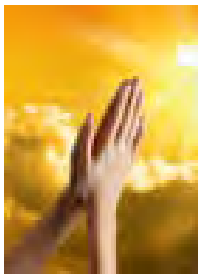


Prayer List

Neil Kimerer, Linda Leslie, Graham , Laurel, Michelle Sanders

TLC Friends

PJ, Bob, Jonathan, Bonnie, Carole, Terry, Riley, Sally, Magnus, Frank & Denise Graeff, the Gabriel Family, Titite, Patrick



Prayer requests may be placed in the collection plate or email tlcoffice2@comcast.net. There are prayer request cards on the table in the Narthex.

Trinity Weekly Events

8 8:15 AM Worship w/ communion 10:00 AM Worship w/ communion & Children's Church 1:00 PM Beagle Bingo 5:30 PM Essence 2	9 6:15 PM Troop #375	10 9:00 AM Quilting Grp. 5:45 PM Zumba	11 	12 5:45 PM Zumba	13	14 10:00 AM Zumba 10:30 AM Essence 2 5:00 PM Worship

Update From The Call Committee

Dear Members of Trinity,

We are making progress in the call process as the Ministry Site Profile has been approved by the Allegheny Synod. We met recently with the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Tyler Graham, head of the transition process. Trinity's opening is now live on the ELCA website, and we are ready to receive candidates for the position. The next steps will be confidential between potential candidate/s and the call committee. Eventually the church council will interview and recommend a candidate to the congregation. How much time this will take is unknown, but we plan to work as quickly as possible. We thank you for your patience. Please continue to keep our pastoral search in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Howard, Rich, Melissa, Carol, John, and Christy

Welcome, Pastor Ted Williams!

We are grateful to have Pastor Ted Williams serving as our Vacancy Pastor during this time of transition.



During our pastoral transition, the Office of the Bishop has appointed Pastor Ted Williams, from a neighboring sister congregation, to serve as Trinity Lutheran Church's Vacancy Pastor. He will be our primary contact for pastoral care, emergencies, and essential ministry needs as we prepare to call our next pastor.

Contact Pastor Ted: (814) 599-2980 | pastortedftlm@gmail.com

Holden Evening Prayer during Advent

We will be having Wednesday evening supper and service during Advent, starting Dec 2..
Supper will at 6, service will be at 7. Desserts are welcomed.
Service will be the Holden Evening Prayer.

Trinity





Thank you to everyone who contributed goodies and helped at the tent for a beautiful evening of trick or treating.







Trick



Treat

Allegheny Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Spiritual Development Ready For Sunday

https://www.gotellitinthemountains.org/contentpages.aspx?p=cf94a5f1-1516-4f2b-9175-cfffcc534a0f

A weekly reflection series from Go Tell It IN the Mountains

Ready for Sunday is a short reflection series created to help people prepare their hearts and minds before Sunday worship. Each video offers a brief, thoughtful look at the upcoming Gospel reading, giving viewers a chance to begin engaging the message early in the week. In just a few minutes, Ready for Sunday creates space.
to **listen**, **reflect**, and **respond** before the Word is preached. It is a simple rhythm: pause, hear the scripture, consider its meaning, and carry that reflection into worship.

One of the core goals of the Go Tell It IN the Mountains initiative is to encourage people to respond to compelling preaching by integrating the Gospel into daily life — shaping attitudes, actions, and ministries throughout the week.
Ready for Sunday is one small but meaningful way to help that happen.

November 2026 Scripture Readings

ALL SAINTS' DAY	Nov. 1	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12
	Nov. 8 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-fourth S. after Pentecost	Amos 5:18–24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13–18	Matt. 25:1–13
	Nov. 15 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-fifth S. after Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7–16	Psalm 90:1–12	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Matt. 25:14–30
	Nov. 22 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24	Psalm 95:1–7a	1 Cor. 15:20–28	Matt. 25:31–46
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1–10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6–20 *or* 1 Tim. 2:1–4	Luke 17:11–19
New Church Year Starts Here (2026–2027) — Series B						
ADVENT 2026	Nov. 29 ***2026***	First S. in Advent	Isaiah 64:1–9	Psalm 80:1–7	1 Cor. 1:3–9	Mark 11:1–10 *or* Mark 13:24–37

Winter 2027 Bible Study



"Together by Grace: Bible Conversations" is a new Bible study series offered by Augsburg Fortress. More information can be found on the series here: https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286578/Together-by-Grace#available-now

These series are designed to invite participants to gather together, dwell in the stories of the Bible, and engage with the text and one another through 8 sessions. With guided conversations and open-ended questions, everyone is invited to share thoughts, experiences, and similarities in these roundtable discussions that approach biblical stories honestly, wrestle with tough questions, and build community.

The series is designed so that participants can be welcomed at any point during the study, so there is no need to worry if you cannot attend all of the sessions.

If you are interested in joining this study, please reach out to Kayla Smith (kayjosmith22@gmail.com or 717-781-5885) or sign-up with your answers to the two questions below (or if you would like more information):

1. Rank your preferences **from 1 to 4** for which of the following Biblical books are of most interest to you: (with 1 being the one you are most interested in, and 4 being the least): **Psalms, Mark, John, Romans**
2. List all of the following days and times that work for you (each session should last approximately one hour):

- Any weekday morning at 7:00 or 7:30 am
- Monday evenings at 6:00, 6:30, or 7 pm
- Thursday evenings at 6:00, 6:30, or 7 pm
- Sundays at 11:15 am, 1:00 or 2:00 pm

- **Deadline is Monday, December 7th** so an order for the guides can be placed with enough time to receive and distribute them. The Participant's Guide costs $12.99. The group will begin meeting in mid-January. Please invite anyone who may be interested in participating!

MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP WITH THE TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE?

We will be holding a special Holiday Food Drive along with the Toy for Tots drive from November 1st until December 13th. Trinity has been a big supporter of both of these drives, and we hope we can count on each of you this year. What we hope you will do is donate a nonperishable food item for each Sunday from November 1st until December 13th. The collected food will be distributed to the various food pantries in Centre County. As you can imagine people are struggling to keep food on the table and are having trouble making ends meet and this is a way we can help them.

Some items that are needed are canned vegetables, soups, fruits, meats, pasta & sauce, rice, cereal, juices, tea, coffee, mac and cheese mixes, household cleaning supplies, paper products, health and beauty items etc. These are just a few ideals. Any food items will be greatly appreciated.

Trinity has helped in the past and we hope you will help us this year. Any questions please talk to Donna Weller (814-571-2280 or dw0220@aol.com) or Gene Weller (814-571-4332 or elweller@aol.com)

If we all work together, we can help families have a Merry Christmas. Thanks for your help.

Donna and Gene Weller



Service to the Church

Volunteers needed

At Trinity, we continue to need volunteers to serve important roles that support the smooth functioning and welcoming nature of our church.

- Communion Assistant– Helps distribute wine at communion (when needed)
- Communion Bread– Provide communion bread for both Sunday service and Saturday evening service
- Communion Care- help set up communion items before worship and wash/dry items after Saturday and Sunday services.
- Counter– count and classify offerings, prepare deposit slips, deposit funds, work in a team of two.
- Deacon– assist worship leader in leading service.
- Lector– read the scripture lessons for the service.
- Leading a worship service

Please pray about whether one of the areas of need could represent a call for you to serve.

Fill out the Worship Support Volunteer sheet , Located on the table in the Narthex. or you can call the church office at 814-238-2024 for more information.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8:15 Worship 10:00 AM Worship & Children's church	2 6:00PM Troop #375 Monthly mtg 6:15 PM Troop #375	3 **Election Day** 5:30 PM Executive Team 5:45 PM Zumba	4 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner	5 5:45 PM Zumba	6	7 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship w/ communion
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15 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship & Children's church 2:00PM Zumba Party 5:30 PM Cub Scout #375	16 6:15 PM Troop #375 7:00 PM Council Mtg	17 9:00 AM Piano Tuning 1:00 PM Bereavement Mtg. 5:45 PM Zumba	18	19 5:45 PM Zumba	20 4:00 PJM Essence 2 Concert	21 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00 PM Worship
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29 1st Sunday in Advent 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship & Children's Church 5:30 PM Essence 2	30 6:15 PM Troop #375	Dec 1 5:30 PM Executive team mtg. 5:45 PM Zumba	Dec 2 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer	Dec 3 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00 PM Essence 2	Dec 4 4:00 PM Essence 2 Concert	Dec 5 10:00AM Zumba 12:00 PM Raystown Woods rehearsal 5:00PM Worship

❄️ WEATHER CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS ❄️

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🏢 CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed whenever the State College Area School District closes due to inclement weather.



⛪ SUNDAY WORSHIP

For Sunday service cancellation announcements, check:

- Trinity's Facebook page
- Trinity's website
- WTAJ-TV
- Local radio stations



Before heading out, please check Trinity's Facebook page or website for the latest weather-related updates.

Stay safe and warm, Trinity family! May God watch over you and everyone serving our community during the storm. Let's keep one another in prayer until we can gather again. 💙

"The LORD will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore." — Psalm 121:8 (BSB)

Staff & Church Council

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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