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23rd Sunday after
Trinity Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

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The LORD Calls His People to Worship

Pastor: regular text / **Congregation: bold text**

Psalm 86

A Prayer of David.

Bow down Your ear, O YHWH, hear me;
For I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am holy;
You are my God;
Save Your servant who trusts in You!
Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.
Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Give ear, O YHWH, to my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.
In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord;
Nor are there any works like Your works.
All nations whom You have made
shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.
For You are great, and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O YHWH;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.
I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forevermore.
For great is Your mercy toward me,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the proud have risen against me,
And a mob of violent men have sought my life,
And have not set You before them.
But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me!
Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.
All: **Show me a sign for good,**
That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
Because You, YHWH, have helped me and comforted me.

Pastor: Ascend now to the heavenly city in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost!

Congregation: Amen!

Song of Ascent: **"Thy Hand, O God, Hast Guided"** *Treasury #1021*

Guilt: **The LORD** calls His people to **Confess** Sin Offering - Lev. 1

Reading of the Law of The LORD: The Decalogue

Pastor: Invite our God to search and know our hearts; …
(As you are able, please kneel.)

Corporate Confession (from Exodus 20).

Pastor: God spoke these words, and said:

All:

I am YHWH your God; you shall have no other gods but Me.

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth…

You shall not take the name of YHWH your God in vain; for YHWH will not hold him guiltless, that takes His name in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shall you labor, and do all you have to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of YHWH your God.

Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long in the land which YHWH your God gives you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, Your laws, upon our hearts.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Rise (***Please rise***) in the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all who repent and believe: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). Amen.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.

Congregation: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"** *Treasury #1035*

Grace: **The LORD Consecrates** His People Ascension Offering - Lev 2

Collect

Pastor: Let us pray the Collect for the 23rd Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

All: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Hearing of God's Word *(Please remain standing)*

First Lesson: **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Response Psalm: **Ps 86 "Hear My Prayer, O LORD"** *Treasury #265*

All: Amen!

Second Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Response Psalm: **Ps 68 "Let God Arise in All His Might"** *Treasury #211*

All: Amen!

The Gospel: **St. Matthew 25:1-13**

Reader: The gospel of Christ!

Congregation: Glory to You, Lord Christ!

Declaration of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Words are on the next to last page of the bulletin if needed.

Pastor: Christians what do you believe?
All: **"We believe in one God..."** (*last page of bulletin, before announcements*)

Gloria Patria *(Sing in unison lifting hands)* *Treasury #1075*

The Preaching of God's Word: Acts 8:1-13

Offering of tithes and gifts

Pastor: What do you bring to God who gives us all things to enjoy?

Congregation: We bring our tithes and offerings to God who clothes the flowers of the field and feeds the birds of the air. We freely give as we have abundantly received.

Doxology *(Please rise. Sing in unison lifting hands)* *Treasury* #1076

Intercession *(Please be seated.)*

Pastor: O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, … Lord, in Your mercy…
Congregation: **Hear our prayers.**

Church Militant & Persecuted… Congregation: **Hear our prayers.**

The World and Its Rulers… Congregation: **Hear our prayers.**

This … congregation, pastor and people… Congregation: **Hear our prayers.**

Pastor: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; we rejoice before You in the blessed communion of all Your saints, … till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise. Sing in unison lifting hands)* *Treasury #1107*

Gratitude: **The LORD Communes** with His People Peace Offering - Lev 3

Sursum Corda - *(Lift Up Our Hearts)*

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
Congregation:	**And also with you.**
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts!
Congregation:	**We lift them up unto the Lord!**
Pastor:	Let us give thanks unto our God!
Congregation:	**It is good and right so to do!**
Pastor:	It is very good, right, and our joyful and inherent duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing…

Franklin Sanctus *Treasury #1102*

(*Please be seated.*)

Consecration of Bread and Wine

Pastor: Our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, instituted the Holy Communion of His Body and Blood that it might be

the **abiding memorial** of His atoning death;
the **seal of His perpetual presence** in the Church through the Holy Ghost;
the **mystical representation** of the sacrifice of Himself on the cross;
the **pledge** of His undying love for His people;
& the **bond of His living union** and fellowship with them to the end of time.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the **innermost sanctuary** of the whole Christian worship. We enter here into **living communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,** and do show forth **our fellowship with one another as members of His Church.** Gathering about His table we profess our desire to be numbered among His people and to walk in His ways.

Prayer of Consecration

… Let us now ask for Christ's peace by singing the Agnus Dei.

The Agnus Dei *Treasury #1113*

Passing of Christ's Peace

(A reminder that this is the time to make sure we are at peace with one another. The fellowship meal afterwards is for catching up with one another. As the music begins, please return to your seat.)

Eucharist Hymns

(Sing while others partake) *All baptized Christians are welcome to the Table.*

Psalm 134 *Treasury #429*
3-part Canon = Men, then Ladies, then children
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *Treasury #679*
"How Firm A Foundation" *Treasury #645*
"Jesus Shall Reign" *Treasury #221*

The LORD Commissions His People to Teach the Nations *(Please stand.)*

The Charge:

How should we continue to build Christ's kingdom this week?

The Benediction: Acts of the Apostles 20: 32

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Commissioning Hymn "Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom" *Treasury #847*

The Nicene Creed

All:

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
begotten, not made;
Being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made;
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made Man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Trinity Covenant Church* Announcements:** Week of November 8th

Preparing for Weekly Worship:
Available on the church website the Thursday before: https://www.trinitycovenant.church

Mark Your Calendars

Fellowship Meals: Let Michelle Cockerham know if you would like to host on any of the following Dates: **November 15** or **December 6th.**

November 8th: Fellowship Meal - hosted by Johnsons; 2145 Old Lancaster Pike, Reinholds. PA

2nd Wednesday of the Month: Consistory Meetings - Open to heads of households.
November 11th - RSVP to Pastor Cockerham (443) 226-6468
Rawlinsville Brick House
3 Drytown Road, Holtwood, PA 17532

November 13-14: **Biblical Worldview Conference: Technology, AI, and the Bible**
BiblicalWorldviewEvent.com

Sunday following Consistory: Head of Household meeting after church- **November 15th**

November 27, 28, or 29: Advent wreath making survey for best date - check your email.

November 29: Advent begins. Switching to a new prayer of confession and to the Apostles' Creed

Mailing List:
If you would like to be kept up to date on the development of **Trinity Covenant Church**, please email Pastor Cockerham at gene.cockerham86@gmail.com

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*We stand firm on the historic Christian faith, confessing the **Ancient Creeds**, the **Augsburg Confession** & the **Heidelberg Catechism**, and affirming the **Thirty-Nine Articles** & the **Marburg Articles**. We invite you to stand with us.*
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