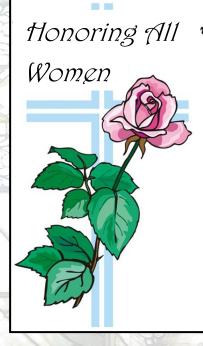
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY 212 S. HIGH STREET WEST CHESTER, PA 19382



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025



To all who are strong and seek a mission To all who are weary and seek rest To all who are lonely and seek companionship To all who mourn and seek comfort To all who are young and seek a path To all who are broken and seek a Savior To whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors In the name of Christ and says All Are Welcome!

8:00 A.M AND 10:30 A.M.—RITE II

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

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★The Word of God**★**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. **GLORIA**



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:	God be with you.
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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Trinity is to be a visible and vibrant body of Christ open and welcoming to all. We are committed by our faith in God to nurture each other on our lifelong journey of discernment, and to be dedicated to healing, witness and service so that all may discover a deeper relationship with God through Christ Jesus. Amen.

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts: 9:36-43

In this reading from the story of the early church Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple name Tabitha. Tabitha was known for her many good works and her restoration to life led to numerous new converts. Peter then stays for a time in Joppa with Simon, a tanner whose occupation would have rendered him a near outcast.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader:Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.**People:Thanks be to God.**

FROM THE PSALTER

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

Let us read the Psalm in unison.

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

This lesson presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the lamb (which is a figure of Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God

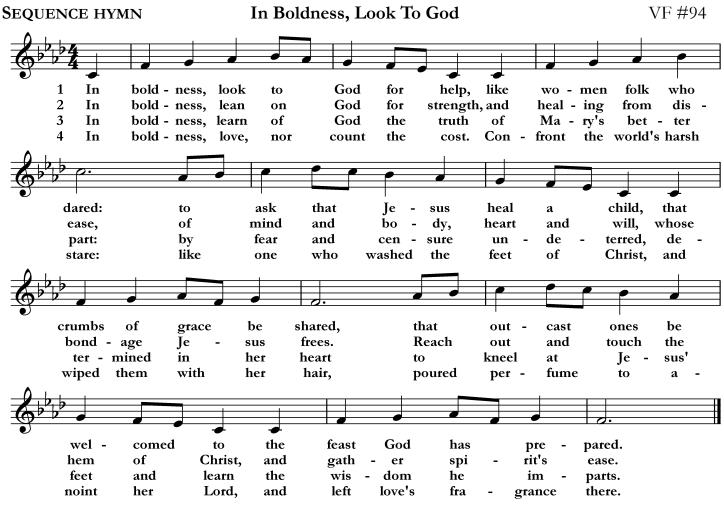
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Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23

who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.People: Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

In our gospel Jesus speaks to those who are unable to come to belief in him and then tells of his sheep who belong to him forever. Some of the Jewish people gather around Jesus in one of the areas alongside the main temple. They ask if he is the Christ, but Jesus sees that they don not believe. Yet the sheep that the Father has given can never be taken from the Father's protection, and Jesus is one with the Father. Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to JohnPeople:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Paul S. Hunt

THE NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord. I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself. I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each of the prayers, you may offer your own petitions and intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant:	Almighty God, we pray for your holy catholic Church, that every member may truly and humbly serve you;
People:	That we may become one Body and one Spirit in your name.
Celebrant: People:	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in this nation and the world; May justice, peace and mercy be the cornerstones of our collective lives
Reader:	On this day, set aside to honor all women, we remember the pillars of our common history from scripture. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	Sarah, who laughed at conception, and gave birth to Isaac; becoming the mother of all Israel. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	Esther, who risked her life to save her people from genocide. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	Ruth, who left her home and everyone she knew out of devotion to her mother-in-law. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	Mary, who with a strong sense of love and justice nurtured and raised the one we call Savior. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	We also remember, Anna, the prophetess; the woman at the well; and the women at the tomb, who were first to rejoice in the Risen Lord. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	All are invited to recall the women who, through your earthly journey, have nurtured your life and faith. <i>Silence</i>
Reader:	We remember all those who are ill; Silence
Reader:	Pray for those who have died; Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **People:** And also with you.

We greet each other in Christ's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

★THE HOLY COMMUNION★

OFFERTORY MUSIC

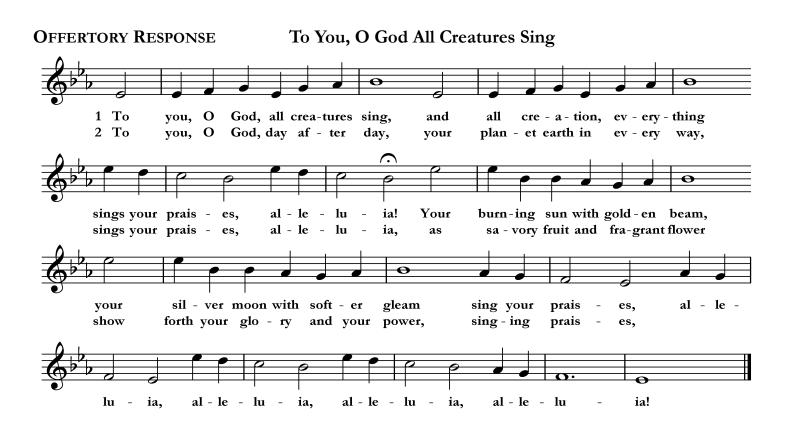
Easter Chorale The Chancel Choir Samuel Barber

'The morning light renews the sky. Across the air the birds ignite Like sparks to take this blaze of day Through all the precincts of the night.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The fires of dawn refresh our eyes. We watch the world grow wide and bright And praise our newly risen Light. The winter land receives the year. Her smallest creatures rouse and cling To swelling roots and buds that stir The restless air to reel and ring!

Alleluia! Alleluia! The sounds of waking fill our ears. We listen to the live earth sing And praise our loving Source and Spring.

Pack Browning



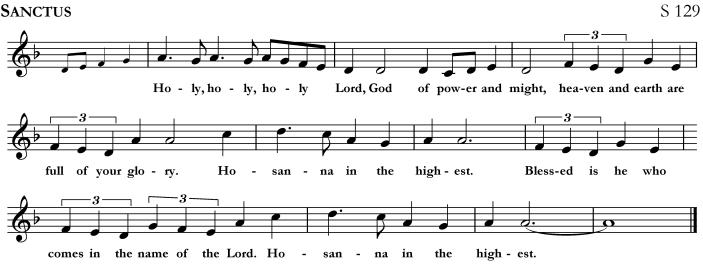
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The proper preface is read here.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

> On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

> After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

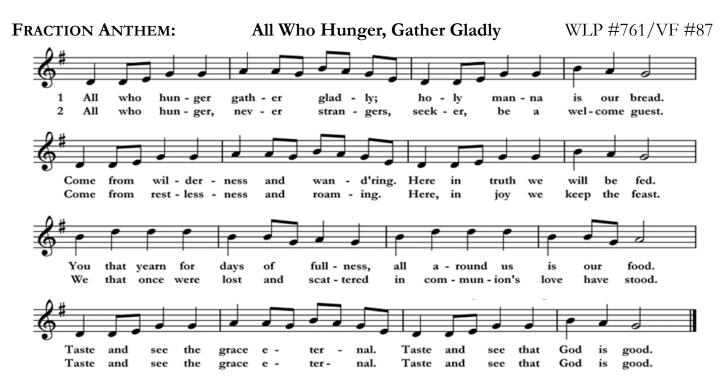
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia



THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (Non-gluten wafers can be requested at Altar Rail.)

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

God Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) Julie May, Soloist Antonin Dvorak



Eucharist Visitors, if any, are sent forth.

THE SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

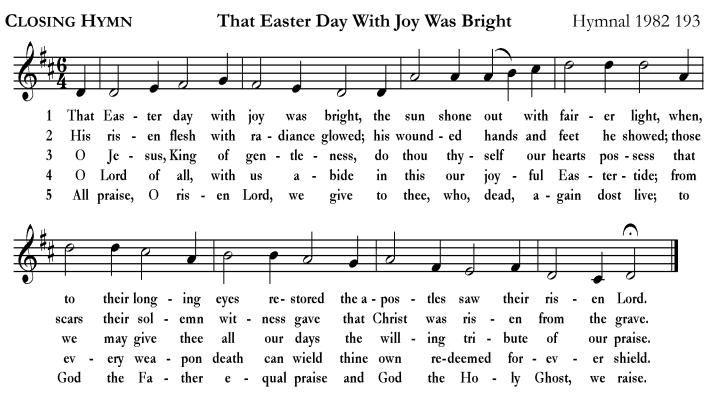
Celebrant: In the name of this congregation here gathered I send you forth bearing these holy gifts; That those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.People: We who are many are one body as we all share in the one bread and one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.People:Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Hal Hopson

WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Today's service may be viewed online at this link: Or by going to www.holytrinitywc.org





Visitors are invited to sign the guest book located on the table in the Narthex. The Password for our Open Network is: holytrinity

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild	Harriet Carroll, Ingrid Tomlinson, Florence Butcher		
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 am	Jennifer Seaver	
	10:30 am	Jane Fenicle	
Readers / Prayers	8:00 am	Jim Wood	
	10:30 am	Penny Farley	
Counters	10:30 am	Jim Hemphill, Mark Lauritsen	
Ushers and Greeters	10:30 am	Cathy Stout, Mike Campbell	

<u>In Need of Our Prayers:</u> Julie, Christine, Kiera ,Ginny T. Steven, Eric, Pat H. <u>Continuing Need for Prayers:</u> Dennis, LJ, Godbout family, Charles, Brien

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY MAY 17TH GOING AWAY CELEBRATION



Your Vestry will be hosting a going away celebration for me on Saturday May 17th at 5 p.m. here at the church. Invitations were mailed out last week. If you did not get one please contact Joanne in the church office.

NEW: KITCHEN PASSES FINAL INSPECTIONS!

This past Thursday we passed all final building inspections and health department inspections! Chef Will has now restarted in-person Friday Night Supper and Meals-to-Go.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST AND HEALING SERVICE

The time of the service is 10 A.M. in the Ascension Chapel.

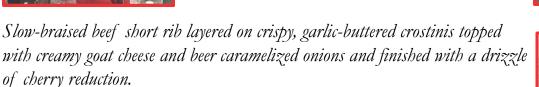
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PARISH HALL KITCHEN WINS CHEF'S BEST



Thursday evening Parish Hall Kitchen won the annual Chef's Best award. As Chef Will had gotten sick on Tuesday it was up Parish Hall Kitchen Culinary Graduate Angela Quail to jump in and save the day. She worked all day Wednesday and Thursday to execute Chef Will's receipt and then put it all together for the evening festivities. Chef Will's receipt was:



Yes, it was as delicious as it sounds!

Congratulations to Chef Will and Angie.





LAST SUNDAY – MAY 18th

There are only a few more days for us to all be together. My last Sunday at Holy Trinity will be May 18th and I will be baptizing my newest grandson, Rowan, at the 10:30 service. I am going to be sad leaving you all but know that you all will do wonderful things in the future under the guidance of an Interim Priest and eventually calling a new Rector.

The expected practice in the Episcopal Church that when a priest leaves the church, formal connections/conversations with parishioners are discontinued. I understand this may be difficult to understand, however it is for a good reason. It allows those following me to develop their own relationships with you without me being in the mix. I have the utmost confidence that Holy Trinity will faithfully continue our 187-year journey and reach even higher peaks in the years to come. It has been my honor and privilege to have gotten to be part of Holy Trinity for 17 of those years. If you have a question that you think only I can answer, Joe McAllister or Joanne Fryer (church office) will be able to contact me. You may also write notes to us at 1006 Jennifer Lane, West Chester, PA 19382.

All of you have a profoundly special place in my heart. Together you all have very much formed me as the priest I am. I will miss all of you.



EVERYONE is encouraged to mark the last weekend in June on your calendars! VOLUNTEERS are needed to teach stories,
instruct crafts and games, and shepherd children to their activities. In addition, please SPREAD THE WORD to yout grandchildren, friends & neighbors! They will thank you!

ALL are invited to Weekend VBS!



Sat. June 28 & Sun. June 29 9:30 AM—1:00 PM

Bible Stories for **ALL OF US**

about how God uses

EVERY ONE of US!

Interesting Bible stories about women doing amazing things! CRAFTS! ACTIVITIES! GAMES! SONGS! SNACKS!



Come for ONE day or, better yet, come for BOTH DAYS! Children ages 3—12 are invited to attend. Adults are welcome to remain, or they may drop off their children & return for 1 PM pickup.

PLEASE PACK A LUNCH for your child.

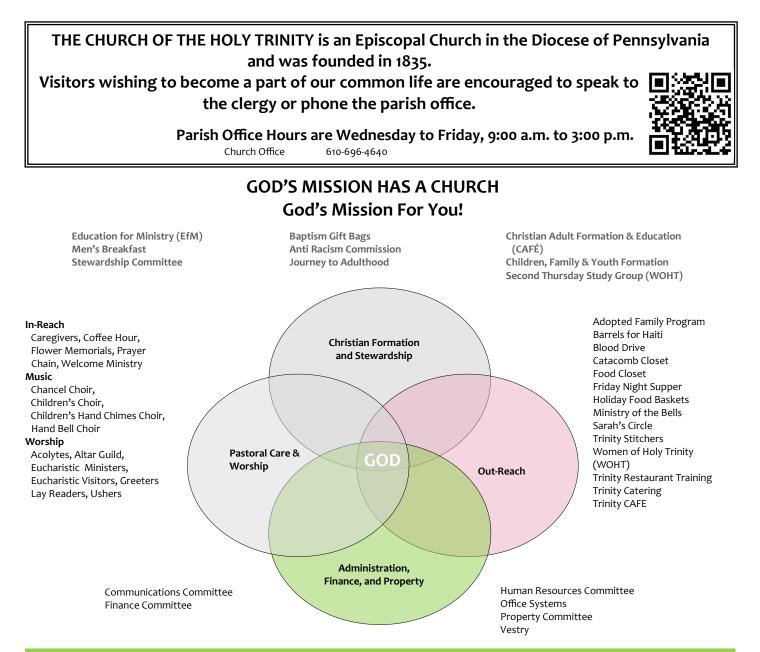
Bring your friends! The more, the merrier - plus it's free!

FOR FURTHER INFO and to REGISTER your child(ren): Contact Susan Karas by phone/text: 412.760.5163 or email: sjkaras@msn.com



Family Worship Service Sun., June 1 - 9:15 AM

Families of Holy Trinity will conclude our Family Formation year with our 7th Family Worship Service in Ascension Chapel. We'll then head off on an OUTING to Everhart Park for food, fun and games! We'll enjoy the playground, walk the labyrinth, and share a light lunch with our friends. A lovely ending to a wonderful year!



See our website or contact the church office, for ministry descriptions and contact information

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Adam Bozarth (2026)	
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