

Welcome to Trinity's latest updates on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Greetings Trinity,

A huge thank you to those who were with us in person or online this past weekend. As we celebrated All Saints, it was a hard, yet holy time to be together. We were, as we have been and continue to be, the body of Christ in this place.

This coming weekend is Stewardship Weekend. We will lift up our time, talents and treasures and celebrate God's abundance in our lives. At all services, you are welcome to wear your favorite team's jersey in worship as we look forward to the tailgate Event on Sunday, November 14 at noon outside – with hot dogs, donuts, games and fellowship.

As all of our worship services are back in the sanctuary, here are a few reminders about what you'll see and experience at worship.

Masks are required in the building, based on the CDC's Community Transmission level in Berks County still being graded as "high." We are still a community that is a mix of young and old, at risk and not yet able to be vaccinated. We will promote masks as a visible sign of our love and care for neighbor.

Some pews are still marked off to allow social distancing, as an additional level of safety for all who are in our building. Please do not remove the tape, these pews are marked off for your safety and comfort as well as the safety and comfort of those around you. This helps keep our space safe for all who enter.

Thank you for following these guidelines and helping Trinity to be a safe space for all who wish to worship inside. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to make changes.

In addition to happenings at Trinity, we hold in our hearts and prayers soon to be Pastor Scott Brubaker as his ordination is Sunday, November 14. As we have shared, attendance is restricted due to COVID and by invitation only. The ordination will be livestreamed which can be accessed through YouTube or Facebook. The links will be posted in the comments below, and will be in the written version of these updates on our website. You can use either link at 4pm on November 14 to join Pastor Scott for his ordination.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdLancaster>

<https://www.facebook.com/LowerSusquehannaSynodElca/>

You may drop off cards at church for him up until Sunday.

Today is Veterans Day....

As we have a moment together today, I wish to remember and give thanks to all the women and men who have served and defended our country. Trinity has many members who have served and we know that impacts who we are as a community of faith because of how that call to service impacts not only those in the service, but their families as well. It is a gift they give that impacts their lives, the lives of their families, their community, our nation and our world.

To all those who have served, thank you.

Let us pray, Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Here us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.