

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 15, 2025

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Trinity Sunday

“Of Truth”

Today we start our series on the Disciples/Apostles and where they went after the Ascension and how they died. It is traditional to start with Peter.

Prelude: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Hustad

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Proverbs 8 and Psalms 8)

One: Holy, Embodied, and Present God, how majestic are your many names in all creation! In you we find direction, inspiration, and encouragement.

Many: Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Creator, Christ, and Compassion, we turn to you in praise, prayer, and penitence to be made new, set free, and empowered.

Many: Does not love call and understanding raise her voice?

One: Source, Sustainer, and Spirit, your abiding presence gathers, connects, and strengthens us. You make us a community that participates in your kingdom.

Many: Does not truth call and understanding raise her voice?

Invocation (unison)

Author, Word and Translator, we invite you to dwell with us, to form us, and to challenge us. Send a fresh wind to enliven our hearts, minds, and spirits to your word and your truth. Let our worship of you expand our hopes and our convictions and bring your glory. Make us instruments playing our part of the harmonious song of your love in the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

God of Grace, Mercy, and Redemption, the brokenness of the world surrounds us. We may benefit from the brokenness. We may participate in the brokenness. We may persist against the brokenness. We may move back and forth between those positions. Wherever we may be situated, we seek your presence with us to shape our response so that we may transition from wounded healers to healed stewards of restoration, liberation, and truth for your glory and love of creation. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, the Holy One has given us the gift and responsibility of stewardship, care, and concern for creation. The Embodied One commanded us to love our neighbors and our enemies. The Indwelling One journeys with us with wisdom, discernment, and truth to equip us to be what the world needs from us and the Triune God hopes for us. Receive the gift and the Giver for life abundant and flourishing.

*Hymn: "Father, I Adore You"

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Scripture: Acts 12:1-17

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Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

Let us share in the glory of God by aligning our resources to the kingdom of God, for the flourishing of our family, our faith community, and our world. As we trust in God's provision, give generously to meet needs, to generate opportunity, and to express gratitude.

Offertory: "God of Our Fathers"

Roberts

*Presentation of the Offering and The 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. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Providing, Generous, and Faithful Love, we demonstrate your goodness by offering these gifts. Receive them for the kingdom and increase our impact in this community and the world in your name. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Praise Ye the Triune God" p.155

*Benediction

May Truth be your companion and guide
May Truth reveal and inspire
May Truth encourage and challenge
May Truth clothe you to be a living declaration of Truth. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Zundel

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**Of Truth: Service Prayers for Trinity** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Donald and Phyllis Ritter in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of their fathers, Harvey Heil and John Harry.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Diane Berger.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Les Schoenberger.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, June 16 at 10:00am. If you have any questions please call or text Millie Kohler.

**Lunch Bunch** will be on Friday, June 27 at the Bally Family Diner, 12 noon. Please RSVP for these events with Mark or Linda Weaver. **All are Welcome!**

The next round of **Grief Care** has begun and meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Each week includes a video, discussion and a snack. We meet in the lower social hall which is air conditioned and comfortable for all. We also have a zoom link if you cannot make it in person. Please speak to Pastor Lori with any questions. This group is open to all and is Free.

Don't forget to pick up your ordered **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches on Thursday between 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Join us for the **79th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage on Sunday, June 29, 2025**, for a memorable day of worship, history, and community! Experience an outdoor service under a large tent, surrounded by the beauty of nature at the historic 1841 stone schoolhouse, located at 7226 School House Lane in Zionsville. The combined Lutheran, Mennonite, and U.C.C. congregations will gather for a service at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by a German-style picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods. Stay for an exciting **12:30 p.m.** performance by **Palzer Krischer**, a German/PA Dutch folk group, featuring local musician Scott Reagan and his band from Altrip, Germany. This unique concert, blending PA Dutch and Palzisch (Palatine German), will be a highlight you won't want to miss!

**Open House! Saturday, June 28** from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. there will be an Open House at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse! Experience first-hand this one-room school which is on the National Register of Historical Places.

**Calling All Bakers!!!** There will be a bake sale as part of the events at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Dillingersville Schoolhouse. If you love to bake, please consider donating one of your delicious desserts to support this beautiful and historical schoolhouse. **Bring your dessert(s) to the schoolhouse with you prior to the 10:30 am service on Sunday, June 29th.** Please keep in mind that there is no refrigeration available, so you may want to consider not using icing on your dessert. For more information, please contact Teresa Marks at 610-509-1488 (cell number). Thank you!

**Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. starting Sunday, July 6.**

## **Week of June 15-21, 2025:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.  
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm  
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Care – Wednesday from 6-8pm

Pick Up Ordered Sandwiches – Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm

Dillingersville Joint Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Iron Pigs Game – Saturday @ 6:35pm

**Next Sunday** – 10:15am Worship

## **Total Offerings from June 8, 2025:**

General Offerings: \$2,525.00

Mission: \$105.00

Building Repair: \$80.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Utilities: \$50.00

Communion: \$25.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Attendance - 45



## **Blessing for Father's Day or Any Day for Youth**

Let's be the men who bless the nations - and let's start in our own homes. You can pick and choose any of these blessings to share with your loved ones.

What a great idea for Father's Day. Use your gift of being a "Dad" and share your blessings with your family. It will be moments you won't forget. It may become a family tradition :)

*"I've had the privilege and blessing to watch you grow into the young man (woman) you are today. I am so very proud of you. You are a bright light in a world that desperately needs brighter days. And needs the hope that you carry in you.*

*There's a blessing that God gave to Moses for the people of Israel.*

*It's a blessing that has been passed down for generations.*

*I pray this same blessing over you.*

*May the Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually)." (Numbers 6:24-26)*

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*Then God said to Moses, "Put my name on your children, and I will bless them." So today I put the name of the Lord Jesus Christ on you. I earnestly pray his love, grace and favor over you. I pray God's protection over your heart and soul.*

*My favorite scripture for our family is (your scripture)*

*I want you to know that you are chosen and dearly loved by God the Father. Nothing can separate you from His love (Romans 8:38-39).*

*And one of the greatest promises is found in Jeremiah 29:11. It was written to people that were in slavery, nothing was going right, times were tough... but God gave them hope with this word;*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

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*I bless you. Rise up and live your life with passion, joy and strength. God brought you to me. You are [in my family/in my life] for a reason. You are special, gifted in ways like no one else and with a purpose that only you can accomplish. So I bless you and I bless your destiny as you bring light to a dark world."*

Your son needs this. Your daughter needs this. There's a young man in your world who needs this prayer from you.