



# Sunday, October 23, 2022

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

### Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who is eager to forgive

and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness**

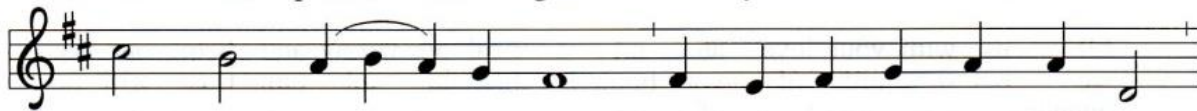
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## Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

**Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**Litany**

God of creation, we thank you for turning the earth toward the Sun.

**We thank you for the summer, the time of growth and flourishing life.**

As the days and the light are long, so is your love, O God:

**Endless, fruitful, full of possibility, bursting with energy.**

As growing things are awake and progressing, so may we become awake to your light and to your love:

**Making progress, seizing opportunities to grow, getting ready for the harvest.**

As our place on the earth faces the sun,

**Turn us toward your Son following the way of Christ, maturing in faith,  
spreading seeds  
of Good News to all.**

Fill us with light and life and love.

**Fill us with Christ. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;  
our apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel,  
its savior in time of trouble,  
why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning this people:  
Truly they have loved to wander,  
they have not restrained their feet;  
therefore the LORD does not accept them,  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?  
Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?  
We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,

the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?

We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 84:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may  
lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my  
departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I  
have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of  
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and  
not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it  
not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles  
might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me

from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

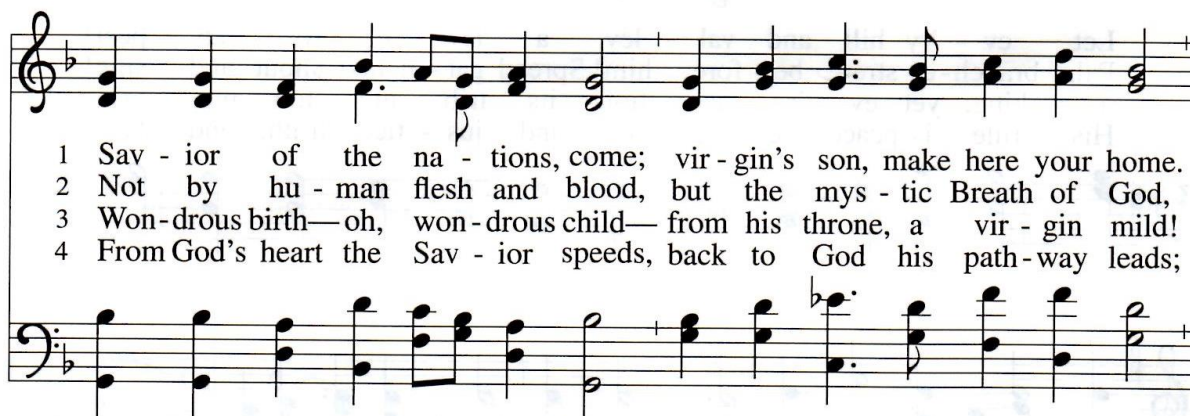
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children’s Message

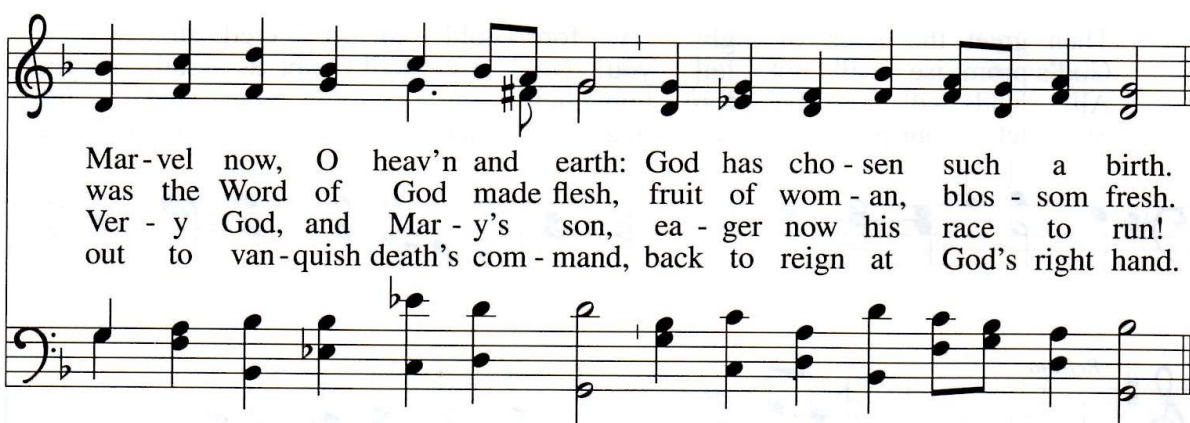
### Worship in Song

# Savior of the Nations, Come

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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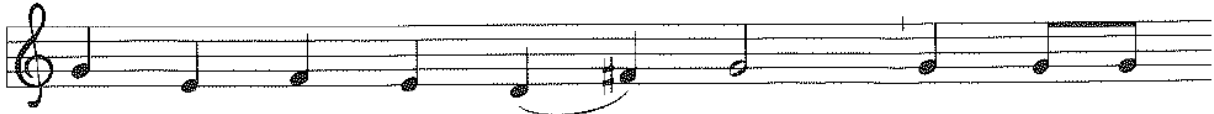


# O Lord, We Praise You

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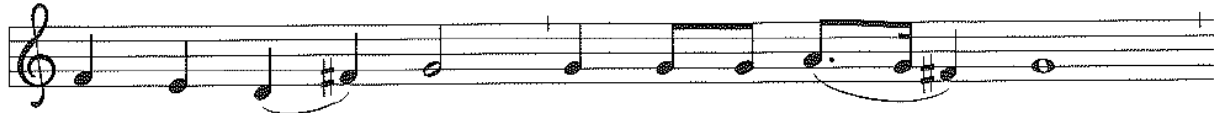
1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to  
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



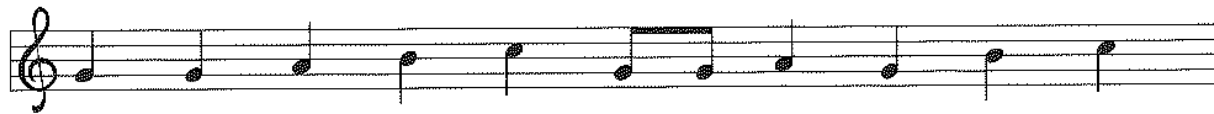
giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your  
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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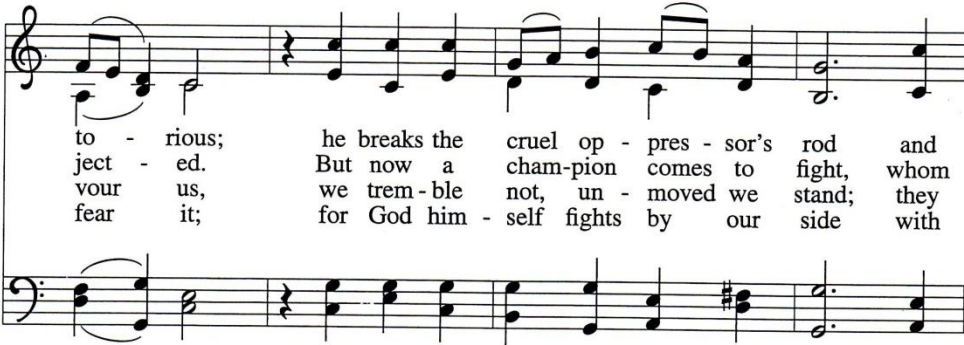


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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



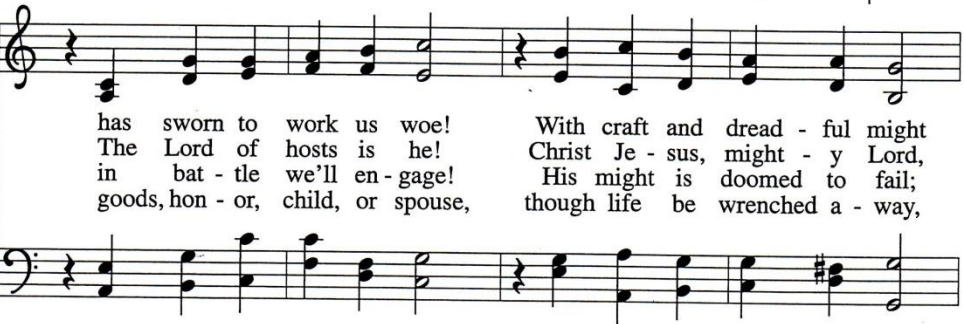
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Apostles' Creed

**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 was 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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for (*James of Jerusalem* and) all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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. 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Our Father, by Whose Name**

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# Our Father, by Whose Name

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty

in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.  
 with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:  
 and teach us how to find the love from self set free;

Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as  
 our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -  
 in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.  
 hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.  
 Music: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885  
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## Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Service Leader:	Carrie Wiedenheft
Lectors:	Millie McCready
Acolyte:	Carlie Wiedenheft
Usher:	Brad Stierhoff

At 10:30...

Service Leader:	Candy Beatty
Lectors:	Sally Warner
Worship in Song:	Jim Bertsch
Acolyte:	
Usher:	Bob Troike

October Altar Care: Barb Sessler

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God in celebration of Carol & Rob Dahs' 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 26.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Greg Norman & Cindy Norman in memory of their father, Les Norman's birthday today, October 23.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Fred Wobser, following hospitalization;  
Larry Wiedenheft, following hospitalization;  
Pastor Ralph Schibler, fighting sciatica pain;  
Phyllis Lopez (Janet Gardner's sister), suffering from cancer & so far treatment  
has failed to help.

For all directly or indirectly effected by Hurricane Ian, Wildfires, Mass Shootings  
happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;  
FAITH members, including; Shirley Miller;  
the people of St. John, Bellevue;

All who work to provide health care to the people of the greater Sandusky area.

## ATTENDANCE

October 16 = 51 + 29 = 80

**DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG”** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING’S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

### This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Congregational Council Mtg	9:15 am
MONDAY	Dartball	7:30 pm
	Huron @ V1      Bellevue @ V2	
WEDNESDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School/Trunk or Treats	9:15 am
	Fellowship time with Bishop Daniel	9:15 am

**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS ARE ASKING YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR “TRUNK FOR TREATS” DAY AGAIN THIS YEAR.** On Sunday, October 30 we will be walking around outside, weather permitting, during the beginning of the Sunday school hour at 9:15 am and getting treats from anyone who wants to participate. Candy is good, but snack bars, juice boxes, or other fall fun items are always a treat! Right now, we have around 15 kids in Sunday school so you can plan accordingly. We hope you all will help our Sunday school kids have a fun on “Trunk for Treats” day!

**BISHOP DANIEL BEAUDOIN** will join us for worship on October 30 at both services. There will be communion and a fellowship time between services upstairs. Please come and greet our bishop.

## Congregational Meeting



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY  
9:15 am between services

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS WILL BE HOSTING A SENIOR MEMBER THANKSGIVING LUNCH** on November 20th at 11:45am. This lunch is for all members 55 and older and will be held in our fellowship hall. To help with our meal planning, we ask that you sign up on the bulletin board in the educational wing before November 15th.

**PROJECT SHARE** is asking for our help again this year to fulfill the wish lists of some residents in the Margareta school residents for Christmas. A small Christmas tree with the items needed will be at the top of the stairs by the church office. Please take an ornament, purchase the item, and return it to the basket under the tree. And we thank you in advance for helping this organization help others in need this holiday season.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS (Last two weeks)**

General Fund - \$9,252.00

Building Improvements - \$525.00

**OUR SHOE DONATIONS HAVE MADE 1,000 PLUS PAIRS TO DATE.**

**TOWNSEND RURITAN** is sponsoring pancakes, sausage, biscuits, and gravy brunch today, October 23 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm, at the Vickery Fire Station. Adults \$8; children under 12, \$4.

**SERVING OUR SENIORS** is looking to find one volunteer to drive ONE senior to ONE doctor's appointment, ONE time a month. At any time, you or a family member might need this service and we'd like to keep this program running. Are you the ONE? Please call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856.

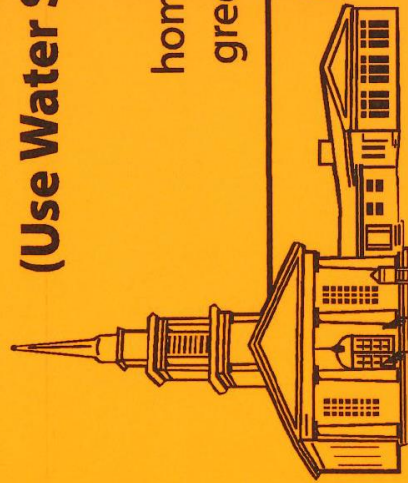


# ROASTBEEF DINNER

**Saturday, November 5, 2022  
4:00 p.m. until sold out**

**Drive thru service only • \$10 meal  
(Use Water Street entrance across from Post Office)**

Slow cooked roast beef,  
home cooked mashed potatoes with gravy,  
green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, dessert



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