

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 25th, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost



Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

*For sections with an *, please stand as you are able*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
 who is eager to forgive
 and who loves us beyond our days.

ALL: Amen.

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
 our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
ALL: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

L: Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

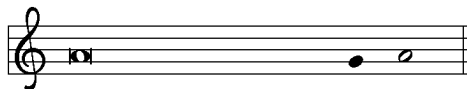
***OPENING HYMN: Gather Us In
 Blue Book # 718**

***GREETING**

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

ALL: And also with you.

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



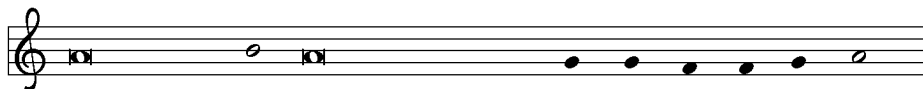
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

L: ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

L: ¹Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**ALL: ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: ³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

ALL: ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

L: ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

ALL: ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;

L: ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

ALL: ⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who ¹are bowed
down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

L: ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

ALL: ¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

L: ⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

***HYMN OF THE DAY:
Christ, Be Our Light**



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



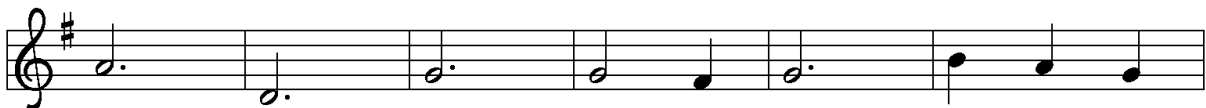
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



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.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

Text and music © 1993 Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostle's Creed...

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Each prayer ends with these words:

L: God of Grace,
All: Hear our prayer.

L: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.
ALL: And also with you.

**Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ’s peace from where you are seated.*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

L: Gracious God,

ALL: in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

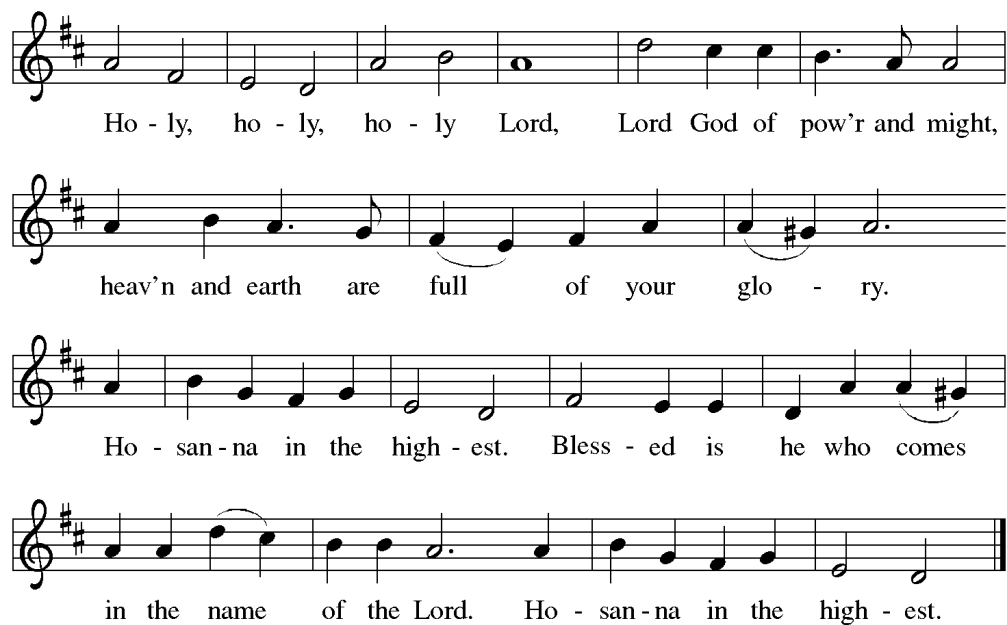
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed,
 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

ALL: 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.

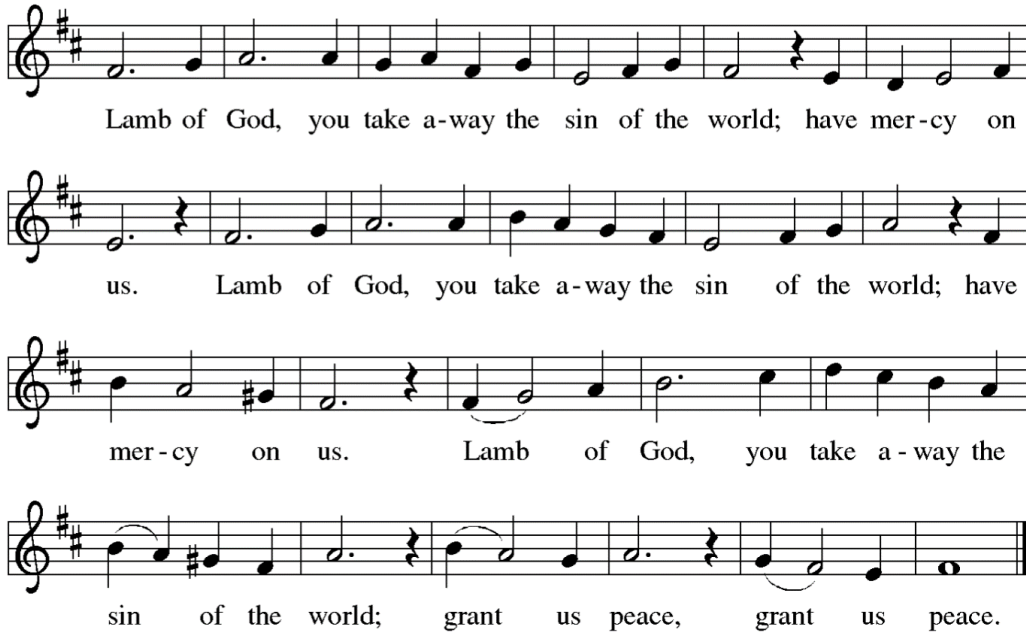
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: Christ invites you to this table.
 Come, taste and see.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: We Come to the Hungry Feast Blue Book #766

To be sung during the distribution of communion - until distribution is complete

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Let us pray together:

**ALL: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

***BLESSING**

L: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

ALL: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning**

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638, www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Office hours

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Worship liturgy from Sundays and Seasons.com.
Copyright © 2022

Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies
Annual License #SAS001595

Music reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-731772. All rights reserved

*Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church of South Newstead
4809 S. Newstead Rd.
Akron, NY 14001*

716-542-9828
trinlc@rochester.rr.com
www.trinlc.com

*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Pray For:

The friends & family of Maggie Wiegand, Alice Lerczak & Vince Fazio

Strength & Healing for:

Nick & Katie Stakowski – marriage
Linda Finger – recovery
Harold Finger – positive results at Dr.
Larry Draper – patience and comfort
Lori Baummer – strength & understanding
Carol Ferguson – patience & healing
David Hofmeier's sister, Lois – Lymphoma
Diane Hurne's son, Jim – radiation & chemo

Prayers are a powerful way to lift up people who are sick, injured or suffering for God's healing. Let us know of names you would like to have the church pray for, and we'll add them to the list here and in the Beacon. If you wish for names to remain anonymous, you can let Pastor Rick know privately and he'll pray for them silently. Names will remain in the bulletin and Beacon for around a month unless you let us know to extend their listing or remove them sooner. There is a list near the offering collection plate to write names down, or you can leave a message with the church office

Counters: September: Paula, October: Jennifer

Sunday School – Join us TODAY

Sunday school is today from 10:45-11:30! We will be learning about how the Food Pantry operates!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Harold Gardner** for painting the church sign and North man-door leading to the parsonage! Also, thank you to **Brian Goeseke** for use of his tractor and brush hog, so Bryan Sugg could mow our church field! And another big thank you to **Brian Sugg** for trimming the bushes by the main entry doors. The Property Committee is most grateful for these volunteers working to beautify our building and grounds.

150th Anniversary Committee

Please join us next week, October 2nd following worship for a planning meeting. We will be organizing a light reception following worship on our anniversary, November 6th.

Trinity T-Shirts

They are on sale in the rear of the sanctuary for \$10 each (cash or checks to Trinity Ev. Luth. Church with 't-shirts' in the memo line). Great to wear out and about!

Updated Church Directory

The directory is being updated with current phone numbers & addresses. In the narthex you'll find a draft copy of the new directory. Please take a moment to look through it and note any changes with the red pen and highlighter that you'll find there. **If your entry is correct, please initial it!** Thank you!

Faith Formation

You are invited to take part in any of these Faith Formation opportunities. We'll be flexible with age and grade as we 'catch up' on some of these offerings that got sidelined during the pandemic. Please reach out to Pastor Rick at pastorrickmg@gmail.com or through the church office if you and your family are interested in any of these opportunities: (See your Sept. Beacon for more detailed information)

- Sunday Worship Leadership
- First Communion
- Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Baptism
- Youth Ministry
- First Bible
- Parent Volunteers
- Adult Forum
- Adult Bible Study

Bible Study

Our next Bible study is **Wednesday Sept 28th at 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Adult Study room, please join us!

Choir

Choir just started – it's not too late to join! We are in need of more voices...please give some thought to joining us – all are welcome! Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Chowder!

Chowder is coming up soon! **October 1st starting at noon until sold out.** Drive-thru only. \$8/qt, \$25/gal. We'll have containers, or you're welcome to bring your own.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please take a look!

We are also looking for **baked goods** for the **bake sale**. Pies, cookies, cakes – whatever you'd like to donate! Please put it in a disposable container.



SECRET PRAYER PALS....

New Wanna Bes or those who let the deadline get away from you.....

ABSOLUTE FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION FORMS IS: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022! Put your form in the box on the Prayer Pal Table in the Narthex OR.....

If you were previously a Prayer Pal, I can use the form you had submitted last year! Just let me know that you do want to participate!

If you were not previously a Prayer Pal, contact me via telephone 716 542-2095, text 716 341-8797, or email suejim3dogs@yahoo.com and I will make sure you get included. We can complete the form by any of these means.

If you are included in the new season (2022-23) you will be able to find out your prayer pal on **Sunday, October 9, 2022.**

REMEMBER: Your **ONLY COMMITMENT** is a prayer for your pal once a week! It is such a blessing to know that you are being prayed for weekly!

Speak with me if you have any questions!

In Christian Love,

Sue Kidder

