



# Holy Trinity

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### N A R B E R T H

*Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All*

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
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*You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.*

## **+ GATHERING +**

### **Prelude:**

Amazing Grace

John Newton (1773)  
arr. Rhett Barnwell

### **Welcome**

### **Confession & Forgiveness:**

L: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Merciful God,  
C: **you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

L: You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ☩ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
C: **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## Greeting:

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## Canticle of Praise

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together in groups of four or six. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



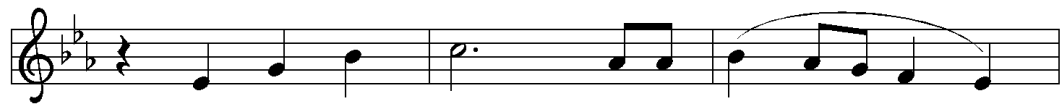
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12**

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93** (to be read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty;

The LORD is robed; he is girded with strength.

The LORD established the world; it shall never be moved;

<sup>2</sup> **your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O LORD

the floods have lifted up their voice; they lift up their roaring.

<sup>4</sup> **More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!**

<sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house.

**O LORD, forevermore.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

L: A reading from the book of Revelation, the 21st chapter.

<sup>(21:10)</sup> And in the spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>(22:1)</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel Reading: John 5:1-9

**L:** The Gospel this day according to St. John, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup>The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** The Rev. Emily Sutphin

## Hymn of the Day: Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## **Apostles' Creed:**

**L:** Let us make public profession of our faith together, reflecting on the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers:**

**L:** In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

L: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. Reassure them of your care in all times and in all places. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

#### **The Peace of Christ:**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

## Offering Hymn: Lord of Light (ELW 688)



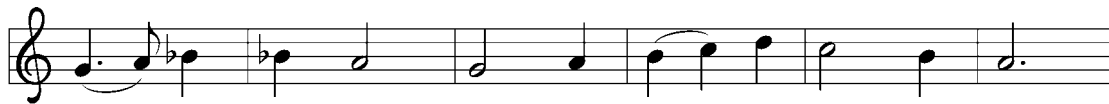
1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

### *Refrain*

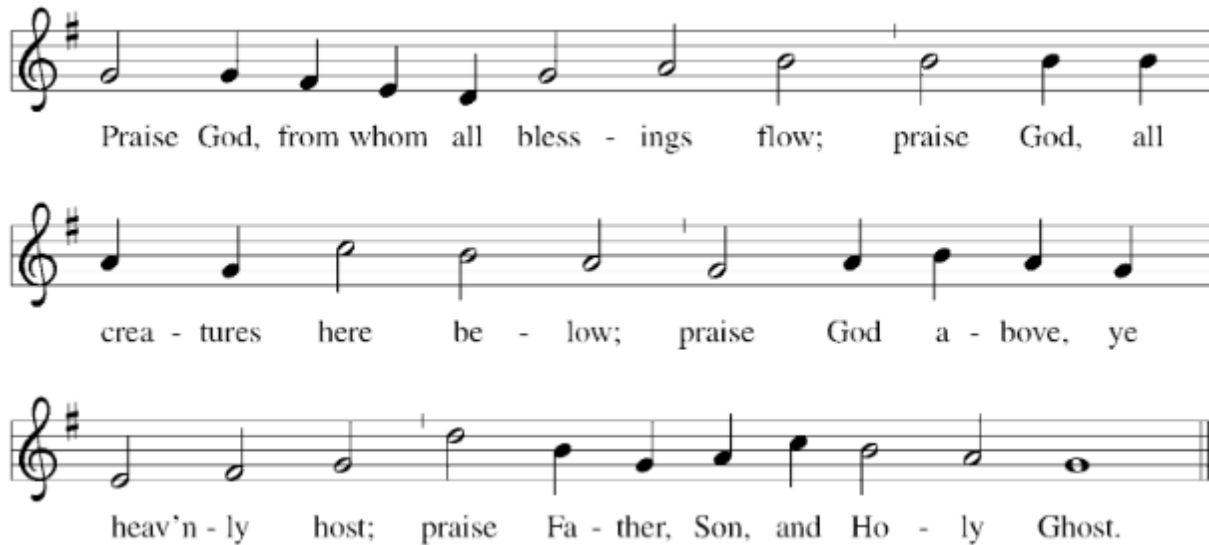


Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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### Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



### Offertory Prayer:

- L: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

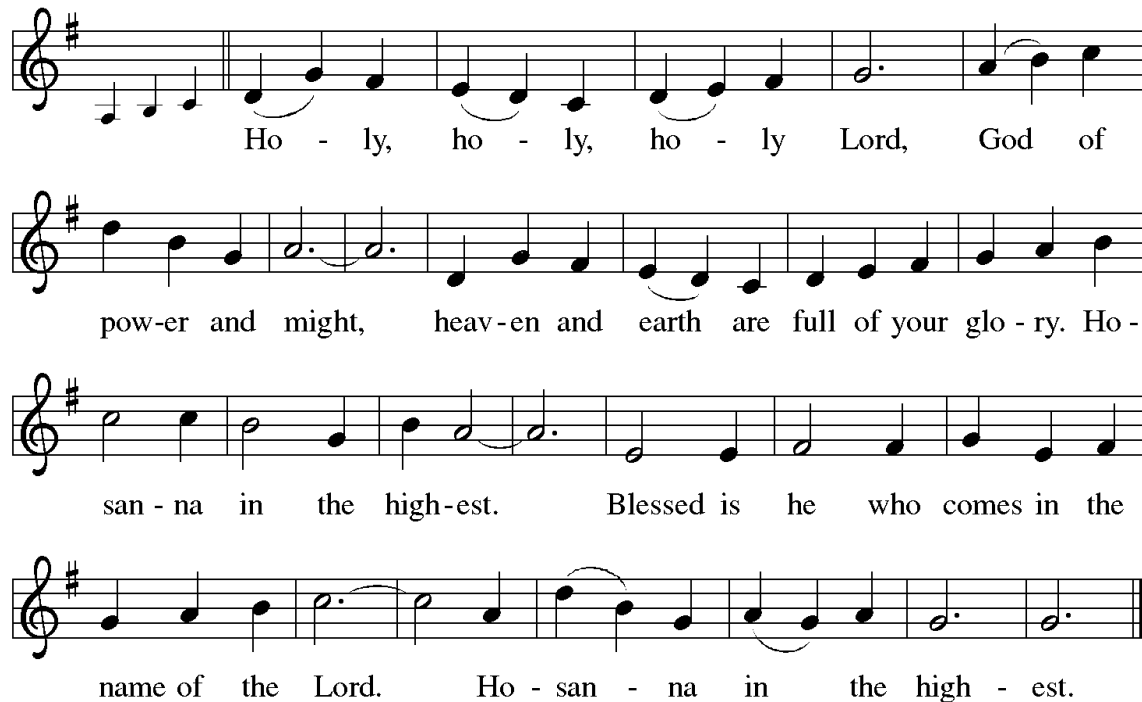
**+MEAL+**

### The Great Thanksgiving:

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Proper Preface:

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



L: In the night in which he was betrayed, when he gave himself up for the life of the world, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer:**

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion:**

L: The Spirit dwells with us. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

C: **Amen.**

### **Communion Music:**

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp (1873)

arr. Karl Wienand



### **Post-Communion Prayer:**

- L:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to your Spirit, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C:** **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**+ SENDING +**

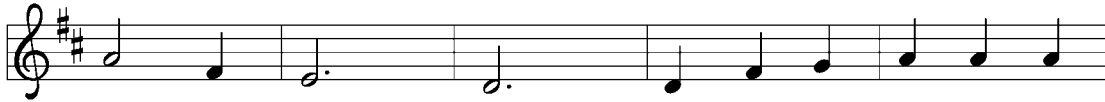
### **Benediction:**

- L:** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.
- C:** **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Dismissal:

L: Go in peace, in the name of our Holy Trinity. Grow in faith, make a difference, be open to all!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:**

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

H. Percy Smith (1874)  
arr. Karl Wienand

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**Happy Birthday to:** Gloria Eichner (8/17) and Mary Williamson (8/17).

**Announcements****Giving Garden**

We will continue meeting at 7:45am Wednesday mornings. It's a lovely and calming way to start your day. Hope to see you there!

**Schedule of Worship Leaders:**

August 24--Kendyll Ward from Trinity Lutheran Church in Havertown preaching

August 31 (Labor Day weekend)--You are encouraged to attend in-person or on Facebook

Live with the folks of Grace Lutheran in Mantua <https://facebook.com/dedra.johnson>

September 7--Pastor Emily preaching, Pamela Poe on organ/piano

September 14, 21 & 28--Pastor Emily preaching

**Invitation for Worship Assistants**

We invite members of our congregation to contribute as worship assistants by serving as lectors during our upcoming Sunday services. No prior experience is necessary—just a willing heart and a desire to participate. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to the church office.

**Staying informed**

If you have an upcoming event or announcement and wish to include an article in our weekly newsletter, please reach out to the church office.

### **Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event**

Once again this fall, Holy Trinity is sponsoring our annual Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event at our sister church, Grace Lutheran. The date is **October 4th from 9:30am till approximately 1:30pm**. We will be packaging 20,000 meals to be used as emergency meals for those in need at the Grace Lutheran Food Bank.

This event is named to honor the memory of our own beloved Barb Grimaldi. It was her concept to create this event to bring much needed relief to our sister church's food bank and people.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at [holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com) or 610-664-5503. Please indicate if you will need a ride or are able to supply transportation when you sign up. We will meet at church at 9am on October 4th and travel to Grace Lutheran at 36th and Haverford, Phila. Directions will be provided. Lunch will be served to all volunteers and we should be finished no later than 2pm. No experience is needed to volunteer!

We need your financial support to make this happen. As costs continue to rise for this event, please consider donating online at [holytrinitynarberth.org](https://holytrinitynarberth.org). Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with "Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event" noted in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the church office at 196 Woodbine Ave. Narberth, PA 19072 or simply placed in the offering plate at worship.

Thank you for your help. It is God's Work, Our Hands that will make this happen!

### **Please do Love, Like, & Comment on FB Posts**

If you see a post on Holy Trinity's FB page, please do "love," "like," or comment on it! Even if you don't use Facebook often, please do keep an eye out and engage with it, since that's the main way we become more visible via the algorithms. Thanks, everyone!

### **Prayer Candle in the Eichner Chapel**

If you would like to memorialize the prayer candle, please contact the church office at 610-664-5503 or [holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitynarberth@gmail.com). Please include *the week you would like, your name, and how you would like the wording to appear in the weekly bulletin*. The cost for the candle is \$10. Checks (please note in the memo line "prayer candle") or cash can be dropped to the church office or sent via snail mail.

## **Holy Trinity's Prayer List**

Chris Ertelt

### **Friends and Relatives**

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)  
Fran Gebhart  
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)  
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)  
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)  
The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)  
Linda Baldi-Boyd  
Marbury Hooey  
John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)  
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)  
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)  
Joseph Davis  
Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)  
Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)  
Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)  
Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)  
Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)  
Mary Ann Dixon (friend of the Hoffmans)  
Darby Rinkel (great-niece of the Steigers)  
David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)  
Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)  
Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)  
Grace Vanartsdalen (friend of Bruce and Dorothy McCluskey)  
Ken Molchanow (brother of Stan Molchanow)  
Ellen Mitchell (sister of Mary Williamson)  
Bob Fuhrmeister (grandson of Bob Catherman)  
Anthony Fuhrmeister (great-grandson of Bob Catherman)  
Steve Crews (Kim's father)  
Kathy D (friend of Pat Brubaker)  
The Lim family (friends of the Princes)  
Cheryl Kurpiel and Family ( friends of the Frye family)  
Jerry Vidlak (Diana Vidlak's brother)  
Cestare family (Extended family of Kim)  
Bob Gamble (friend of Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey's)

Joe Prince & Greg Savoy (loved ones of the Princes)  
Deborah deHeyman and family (friends of Holy Trinity)