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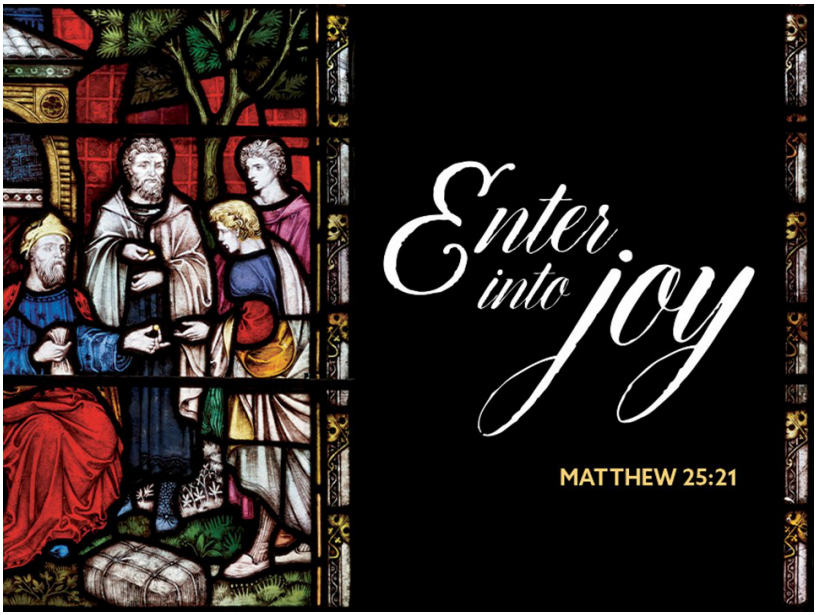
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Trinity Lutheran Church of Robesonia, PA

Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving



25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

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Prelude—Trinity Ringers:
Come, Ring Thanks! . . . . . arr. John A. Behnke
Announcements
* **Confession & Forgiveness**
* **Hymn** *Christ, Be Our Light* . . . . . **#715**
* **Greeting**
* [8:00] **Kyrie** . . . . . pp. 138–139
* [8:00] **Hymn of Praise** *Glory to God* . . . . . pp. 139–140
* **Salutation, Prayer of the Day**
[10:45] **Musical Offering—Chimes:** *Give Thanks*
First Lesson . . . . . Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18
Second Lesson . . . . . I Thessalonians 5:1–11
* **Gospel Verse** *Alleluia* . . . . . p. 142
* **Holy Gospel** . . . . . Matthew 25:14–30
[10:45] **Children's Sermon**
Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* . . . . . **#678**
Sermon
* **Apostles' Creed** . . . . . on screens
* **The Prayers**
* **Sharing the Peace**
The Offering
Musical Offering—Trinity Ringers:
[8:00] *Simple Gifts* . . . . . Traditional
[10:45] *Give Thanks* . . arr. Joel Raney; Katie Mazurek, Flute
* **Offertory**
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vv. 1–2) . . . . **#674**
* **Offertory Prayer**
* **Holy Communion** . . . . . pp. 144–145
* **The Great Thanksgiving; Holy, Holy, Holy**
* **Words of Institution**
* **The Lord's Prayer**
* **Lamb of God** . . . . . p. 146
* **The Blessing**
* **Post Communion Canticle**
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 3) . . . . . **#674**
* **Post Communion Prayer**
* **The Benediction**
* **Hymn** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* . . . . . **#632**
* **Dismissal**
Leader: Go out in joy, be led forth in peace!
Cong.: **Thanks be to God, we will!**
Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

If You Are New to Trinity…

Welcome, Guests! We're glad to have you with us today.

As you enter the Sanctuary, you'll find the weekly bulletin at each of the entrances. If you prefer not to take your bulletin home, please feel free to use the recycling container as you leave.

The Bread Loaf, supporting ELCA World Hunger, is located at the main entrance doors to the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us and for showing kindness and consideration to all who surround you in this space. ▲

Communion Distribution Instructions…



- All are welcome at the Lord's Table.
- Guided by the ushers, come to the railing and stand or kneel as you are able.
- You will receive the bread in your hand (gluten-free bread is available on request); choose either wine (outer rings) or white grape juice (inner rings) from the tray.
- If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms.
- If you need assistance or communion in place, please inform one of the ushers. ▲

Stewardship Sunday: As we worship today may we prayerfully discern the places God is challenging us to invest our time, talent and treasure into the ministry of Trinity and into the realm of God.

Welcome to worship. ▲

Thank You for Your Gifts

Use this QR code with your smartphone to set up or give via a Push-pay account. You can choose an amount, direct your gift to Trinity's General Fund, and even opt to cover any transaction fees.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the many ongoing ministries of Trinity! ▲

Sharing the Peace

To care for everyone's health, especially those who are immunocompromised, we ask that all greetings remain touch-free. Instead, consider these meaningful alternatives:

- **A Warm Smile**
- **A Gentle Bow or Nod**
- **A Hand Over Your Heart**
- **The Peace Sign**
- **A Friendly Wave**

Though the methods may have changed, the love behind them remains the same.

Peace be with you! ▲

This Week at Trinity

Church Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday 8:00am to 1:00pm, Friday Closed



Sunday 11/15—Stewardship Sunday

8:00 & 10:45am . . . . . Worship
9:00–10:30am . . . . . Coffee Hour—Warm, fresh sticky buns!
9:15–10:05am . . . . . Sunday School
10:05am . . . . . Grace Notes
10:25am . . . . . Youth Choir

Monday 11/16

9:00am . . . . . Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall
6:30pm . . . . . PPC

Tuesday 11/17

Wednesday 11/18

10:15am . . . . . ABO Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater
7:00pm . . . . . Evening Prayer
7:30pm . . . . . Adult Choir

Thursday 11/19

10:00am–12:00noon . FOOD PANTRY
6:00pm . . . . . Cherub Choir
6:30pm . . . . . Trinity Ringers

Friday 11/20

Saturday 11/21

Sunday 11/22

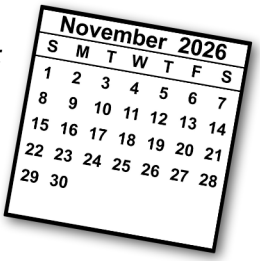
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Wiggle Room (at the front right side of the Sanctuary)—A place for little ones who may need to move around without disrupting worship. Note that a **restroom** is inside, including a changing table. ▲

Livestreaming Notice: *Our 7:00pm Wednesday Prayer and 8:00am Sunday Worship services are livestreamed on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website. By attending, you consent to the possibility of appearing on camera.* ▲

Planning Ahead…



Make sure these dates are on your calendar:

TODAY, November 15th—Stewardship Sunday and Sticky Buns

Monday, November 16th, 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall (continues weekly)

Wednesday, November 18th—ABO Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater for their Christmas Show; **bus leaves at 10:15am**

Thursday, November 19th, 10:00am—CW Food Pantry

Sunday, November 22nd, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Tuesday, November 24th, 8:30am—Newsletter Assembly

Wednesday, November 25th, 7:00pm—Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Francis de Sales Church, Robesonia

Thursday, November 26th—Happy Thanksgiving! Office is closed

Saturday, November 28th—Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas



Wednesday, December 2nd, 5:30pm—The Well dinner and Gingerbread Houses

Sunday, December 6th, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Tuesday, December 8th, 2:30pm—"An ABO Christmas"—Conrad Weiser High School Concert at Trinity

Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00pm—Trinity Photo Club

Saturday, December 12th, 8:00–10:30am—Breakfast with Saint Nick. a fundraiser for our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota in June 2027

Thursday, December 17th—Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, December 20th, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Thursday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Services at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 9:30pm

Saturday, January 23rd, 2027—Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K ▲

2027 Sponsorship Sign-Ups: Sign-up sheets are now on the table in the upper Narthex. You can sponsor the Altar Flowers ($40/vase), Memorial Bowl ($40), Bulletin ($25), Communion Supplies ($12), Newsletter ($20), Missionary ($10/day), Home Devotionals ($20), or Online Streaming ($50) for any week throughout the year. Sign up today!

Creative Ways of Engaging and Listening to Scripture

Want to reflect on scripture more deeply, beyond sermons and devotional reading? As part of a yearlong Pittsburgh Seminary program on preaching in today's culture, Pastor Matt is leading an addult Sunday School class that explores scripture through art, the newspaper, poetry and contemplative prayer.



We'll reflect on upcoming lectionary texts and what they mean for our lives of faith. Join us at 9:15am in Classroom B on November 15th and 22nd, and December 6th. Each session is different, so come to one or all! ▲

Well, Well, Well…

During Advent we'll have dinners on **December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd at 5:30pm**, each followed by a seasonal activity. On December 2nd we'll decorate the gingerbread houses you've already ordered. On December 16th we'll be packing cookies for the Food Pantry—see article next page. Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. ▲



ABO- Anything But Old!

Trinity's 55+ Ministry
No Dues—No Don'ts

Anything But Old is Trinity's fellowship group for older members of our congregation—but everyone's welcome!

- **Wednesday, November 18th**—Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater for their Christmas Show. The bus leaves Trinity's parking lot at **10:15am**.



- **December 8th, 2:30pm**—An ABO Christmas: Please join us for a celebration of Christmas with the Choraliers and Brass Ensemble from Conrad Weiser High School. The concert is free, and we will collect a free-will offering to support the music program at Conrad Weiser. No sign-up necessary for the Christmas concert.
- **January 11th**—PA Dutch Humor with Paul Miller
- **February 8th**—Valentine Trivia with Pastor Eileen
- **March 8th**—Estate Planning and Elder Law

Questions? Ask Pastor Eileen or Jo Ressler. ▲

From the Fellowship BOARD

Thank you to all who gathered to enjoy sticky buns we're enjoying today, and special thanks to those who helped prepare "the stickies," and to members of the Fellowship Board for hosting this sweet and enjoyable Trinity tradition!

On **Thursday, December 17th**, the Fellowship Board will be hosting the 3rd annual **Food Pantry Volunteer Luncheon**. Please consider providing a soup or sweet treat to thank these faithful volunteers! Check out the sign-up sheet on our kiosk in the upper Narthex if you can help. Thank you! ▲



Cookie Bakers!

Once again we are gifting food pantry recipients with homemade cookies. Our initial goal is 180 dozen cookies. Can you bake a dozen or more? Sign up on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. Cookies need to be dropped off at Trinity by Wednesday, December 16th. ▲

From Our Homes to His House



Showcase Your Nativity

This Advent, we want to celebrate the wonder of Christmas through the eyes of our church family—especially our littlest worshipers!

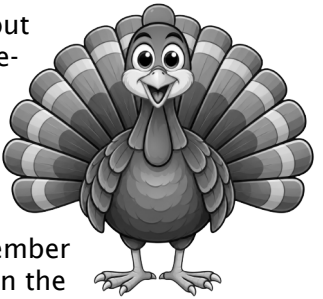
We are inviting families to share a nativity set from your home to be part of a special display in the church throughout the Christmas season.

Setting up a manger scene is such a cherished tradition for many families, and we would love to bring those traditions together. We will use window space in the sanctuary for more delicate sets. If there is a special story that you feel moved to share, we would love those as well.

If your family would like to contribute a nativity set for the display, please bring it to the church by November 22nd (be sure to label it with your family's name so we can return it safely after the holidays).

Please see Neal or Tara Lutz with any questions. Stories can be emailed to neallutz@hotmail.com or tara.c.lutz@gmail.com. ▲

Hats and Mittens for CW School District Students



As winter approaches and you pull out your own hats and mittens, please remember our neighbors who may need help providing their children with warm hats and mittens. Trinity will be collecting hats and mittens for CW Elementary and Middle School children through today, November 15th. Please add them to the turkey in the upper Narthex. ▲



Breakfast with Saint Nick

Support our Youth and Breakfast with Saint Nick! Please check out the kiosk in the lower Narthex for ways that you can support Breakfast with Saint Nick. Grab a sticky note to sponsor a part of the breakfast. Your contribution and the freewill offering collected at the door on **Saturday, December 12th**, will support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in June 2027. We are grateful for your support as we bring this event back for the community! Thank you! ▲



Christmas Poinsettias—Orders are due by Sunday, December 13th

Christmas is just around the corner, and it's time to order poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. Use the form below and include your dedication information if you wish. Please include payment with your form; cost is $12/plant. Place your order form with payment in the offering plate or deposit them in the Drop Box by the church office. ▲

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Orders are due by **December 13th, 2026**. Cost: **$12.00 ea.**

Plants may be picked up following the 9:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve or Thursday, December 26 between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Place your order in the offering plate or in the Drop Box by the door of the church office.

I would like to order _____ plants. Enclosed please find $_____ ($12/plant).

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

☐ To the Glory of God.

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Give a Gift this Christmas

Help refugees and survivors of war and disaster with a Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit (about $10 each). You can dedicate a kit to a loved one, and we'll give you a card to tell them about it. You can also donate toward supplies, and Thrivent Action Grant cards are accepted. Please give by November 29th, then join us at the Well on **December 9th at 5:30pm** for dinner and to put the kits together. ▲