

Good News from Grace

JUNE 2022



Trinity
SUNDAY

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

June 12, 2022 (Trinity Sunday)

Psalm 8:3-4 – When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Cultivating a sense of wonder about God's amazing creation helps nurture a spirit of generosity. Look at the world around you; signs of God's lavish goodness abound. Now look in the mirror and see the wonder that you are. The Creator entrusts YOU to care for this abundance.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us this **Sunday, June 12** immediately following the 9:30am worship service for our Congregational Meeting. We will be electing new Council members and receive an update on the strategic planning process.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you as we draw near to celebrating the gift of the Holy Trinity.

An icon studio, just outside of Trikala, Greece, against the rock formations of Meteora where hermit monks carved caves which became their "home" for their isolated lifestyle high above the village, was one of the stops on my tour last October to Turkey and Greece, "In the Footsteps of Paul." Father Pefki, a priest in the Greek Orthodox Church, and his family members paint icons in the Byzantine style for monasteries, churches and other religious organizations, and for sale to the public. It was at this studio where I purchased an icon of the Holy



Trinity.

The Holy Trinity is one of the mysteries of our faith. Every year, on the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate this doctrinal aspect of the Christian faith.

The icon is based on a story from Genesis 18 called "The Hospitality of Abraham." As the story goes, Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent in the heat of the day by the Oaks of Mamre and saw three men standing in front of him, who in the next chapter were revealed as angels. When he saw them, Abraham ran to meet them and bowed himself to the earth. Abraham told

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TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU

Pastor Evan, Carolyn and six members of Grace will be traveling June 11 - 20 touring Switzerland as well as going to Oberammergau for the Passion Play. Please keep these travelers in your prayers.

Pastor Evan will be out of the office from **June 10 – 21** so please contact either Pastor Lois or Vicar Susan for assistance.

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75th Anniversary Celebration

If you were unable to attend the luncheon and would like to view the program portion or the slideshow showcasing images from over the last 75 years, it is on the church website at www.gracecamphill.org or [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have memories or photographs to share please continue to send them in! We would like to include them in the newsletter throughout 2022! Images and stories can be emailed to Diane at deppengelc@gmail.com or by dropping them off at the church office Monday-Thursday 8am to 12noon.



VBS AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CAMP HILL

Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill is having Vacation Bible School (VBS) in-person Monday - Friday, June 20 - 24 from 9am to 11:30am. The program is open to all children age 3.5 through 5th grade. (Please note that children must have turned 3 by 1/1/22). Cost is \$ 15.00 per child. **Registration is required for in-person VBS at Trinity.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to register.

If you are unable to attend in the morning, they offer a virtual evening program. Videos will air each evening (June 20 - 24) at 6 pm online. Feel free to watch live, or anytime after. You'll experience the same exciting opening and closing program as the morning children, along with additional activities and videos to use on your own! Trinity's online program is free to participate and no registration is required.

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Sarah to make cakes and selected a choice calf from his herd. He set curds, milk and the calf before them, waiting on them under a tree as they ate. One of the angels told Abraham that Sarah would soon give birth to a son. (Read the whole story to learn of Sarah's reaction to this news!)

The Trinity has been the subject of various interpretations over the centuries, but by the 19th-20th century, the consensus among scholars was the following: the three angels who visited Abraham represented the Christian Trinity, "one God in three persons" – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Art critics believe that this concept was behind the creation of Andrei Rublev's icon. In an effort to uncover the doctrine of the Trinity, Rublev abandoned most of the traditional plot elements (Abraham, Sarah, the scene of the calf's slaughter, the meal) which were typically included in the paintings of the Abraham and Sarah's Hospitality story.

In this icon, the three angels are in silent communion at the center of the painting. The angels create a circle and so, the viewer's eyes cannot stop at any one of the three figures but rather, dwell inside this limited space. The center of the artwork is the cup with the calf's head. It hints at the crucifixion sacrifice and serves as the reminder of the Eucharist. The right hands of the center angel and the one to his left (the viewer's right), gesture toward the cup.

The left angel (viewer's left) symbolizes God the Father. This figure blesses the cup, yet the hand is painted at a distance, as if passing the cup to the central angel. The central angel represents Jesus Christ, who also blesses the cup and accepts it with a bow as if saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass

from me; yet not what I want but what you want." (Matthew 26:39).

The nature of each of the three beings is revealed through their symbolic attributes – the house (Father – in my Father's house are many rooms), the tree (Jesus – cross on which he dies and becomes the tree of life), and the mountain (spiritual ascent which we accomplish with the help of the Holy Spirit). The unity of the Trinity's three beings expresses unity and love between all things.

The wings of two angels, the Father and the Son, interlap. The Son's clothing is blue – symbolizing divinity, brown represents the earth – his humanity, and gold speaks of kingship. The wings of the Holy Spirit do not touch the Son's wings; they are divided by the Son's spear. The blue color of the Holy Spirit's robe symbolizes divinity, the green represents new life. The poses and the inclinations of the Holy Spirit and the Son's heads demonstrate their submission to the Father, yet their placement on the thrones at the same level symbolizes equality.

I trust that you enjoyed this tour of an icon, to explore the different levels of symbolism, and to appreciate an artform that is kept alive by studios such as the one that I visited. In one of these articles, I will share more with you about the rock formations at Meteora and the monks who built monasteries, precariously placed on top of the rock formations.

Be blessed, in the name of our Triune God,

Pastor Lois Van Orden



GYG Schedule

June
19-25 Confirmation Camp

July
23-29 LutheranHANDS
Mission trip to
Minneapolis, MN

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full 2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.

Youth Food Cards

In the dollar amounts of \$ 25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon. Contact Chris at 717-737-0439 to let him know when you plan to stop in. Checks should be made to GELC with Youth Food cards on the memo line.

Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, July 8
8:00pm games & snacks
8:30pm movie

The Fellowship & Arts Committee will be showing the Disney animated film **Lilo & Stich**



Bring a chair or blanket. Fresh popcorn and Rita's Italian Ice will be served

To quote the movie, "Ohana means family. Family means no one gets left behind". So bring your family and friends to enjoy a movie night under the stars.

Please park in the secondary church parking lot or in the street.



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Gladys Cline, Noah Helwig, Elijah C., Sandy Yetter, Russ Weber, Barry Fenicle, Mary Heverling, Mary Ann Osswald, Michael, Danielle Pizzolatto and their children: Dominic, Caroline & Gabriel, Lori Weber, Sue Gasswint, Joe Jackson, Debbie Aldridge, Kay Lee, Yvonne Gettys, Patti Reed, Diane Brokenshire, Sudy Stoll, Keith Downs, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Darlene M., Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, David Harman III, Howard Lauer, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Eileen McCann, Mike Lutz, and Destiny Glenn.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

Louis Lore, John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Betty Bennett, and Dick Cromer.

If you have family members or friends on the prayer list please notify the church office (717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net) each month with updates. Your input helps us maintain the prayer list since we are not aware of the changes in the health status of those on the list.



Marta Hamme and Flat Jesus visits Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin, West Virginia.

Need A Cane?

Two brand new canes were donated to the Church and are being offered on a first come first serve basis if someone is in need of one. If you are interested please contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net.



Road Closure

PennDOT will be working on the bridge on Creek Road over the Cedar Run Creek. The roadway will be closed starting Monday, June 13. A temporary traffic light and turning lanes have been added at the intersection of Carlisle Road and Lisburn Road to accommodate the traffic no longer able to use Creek Road. PennDOT anticipates the road to reopen around October 13, 2022.

CLICK HERE to read more information regarding this closure.

FROM THE MUSIC TEAM

Hello Grace,

Sunday, June 12th marks our celebration of Holy Trinity Sunday during which we will be singing the beloved hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy." We wanted to provide you with some interesting background information regarding this well-known hymn.

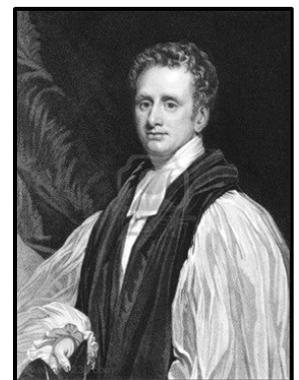
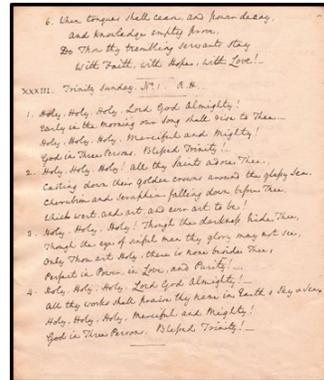
The tune name refers to the melody (itches and rhythms) which was composed by John B. Dykes. This melody is named NICAEA after the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) at which church leaders began to formulate the doctrine of the Trinity. NICAEA is considered to be the finest tunes composed by John B. Dykes and the only one of his many tunes that closely resembles the style of the Lutheran chorale. John B. Dykes studied violin, piano, and organ. He became the organist at St. John's in Hull, England at the young age of 10 years old. He received a classics degree from St. Catherin College. He eventually became the precentor (someone who prepares/organizes music for worship and cantors the service) and choir director at Durham Cathedral. In his later years, he served the parish of St. Oswald in Durham. Over his lifetime, he composed more than 300 hymns.

The text (lyrics) for Holy, Holy, Holy comes from Reginald Heber. Reginald Heber was born in Cheshire, England, in 1783. In 1807, Reginald Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy" while serving as vicar of Hodnet, Shropshire, England. He was the first to organize a hymnal ordering the hymns around the church calendar. Heber was the Anglican bishop over all of British India from 1823-1826. He worked tirelessly to build a training school for local clergy and traveled extensively around India preaching the gospel.

What makes this hymn so special? First, the rhyme scheme is unique since all four lines of each stanza rhyme with the word "holy." Another interesting characteristic to note is that the tune begins with the interval of a rising third. This means the distance between the first pitch and the next changed pitch is exactly the distance of a third. For those of you that understand or have brief knowledge of the order of solfege (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti and Do), this is the distance from Do to Mi. It is believed that Dykes did this to symbolize the Trinity. While most hymnals have transposed the key from its original E major to the current D major, the melody, harmony, and rhythm is still the same as Dyke's original manuscript. Below, you will find a picture of John B. Dykes, a picture of the original handwritten text of Reginald Heber, and a picture of Reginald Heber.

Blessings,

Kristopher and Emily Hartman



JUNE BOOK CLUB: THE CHANGE BY KIRSTEN MILLER

The June Book Club will meet on June 28, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom to discuss this month's book "The Change" by Kirsten Miller. Melinda Bechtel will be leading the discussion.

Book Description

When midlife changes give three different women special powers, they come together to solve the murder of a teenage girl whom the police have written off as a drug-addicted sex worker—an investigation leading to a world of

stupendous wealth where rules don't apply.

Kirsten Miller is a groundbreaking feminist author in YA literature, best known for her popular Kiki Strike series. In addition to writing novels, Kirsten spent twenty-five years as a strategist in the advertising industry. During that time she worked for some of the largest agencies in the world, as well as boutique agencies and an eight-person start up.

She's proud to have quit at least two of those jobs over ads and incidents described in *The Change*.

"Searing and witty and full of so much warranted rage. This was a book I didn't know I was aching for. I cheered on every page." — Erin A. Craig, *New York Times* bestselling author of *House of Salt and Sorrows* and *Small Favors*

CLICK HERE for Zoom log in information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Gathering

The Gathering is for all "senior" women. They meet **the third Wednesday at 1pm for lunch and fellowship.** Each month a different restaurant is selected. June will be at Perkins Restaurant. For more information contact Nancy Whitcomb at 717-697-1823.

Men of Grace

Join us on **the third Thursday in June at 6pm via zoom** to discuss the churches' role in society. Can a pastor in the ELCA preach about the issues important to the ELCA, without being "political"?

For more information contact Matt Hearn 717-350-1048 or Rick Keen 717-657-5563.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the zoom meeting information.

Flat Jesus

Don't forget while traveling this summer to send any images to gclc@comcast.net or post on the Grace [Facebook](#) page. When we receive the images we will put a dot on the map as well as printing them in the newsletter from **May 29 - August 28** so everyone can see all the places Grace has gone with Jesus this summer!

West Shore Symphony Orchestra

The West Shore Symphony Orchestra presents three FREE summer concerts:

- 6/17/2022 6-8pm South Middleton Park in Boiling Springs
- 6/19/2022 3-5pm Paxton Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg
- 6/20/2022 7-8:45pm Fredericksen Library in Camp Hill

The concert theme is Southern "Hemisphear", featuring orchestral music of South and Central America and the southern United States, with accordion soloist Marcos Krieger.

Altar Flower Sponsorships

Consider sponsorship of the altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Below is the list of dates available for sponsorship. The cost is \$36.

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| July 3 | November 6 |
| August 7 | November 20 |
| October 2 | November 6 |
| October 30 | December 4 |

Bulletin Sponsorships

Consider sponsorship of the weekly bulletin to help offset the costs of printing each week for those in attendance and our Shut-Ins at home. Below is the list of dates available for sponsorship. The cost is \$27.

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| July 17, 24 & 31 | November 13 & 20 |
| August 21 | December 4, 11, 18 & 25 |
| September 18 & 25 | Christmas Eve at 7:00 & 9:30pm |
| October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | |

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request. The church office just needs to be made aware of the request by 10am the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish to sponsor.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, June 12** are given by Helen Titzel in thankfulness to God and in memory of John at our 58th Anniversary.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, June 12** is given by Helen Titzel in thankfulness for all our blessings.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **June** is given by D. G. Robert Little in honor of all graduates.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **June** is **Lutheran Camping Corporation.** To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list LCC under comments.



Need A Ride?

Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439 or email gclc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to help you get where you need to go.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.** Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!
 Saturdays at 6:00PM
 Sundays at 9:30AM
 or
 via [Live Stream](#)

Sunday School
 Sundays September to May



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