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Upcoming Dates

Thursdays in October at 10:30 –

Rick's Bible Study via Zoom.- call 717-418-1963 to be included or for more information about this weekly Bible Study opportunity!

October 2 - World Wide Communion (Article - page 2)

October 5 – 7 pm – Staff Parish Meeting on Zoom

October 6 – 7 pm – Worship Team meets in-person & also via Zoom

October 9 - 1:00 - Ad Board via Zoom

October 16 - Laity Sunday (Article - page 3)

October 18 – 6:30 pm - Charge Conference via Zoom

October 19 – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends (Article - page 3)



National Do Something Nice Day

October 5



FROM THE PASTOR



3 months at Trinity...

What an incredible blessing. I am so grateful to Almighty God for the opportunity to serve here at Trinity. I thought I would write a short message for this month as we enter this Fall Season.

October is a beautiful month. The leaves are turning red, gold, and yellow, such beautiful colors. The air is fresh and fragrant with the scent of pumpkins and apples, not to mention pumpkin spice lattes!

But it's also a month that celebrates Halloween and horror stories. I'd like to personally share that I am not a fan of horror stories, and they start on TV as soon as October starts. I never could get into horror shows, I guess it's because I have seen so much real life horror, that the idea of watching fictional accounts does not make me feel entertained!

If there is one horror that I, as a pastor, have to say is the worst... it is the feeling of fear, anguish and defeat that people experience that do not know the Risen Christ. These people live the terror by night and the arrows that fly by day without the protection of safety of being in Christ. They are tied to their sins when they could be tangled up in Jesus. They are haunted by their sins, when they could have the blessed assurance that Jesus is theirs.

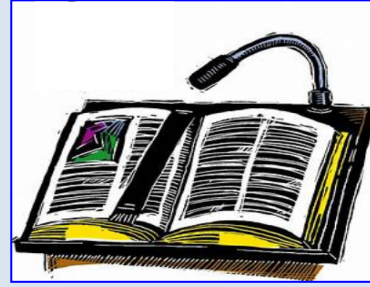
I once wrote an article about another horrible time that began on Good Friday, only to the disciples, it wasn't good at first. They were in horrible despair, the anointed, Holy One of Israel was crucified, dead and buried. They did not know then that on the 3rd day He would rise again with all power in his hand. If you do watch horror stories, take a moment to understand the incredible pain that the disciples felt on that day, and then wrap yourself up in the love of Christ as you embrace the sweetness of Autumn.

My prayer for this October is that you are able to celebrate the beauty of the season, and to embrace the fact that in our Lord you are a new creation in Christ, and that no weapon formed against you shall prosper, you are more than a conqueror thru Christ. There is nothing to fear.

Have a blessed October,
Pastor Jessica

Liturgists

October 2	Barb Querry
October 9	Dea Kishpaugh
October 16	Laity Sunday
October 23	Keith Earle
October 30	Phyllis Carter



Word Communion Sunday – October 2

World Communion Sunday is October 2, 2022. Any special monies collected on this Sunday supports World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. If you are planning to worship in person, you can place your gift on the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary. If you are on Zoom, mark your gift "World Communion Sunday" and send it to the church. Either way you choose, the focus is on the Spirit's role in shaping us, changing us, and making us into the people God intends for us to be.



December Mission Focus

Each year Church Women United conduct their Christmas Stocking Project and attach a CWU gift tag with the name of the donating group. This year our Trinity goal is 30 stockings. Your mission contributions for this project can be sent to...

Trinity Mission Coordinator - Dea Kishpaugh, 1554 Sand Hill Road, Lebanon, PA 17046.



Thanks to all !!!

who helped organize, set-up, arrange, donate items for the Trinity Clothes-to-Go event on September 20 when we had our winter clothing sale. We have decided to limit our clothing sales to a fall/winter and spring/summer sale. We will need the congregation to donate clothes for these 2 sales. More information on this at a later date.



Sunday Crafts Are Back !!!

Sally DeJesus has restarted the craft table time after church on Sunday mornings. Right now the craft is Donna Mease leading us in making angels out of hymn books! Come and join us for fun & fellowship ☺

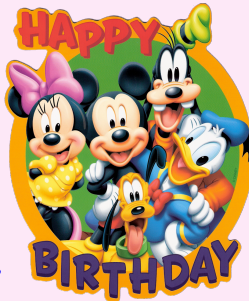


26th Annual Bosco's Friends Helping Friends...

On Wednesday, October 19th Bosco's will hold its *Friends Helping Friends* event. Everyone who purchases a \$5 pass from Trinity gets a 25% discount shopping pass to

use on the 19th and Trinity gets to use the entire \$5 from each pass purchased for missions & other projects! Sally DeJesus has again agreed to coordinate this great fund-raising project. To get your pass and multiple passes for your family, friends... contact Deb Forry in the Church Office or Sally (717-383-3648 or email: SDEJ54@gmail.com).

- October 1 Carol Yeagley
- October 3 Alisha Geist
- October 8 Henry Emrich
- October 9 Donna Mease
- October 17 John Carter
- October 22 Phyllis Carter
- October 31 Mike Query



Laity Sunday - October 16, 2022

RISE UP! AND TESTIFY TO GOD'S GRACE!

The 3rd Sunday in October is designated by General Conference as *Laity Sunday*. It is a day to celebrate the ministry and witness of laypersons everywhere. This year we are called to rekindle God's Grace for the good of the world and various members of our congregation will lead us in worship. The message will be given by our Lay Leader, George Hollich.



Church Picnic

A good time was had by all those who attended our church picnic on Saturday, Sept. 17. A round of applause & our thanks to Sally DeJesus, George & Carol Hollich, Pastor Jessica, Barb & Dave Walleth, Karen Neblock, and Jack Stouffer for setting up the food, songs, games, and devotions on nature. It was great to relax and have fun!

Sunday Bible Studies in October



Our October lessons continue the overarching theme of **God's Exceptional Choice** and are entitled **Out of Slavery to Nationhood**. In our time together we will discuss how God's choice is shown through the centuries. These lessons highlight God's choices for his people... from a child born of a slave to a shepherd turned king.

Often, God's choice is unexpected—he may even choose people who are trying to avoid his call altogether! His choices will often go against human expectations. Moses' path to fulfilling God's choice was marked by uncertainty and risk. Gideon had no reputation aligned with the tasks God called him to do. David's fitness as king was overlooked by his own family. The weekly topics include..

October 2	The Birth of Moses	Exodus 2:1–10
October 9	Song of Moses	Deuteronomy 32:3–6, 10–14, 18
October 16	The Call of Gideon	Judges 6:1–2, 7–16a
October 23	Who Is King?	1 Samuel 8:4–7; 10:17–24
October 30	David Anointed as King	1 Samuel 16:1–13

In a **Peanuts** comic strip, Charlie Brown is walking with Lucy and Snoopy. In the first frame Lucy is in one of her philosophical moods and says, "Sooner or later, Charlie Brown, there's one thing you're going to have to learn ... You reap what you sow! You get out of life exactly what you put into it! No more and no less!" The final frame shows Snoopy thinking about what Lucy just said. A bit forlorn, he says, "I'd kind of like to see a little more margin for error!"



Except for the grace of God, there is no margin for error. Life is exactly what you make of it. Our October lessons look at narratives that describe God making choices that were best for the people... but not necessarily what they expected or wanted. King Saul was not a good king, and had broken God's laws. God was very displeased with him. So God told Samuel that He had chosen someone to replace King Saul. When Samuel heard this, he cried and called out to God to change His mind . But God knew what was best for His people.

Have you ever struggled with the choices that God seems to place into your life? Then, "Let Go and Let God" is a phrase you've heard. It sounds nice, but there are times when it is appropriate to let go and let God handle things. But there are also instances when *we are called* to do things. There are many examples in scripture of people that God chose before they had much figured out. Abraham, Ruth, David, Mary Magdalene, and of course the apostle Paul who was in the middle of an assignment to kill Christians when God came to him.

GOD CAN DO ANYTHING, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN WE DO NOTHING! Life is filled with choices. Sometimes the choices are not clear. Sometimes they are too clear and we miss it. Not all of the choices we make are right. But one thing seems clear. The choices made on behalf of other people are the ones which reap the most bountiful results. When we sow seeds of joy, we reap a crop of happiness. But when we sow seeds of discontent, we reap a bounty of unhappiness. Join us in October as we discuss, **Out of Slavery to Nationhood!**

October 2

1. Moses' father was from the tribe of _____ . Exodus 2:1
2. Pharaoh's daughter named the child Moses because she "drew him out of the _____." Exodus 2:10

October 9

1. The song describes God as what _____? (the Sea, the Rock, the Sky) Deuteronomy 32:4
2. The song likens God's care to an eagle caring for its young. T/F. Deuteronomy 32:11–12

October 16

1. God handed Israel over to be ruled by whom? (Moabites, Midianites, Medes) Judges 6:1–2
2. The angel of the Lord sat under what while visiting Gideon? (an oak, a shelter, a winepress) Judges 6:11

October 23

1. Samuel was pleased to hear that Israel desired a king. T/F. 1 Samuel 8:6
2. According to Samuel, Israel had _____ God. 1 Samuel 10:19

October 30

1. From whose sons did the Lord choose Israel's next king? (Samuel, Saul, Jesse) 1 Samuel 16:1
2. Upon further questioning it was found that David was working with _____ . 1 Samuel 16:11

Trinity United Methodist Church

757 Willow Street, Lebanon, Pa. 17046

Where "Faith, Hope and Love abide to encourage all to respond to the call of Christ."

16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022

(The service begins at 9:15 with the fellowship area opening at 9:00.)

To be a part of 9:15 worship on the computer go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81021486086>
or join by phone by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 810 2148 6086 when prompted.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of James & Roger Twigg by Joyce Twigg

Gathering Music

Prelude

Organist: Caroline Jacobs

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Rick Clark

Call to Worship

Psalm 124

Hymnal #846

L: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say

P: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when foes rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

L: Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us.

P: Then the raging waters would have gone over us.

L: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

P: We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

L: The snare is broken, and we have escaped!

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Hymn #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

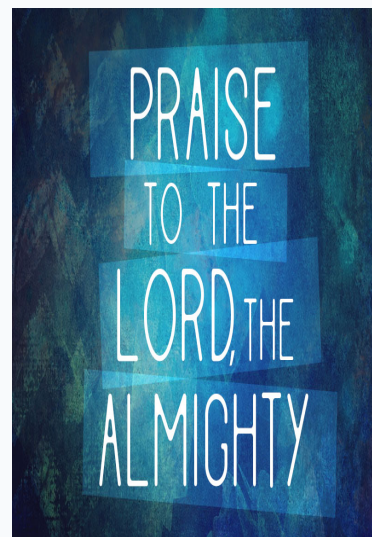
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning;
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining!
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds
hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee;
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.



The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to love You wholly: breaking the unity of Your Holy Church; not loving our neighbors as ourselves; and following the ways of the world instead of those that lead to eternal life. In Your mercy, forgive us, O God as we call upon You with penitent hearts. Pardon our sins and grant us Your peace. Confirm us in all goodness and bring us at last to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Assurance

The Old Testament

Esther 7.1-10

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The Epistle Reading

James 5.13-20

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The Gospel Reading

Mark 9.38-50

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Special Music

Caroline Jacobs

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

(Your offerings can be sent to Trinity UMC, 757 Willow Street, Lebanon, PA 17046)

Hymn #512

Stand by Me

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me)
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me)
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me)
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of persecution, stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me)
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me)
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me)

When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)



Sermon

God Give Me Patience – Now!

Rev. Rick Clark

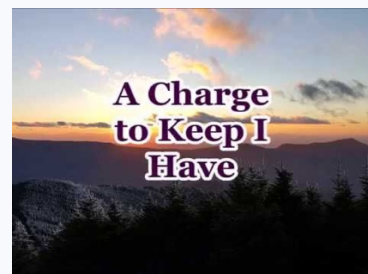
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jessica Ross

Hymn #413

A Charge to Keep I Have

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill:
Oh, may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!
Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live;
And O Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!
Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.



Benediction

Benediction Response

3-Fold Amen

Hymn #898

Postlude

Organist: Caroline Jacobs

InterLink

(A discussion of this theme will follow the 9:15 Worship Service.)

The Scepter Given to Judah
Sunday School Handout – September 25, 2022

Study Text: Genesis 32:22–32



**Promised
to Judah.
Fulfilled
by Jesus.**

KEY VERSES: *The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.*

—Genesis 49:10

The Royal House

Eight European monarchs trace their lineage back to one man: George II (1683–1760), king of Great Britain and Ireland. Over the course of 300 years, his descendants intermarried with other European royals, and a complicated web of family relations resulted. Now the monarchs of eight European countries—the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Monaco, and Luxembourg—claim a common ancestor. In the modern era, a monarch's power is largely ceremonial. However, this week's lesson introduces a common ancestor to a royal genealogy, who still reigns in power and has forever changed the course of history. Promises regarding the royal descendant of Judah were fulfilled in two ways. First, they were fulfilled through the Davidic monarchy. David, a descendant of Judah, ruled Israel in power given by God. The second way Judah's promises were fulfilled was through the promised eternal king. The Old Testament prophets looked for "a shoot ... from the stump of Jesse" who would gather all people. His rule would be one of peace and righteousness from the throne of David and the tribe of Judah. Judah and his family were by no means ideal ancestors for royalty—they were marked by rivalry, strife, and dysfunction. Judah's life, in particular, was filled with unrighteous acts. He was a wreck and an unlikely choice to be the ancestor of royalty.

Judging Ancestors

Through DNA testing and online records, exploring one's ancestry has become quite accessible. One family member traced our family's ancestry back to slave owners in the American South. Despite my disgust, I am unable to change who my ancestors are. Scripture's genealogies always list people who erred—look at Jacob's family! We would not consider many of their actions to be admirable. God still used them for his plan. Their lives are evidence of God's faithfulness. Early in my career I felt called to lead a small Bible college. The college had an aging campus, a shrinking donor base, and a dated curriculum model. If the college could not attract new students, it would not survive. I spent five years leading the college, but found little success. I left the position convinced that someone else was needed for the college to flourish. Years later the college had relocated, enrollment had increased, and a new curriculum had been established. My successor informed me that the plans made during my tenure had become the blueprint for his administration. The vision that God had given my administration had been fulfilled—just later than I had anticipated. Generations after Jacob, God fulfilled his promise of a king. We may never understand in this life how God accomplishes his plans and we may sometimes doubt that they'll come to fruition when we don't see immediate results. However, God's plan of redemption is transformative. He led a dysfunctional family to become the nation of Israel. From this family would emerge the Savior of the world. He turns wrecks into royals!

Thoughts to Consider

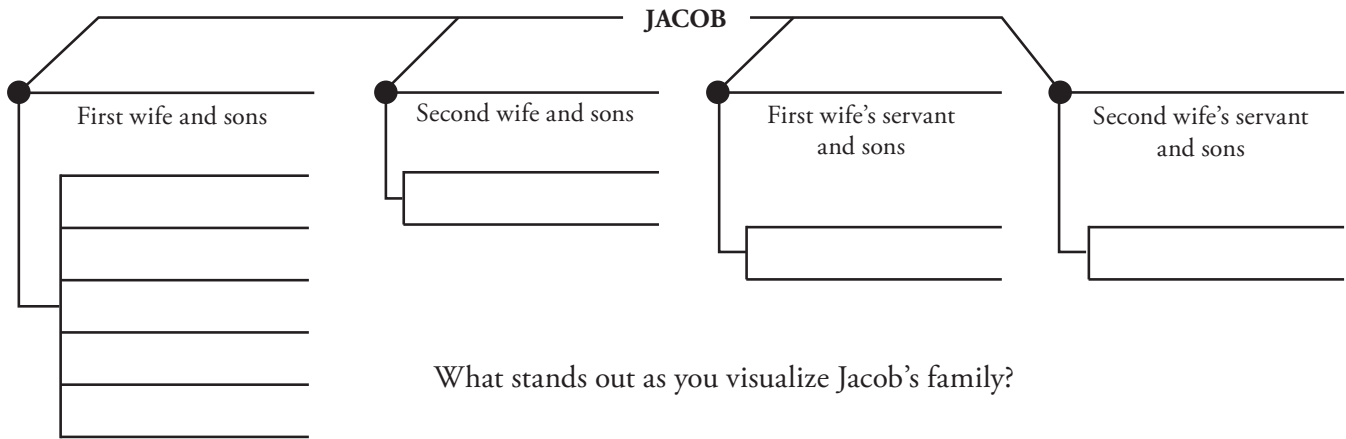
1. **How have previous generations informed and influenced your spiritual growth?**
2. **How can people respond fairly and in good time to an unjust situation?**
3. **How will future generations see that you were following God?**

The Scepter Given to Judah

Lesson 4, Genesis 35:22b-26; 38:24-26; 49:10-12, NIV

Jacob's Family

Complete Jacob's family tree by writing the names of his wives, his wives' servants, and their children on the corresponding lines using the information found in Genesis 35:22b-26. After completing the family tree, answer the questions below.



What stands out as you visualize Jacob's family?

What complications or stresses might you expect in a family like Jacob's?

Family Tree

Read the genealogy listed in Matthew 1:2-16 and answer the following questions.

1. What names in the genealogy do you recognize from this week's lesson?

2. What other names from the genealogy do you recognize and what are their significance?

3. Are these people known for their righteous acts or their unrighteous acts?

Based on your knowledge of Matthew's genealogy, how would you describe the types of people who God chooses for his purposes? _____
