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# The Trinity Times



*August*

*August is a lovely month*

*Long hot summer days*

*Near the end they're getting short*

*Autumn's on its way*



**August 29 - First Day of School**  
**All City and County Schools**



### **Have you met Pastor Jessica?**

*It's hard to believe, but pastor Jessica Ross has been with us for nearly a month!*

*Dea and Jack Kispagh and Secretary, Deb Forry worked feverishly to clean and make ready the office for Pastor Jessica on July 1. She was welcomed to Trinity following the July 3 worship service and got quickly to work on a prayer bulletin that is available for pick-up in the parlor or can be mailed at your request (see page 3). She thanks the congregation for their help in making her transition go smoothly. Please note that our new office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 12:00. If you wish to speak with Pastor Jessica, her office phone number is 717-273-2894. Please keep Pastor Jessica and Pastor Lynn in your prayers as they become familiar with their new church homes.*

### **For your calendar...**

#### **Upcoming on ZOOM ...**

**August 4 - 7 pm** - Staff Parish

**August 11 - 7 pm** - Worship Team

**August 14 - 1 pm** - Ad Board

### **Did you know?**

**Senior Citizens have a holiday! In 1988 President Ronald Reagan declared August 21 to be Senior Citizens Day - created to bring awareness of social, health and economic issues that affect senior citizens.**

*Carol Y*



### **Wanted...**

***We are looking for folks to help in the choir, sing a solo, or play an instrument. Please see Carol Hollich if this is you! Choir rehearsals will start the end of August (date and time TBA) and there will be a choir picnic at the Hollich's the first week in September.***

**Date**

Aug. 7  
Aug. 14  
Aug. 21  
Aug. 28

**Liturgist**

Barb Query  
Dea Kishpaugh  
Besy Allwein  
Keith Earle



*If you are unable to serve as lay reader, please call... 717-838-2812*



August 5 Elmer Fair  
August 7 Chris Daubert  
August 8 Beverly Smith  
August 9 Alisha Geist  
August 12 Tony DeJesus  
August 12 Brenda Olmstead  
August 23 Bill Thompson  
August 10 Karen Neblock

**Directory Edit**

Chris Daubert's – Zip Code  
17046



Note to self...  
I will pray for those who hurt me. God sees all. He is my defender. He doesn't want me to become angry, bitter, anxious or afraid. In His time, He will reveal all that is hidden and make right all the wrongs.

**Pastor's**



**Discretionary Fund**

*Many times throughout the year the pastor is asked to help members of Trinity or the community as they go through difficult times. Please consider helping those in need by making a special gift marked for the "Pastor's Discretionary Fund".*

**MISSION PROJECTS**



**STUFF THE BUS!**

It's that time of year again. We need donations for our annual Stuff the Bus Campaign. Talk to Dea Kishpaugh and get the latest details!



**CLOTHES-TO-GO**

Although we had less traffic from the community in July, there were several families that came and were very happy with the clothes they got. Our next "Clothes-To-Go" event will be on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> and feature our Summer Clothes Free-for-the-Taking. Then in September we will display winter clothes. We thank the workers for their continued help. We would like to alternate those people working the day of the sale and perhaps have workers there for only 2 hours instead of the 4. Please consider saying yes when asked to help or better yet, why not volunteer to help?

**Thanks Trustees!**

*We are delighted to have the sanctuary cross and altar lights on again and the air conditioning in the parlor working. Jack Kishpaugh and Dave Wallett also did needed repairs in the parlor including fixing a broken chair and reattaching the wall paper. We appreciate all the trustees who work to keep our Trinity building in great shape!*



**Church Magazine/Book Rack**



Karen Neblock continues to periodically update the magazines and books on the display rack at church. If you are not able to get to the church to pick-up magazines or books to take home to read, she would be glad to bring you the ones you would like. Just give her a call at 717-270-1954 and she will see that they get to you!





## Trinity's Prayer Bible Study Bulletin

*Pastor Jessica will be preparing Prayer Bible Study Bulletins to encourage us to be in prayer for the concerns of Trinity UMC. This page captures Prayer Concerns and a Bible Study focus for days in the first half of the month of August...*

### Bible Readings to Start Your Day...

August 1, 2022	Daniel 6:1-12
August 2, 2022	Matthew 6:5-15
August 3, 2022	Matthew 21:18-22
August 4, 2022	Mark 14:32-42
August 5, 2022	Luke 11:5-13
August 6, 2022	Luke 18:1-8
August 7, 2022	John 14:8-14
August 8, 2022	John 17:1-19
August 9, 2022	John 17:20-26
August 10, 2022	Romans 8:26-30
August 11, 2022	Philippians 1:3-11
August 12, 2022	James 5:13-18
August 13, 2022	Revelation 8:1-5

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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, the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

## Our Church Prayer

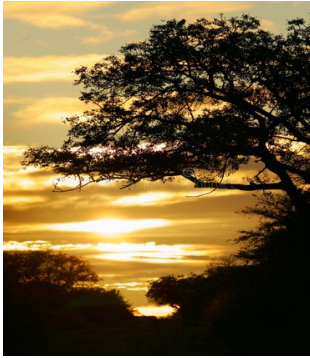
*Dear Lord,  
We love you and we praise your Holy Name. Help us to be an obedient church. Help us to love one another, reach out with love to the needy and oppressed. We pray for strength to continue the work you have called us to do. Help us to reach out as we reach up to you. By your mercy grant us healing, compassion, and strength to do your blessed will for ourselves, our families, our community, our conference, and our world. In the Name of Jesus our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.*



**The Brossman family**      **Gail Emerich**  
**Arline Jacobs**              **Carol Yeagley**  
**George Wilkins family**    **Alissa Plant**  
**Joan Groff & family**        **Rosemary Ojeda**  
**Rev. Robert Howard**       **Marilyn Smith**  
**Susan Snyder**                **Tracy Snyder**  
**Linda Perini**                  **Kim Hollich**  
**Marian Mitchell**             **Judith Wentzel**  
**Dave Wease & family**      **Walt Zehring**  
**Karen & Bob Neblock**

**Our Country**                      **Our World**  
**Our Church & Community**  
**Families of the recent mass shootings**  
**Issues surrounding Ukraine**  
**Caretakers of all who are ill and shut in**  
**Our men and women in uniform**





## Sunday Bible Studies in August

The theme of the Summer Quarter is *Partners in a New Creation* and in the concluding lessons in August we will study, *“The Great Hope of the Saints”*. Our lessons climax with John’s vision of a *New Jerusalem* as pictured in the book of Revelation. The Holy City is restored, but much more than that. It is enhanced to a glorious degree. The *New Jerusalem* has features that the historical Jerusalem never imagined! Gold, precious gems, and pearls are used as building materials. A life-giving river flows within, and the tree of life reappears. It is the tree lost in Eden. This fulfills Isaiah’s vision, that the desert would become like the garden of the Lord.

There is more to this than restoration though. Now the tree has leaves that cause “the healing of the nations”. The new city restores the gardenlike paradise of Genesis. It also signifies the end of international conflict, for believers from all nations will be reconciled. This will not be a restoration project that returns to some cherished “normal” of the past. The cycle of abandoning one’s faith/crisis/repentance/restoration will never return. This is the start of a new creation, and John desires that “the grace of the Lord Jesus” be with us as we wait for the promise to become reality. The titles for study in August include...

**August 7**  
**August 14**  
**August 21**  
**August 28**

**A New Home**  
**A New City**  
**The River of Life**  
**A Welcoming Invitation**

**Revelation 21:1–9**  
**Revelation 21:10–21**  
**Revelation 22:1–7**  
**Revelation 22:10–21**

The book of revelation is a book of judgement and hope. John wrote the book of Revelation after Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans. There was no more temple. As the Jews in Babylon longed for a restoration, so did the Jews of John’s day. But John’s vision does not present a restored Jerusalem. Rather, he foresaw a *New Jerusalem*, a city of extraordinary magnificence and permanence. It is the city of the King of kings and Lord of lords—the city of King Jesus who is the promised seed of Eve who comes not only to restore but to make all things new.



The New Jerusalem is the church triumphant in its perfect glory. This city is the NEW Jerusalem, different from the old Jerusalem. It is a place of community and fellowship. In the Old Testament fellowship with God was more or less external and viewed from a distance. But... in the New Testament... God is with His people and the Holy Spirit dwells among the people. The church today is in fellowship with God but because of sin that fellowship is not perfect. Today’s church and the world has many who are hypocrites and unbelievers. But the New Jerusalem will be perfectly holy and there will be perfect fellowship with God. The new city will be appropriate for its eternal king. The new, heavenly Jerusalem will be an appropriate dwelling for us as well—that is, for those who are admitted.

Our lessons this month tell us that the citizens of the New Jerusalem will include people from many nations. Many races and ethnic groups and peoples. The Holy City, the new heaven and the new earth highlight the differences between the ways of the world and the ways of God. Join us as we consider... *“The Great Hope of the Saints”*.

### August 7

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| 1. John compares New Jerusalem to a beautifully dressed _____ .                          | <i>Revelation 21:2</i> |
| 2. The Alpha and Omega is like what? (beginning and end, old and new, hunger and thirst) | <i>Revelation 21:6</i> |

### August 14

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| 1. The 12 foundations of New Jerusalem are named for the tribes of Israel. T/F | <i>Revelation 21:14</i> |
| 2. The gates of New Jerusalem were made of gigantic _____ .                    | <i>Revelation 21:21</i> |

### August 21

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| 1. John saw the tree of life in New Jerusalem. T/F                                 | <i>Revelation 22:2</i> |
| 2. What is to bring healing to the nations? (tree leaves, water, aloe vera plants) | <i>Revelation 22:2</i> |

### August 28

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| 1. Jesus is likened to the morning _____ .                | <i>Revelation 22:16</i> |
| 2. What do the Spirit and the bride say? (come, go, stay) | <i>Revelation 22:17</i> |



## JULY 31, 2022 – Congregational Participation

To be a part of 9:15 worship on the computer go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83124395568>  
or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 831 2439 5568 when asked.

### **Call to Worship**

### **Psalm 107: 1-9**

Hymnal #830

L. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

**P. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

L. Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell.

**P. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**

L. Then in their trouble, they cried to the LORD, who delivered them from their distress.

**P. and led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

L. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.

**P. For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.**

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord for steadfast love, for all God's wonderful works.**

### **Hymn #126**

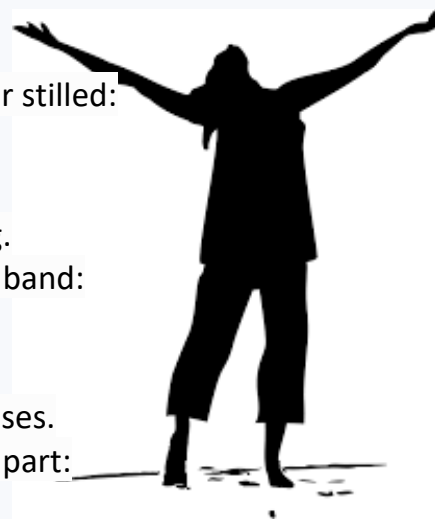
### **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.



### **\*Opening Prayer**

Hymnal #602

***Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.***

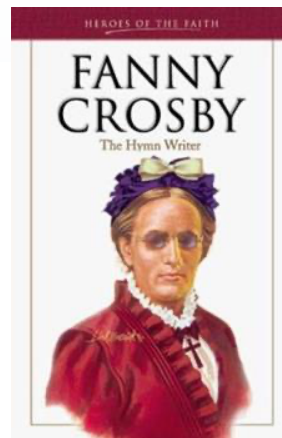
## **Doxology**

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

## **Hymn #407**

### ***Close to Thee***

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me,  
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.  
Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.  
Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with Thee.  
Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee,  
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with Thee.  
Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with Thee.  
Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee,  
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with Thee.



## ***The Lord's Prayer***

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. **Amen.**

## **Hymn #102**

### ***Now Thank We All Our God***

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.  
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



## **Benediction Response**

### ***On Eagle's Wings***

*Hymn #143*

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.



**Study Text: John 14:15-31**

**KEY VERSES:** *I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever. – John 14:16*



## **Abandoned!**

“Sorry, I have to leave now.” Words like these have broken many hearts. Someone goes off to war, a dear friend moves far away, an elderly loved one passes on. There is likely a sad embrace, a final farewell, and thoughts of being abandoned. There are over 100 million people in the world who face the harsh reality of being orphans. War, famine, and disease have no respect for the plight of children stripped of their parents. Such children have little hope unless someone steps in to help. They feel—and often literally are—abandoned. For most of three years, Jesus had been the constant companion of his chosen 12. They had left everything to follow him. But he was about to leave. What would the sheep do if they were abandoned by their shepherd?

## **In Our Corner**

I My best friend was frantic. She had been summoned to court by her ex-husband, who was seeking sole custody of their children. The reasons he declared for wanting sole custody weren't exactly true. My friend was scared and intimidated due to the manipulation she was used to receiving at his hands. I wrote a character letter for her, outlining how hard she worked with each of her children. But it turned out she needed something else more. She needed a friend. She needed a comforter and advocate to stand with her during that stressful time. I immediately booked a flight. And for an entire week, we battled the weight of oppression that threatened to bury her. When the court date came, I stood by her. I was waiting to be called to the stand to bear witness of my friend's character. Thankfully, the truth was discerned, and the judge ruled in my friend's favor. Life's biggest storms don't seem so bad when we have someone in our corner to walk through the storm with us. How tragic it would be if we ignored the Comforter and Advocate we have. Look for him in your storms

## **"IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME, YOU'D ...**

People have used the phrase above to manipulate others for as long as anyone can remember. Such manipulators fill in the blank with requests that are often illegal, immoral, and/or unethical. There was even a true-crime book written about a father who used that expression to get his daughter to commit a horrendous crime. John 14:21a is not at all similar because Jesus' motivation was different from that of a manipulator. In showing our love by keeping his commandments, we end up doing what is in our best interests too, not only his. The disciples in the upper room were startled, even frightened, to hear that their shepherd was going to leave them. Their lack of understanding was still evident at the empty tomb and again at the ascension. But was their Lord going to abandon them? Never! One of the most precious promises in the Bible, stated in both the Old and New Testaments, is God's promise not to abandon his people. Even though we “walk through the darkest valley,” our shepherd is with us. We are not forsaken. As we are reminded each Christmas season, one of the names of Jesus is Immanuel, which means “God with us”. That truth becomes real for believers in every generation. Because we have the divine presence of the Holy Spirit, we are never abandoned.

## **Thoughts to Consider**

- 1. Name some of Jesus' commandments right now. (After all, if we can't name them, how can we keep them?)**
- 2. How do you know when it's better to voice your concerns or remain quiet?**
- 3. How do you respond when someone says they had a revelation from the Holy Spirit?**

# THE WORD GIVES PEACE

Lesson 9, John 14:15-29, NIV

## INDUCTIVE STUDY, PART 1

The best way to discover what a writer means by a certain word is to look at how that writer actually uses that word.

<b>Text</b>	<b>Meaning</b> <i>(mental image for original audience)</i>	<b>Significance</b> <i>(implications for us today)</i>
John 14:16	_____	_____
John 14:26	_____	_____
John 15:26	_____	_____
John 16:7	_____	_____
1 John 2:1	_____	_____

For an extended study, also consider these three texts—the only places where the same word for Advocate appears in the Greek version of the Old Testament.

<b>Text</b>	<b>Meaning</b> <i>(mental image for original audience)</i>	<b>Significance</b> <i>(implications for us today)</i>
Job 16:2	_____	_____
Job 21:2	_____	_____
Psalms 94:19	_____	_____

## INDUCTIVE STUDY, PART 2

Perhaps surprisingly, the designation *Holy Spirit* occurs in the Old Testament in only three verses. Complete the chart below as you did in the “Inductive Study, Part 1.”

<b>Text</b>	<b>Meaning</b> <i>(mental image for original audience)</i>	<b>Significance</b> <i>(implications for us today)</i>
Psalms 51:11	_____	_____
Isaiah 63:10	_____	_____
Job 21:2	_____	_____