



– Luke 16:19-31

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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- September 25, 2022 •
- 9:00 a.m. Service
- (In-person & Zoom)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Arendtsville, Pennsylvania



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.**

\* **GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 720

**'We Are Called'**

1. Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
To be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain:* We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called  
To be hope for the hopeless  
So hatred and blindness will be no more.

*(Refrain)*

3. Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign,  
And we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love.

*(Refrain)*

Text: David Haas, b. 1957. Music: David Haas.

\* **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.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

**WORD**

**THE READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>Therefore 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: ‘Amazing Grace’**

Chancel Choir

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

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He 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.’<sup>25</sup> But 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.’<sup>26</sup> Besides 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.’<sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’<sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He 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.’”

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Siebert

### **\* 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 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

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.

*A brief silence.*

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name who are near to our hearts. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.  
**Amen.**

## \* PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us share signs of peace as we greet one another.*

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

#### \* OFFERTORY: 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

ELW # 186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Gracious God,  
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.**

#### \* 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 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.**

## **SENDING**

### **\* BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### **\* SENDING SONG**

ELW # 705

#### ***'God of Grace and God of Glory'***

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

\* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* Postlude

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**The Ministers of Worship & Service**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Ben Siebert
Organist/Pianist	Ellie Vranich
Choir Director	Amanda Hollabaugh
Children’s Choir Director	Josie Pelc
Children’s Choir Accompanist	Andy Pelc
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Singley
Altar Guild	Seils Family
Head Usher	Jim Ridinger
Ushers/Greeters	(Volunteers)
Lector	Rick Pelc
Acolytes	(Volunteers)
Sound Technician	(Volunteer)
Head Counter/Offering Counters	(TBD)

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Gregory Culp’s birthday (9/21) and Gabrielle Warrenfeltz’s birthday (9/26), by Mindi and Nathaniel Culp.

**The Sanctuary Candle** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Eleanor Lady, by Peggy Lady.

**The Bulletins** are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Eleanor Lady, by Peggy Lady.

**Welcome Visitors:** It is a pleasure having you join us for worship today. If you would like to offer any comments on your worship experience at Trinity or have any type of request, please consider sending us a note to P.O. Box 309, Arendtsville, PA 17303 or office@trinityarendtsville.org.

## Giving from 8/1/22 – 8/31/22

Current	\$7,422.58
Building	187.50
Benevolence	297.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,907.58</b>

– Thank you for your offering contributions! –

## MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of July 2022:

	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>
Income	\$10,282.59	\$65,351.07
Expenses	12,312.69	93,645.19
<b>Excess Income/Expenses:</b>	<b>(\$ 2,030.10)</b>	<b>(\$28,294.12)</b>

## Weekly Attendance for August:

Aug. 7 - 27      Aug. 14 - 24      Aug. 21 - 39      Aug. 28 - 29

## Calendar for 9/25/22 – 10/2/22:

Sunday 9/25	<b><u>Postponed:</u> AED Training Session</b> EIMI Confirmation Class (Trinity) 6-7:30 pm
Monday 9/26	UACT Youth Committee Meeting (Zion UCC) 6 pm
Tuesday 9/27	Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
Thursday 9/29	Adult Bible Study (Trinity) 6 pm Congregational Council Meeting 7 pm
Sunday 10/2	<b><u>NO</u></b> EIMI Confirmation Class

**Sunday School.** Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 8 a.m. each Sunday.

**Children's Choir** practices each Sunday from 8:00 to 8:15 a.m. in the Social Room. All youth are welcome to participate.

**Services Available in Person and via Zoom.** All are invited to join together in person or online (via Zoom) each Sunday to share in worship together. Regular worship with one service and singing is held at 9 a.m. (Masks are optional for participants of indoor worship and ministries.) For the appropriate link or additional information for worship, if participating by Zoom, go to the website at: [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org).

**Sermons and Worship Resources Available.** Sermons are available via Trinity's podcast. Just search for "Trinity Lutheran Church: Arendtsville" in iTunes or find them on our Facebook page. The Trinity website also offers resources for worship. Go to: [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org).

**Needed: Offering Counters.** Offering Counters are needed to count the offering contributions. It typically only takes about an hour. If you would like to give it a try or would like more details, contact Beverly Brillhart at 717-677-4643 or by email at [brillhart.beverly@gmail.com](mailto:brillhart.beverly@gmail.com) or [beverly@trinityarendtsville.org](mailto:beverly@trinityarendtsville.org).

**Devotional Booklets Are Available.** The regular and large print *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for the fourth quarter (October through December) are available. They can be picked up from the usher's table or in the literature rack at the front entryway.

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## **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR PASTOR**

The Mutual Ministry Committee is inviting the congregation to participate in Pastor Siebert's annual performance evaluation. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts regarding the pastor's performance as our spiritual leader, please complete an evaluation on or before **October 16, 2022**.

We are very pleased to share that the evaluation is again available on-line this year. You can find the on-line evaluation at: <https://forms.gle/M1GXpRqcGVz3DfMt5>

The paper version is also available at church (on the table during worship) or ask a member of the Mutual Ministry Committee (Susan Pyron 717-253-2371, Kelly Pelc 717-677-8762, Dick Price 717-677-6901, and Liz Knapp 724-968-6306) to email or postal mail you a copy. Please return paper evaluations in an envelope marked "**CONFIDENTIAL – Evaluation**" and place them in the Mutual Ministry Committee's mailbox no later than **October 16, 2022**. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Kelly Pelc, 717-677-8762, or at [k.pelc1@comcast.net](mailto:k.pelc1@comcast.net).



# • PRAYER LIST •

September 25, 2022

## *Our Prayer List*

James Altland & Beverly  
Dayton & Blake Biesecker  
Bob & Doreen  
Doug Bower  
Deb Brooks  
John Brown  
Heather Wegley Ceryan  
Reynolds Christman  
Tim Clarenbach  
Camden Colangelo  
Charles Costella  
Bonnie Dean  
Ginger Deaver  
Stella M. Fox  
Janelle Garber  
Sally Gardner  
Sue Garretson  
Rev. Bob & Pam Gray  
Dorothy Gulden  
Bill Hale  
Jon Hall  
Clarissa Hammar  
Donny Hartzel  
Mandy Hartzel  
Maddie Hill  
Patti Hockensmith  
John Holcomb  
Jay & Mary Jackson  
Harold Kint  
Jadin Koon  
Catherine Leider  
Kaedyn Lentz  
Braden Leonard  
Matt Livelsberger  
Dave Martin  
Cole McCowen  
Gary Lee McDannell  
Nancy McFeaters  
Cathy Miller

The Millers  
Rev. Eugene Moore  
Ike Moore  
Anna Jane Moyer  
David Owsley  
Michael Petrillo  
Geraldine Phillips  
Ferd Prehn  
Jennifer Rauscher  
Chuck Ritter  
Glenda Rose  
Amanda Rustad-Fogle  
Kevin Sanders  
Carl A. Seils  
Carl Frederick Seils  
Charlotte Seitz  
Drew Seitz  
Christine Sell  
Charlotte Sites  
Brave Michael Smith  
Mike Sobotor  
Sue Stuffle  
Mike Trostel  
Kitty Unrue  
Shelly Vought & Family  
Todd Waddell  
Wilma Walker  
Jude Walz  
Judy Wegley  
Everly Grace Williams  
Bob Wright  
Dan Wright  
Cathy Yadlosky  
Amy Yingling  
Donald & Linda Yingling  
† *Family & Friends of  
Raymond Kuhn*

**Our Long Term Prayer List**

Max Abraham  
Bradon & Jace Arter  
Dorothy Carey  
Gage Cordero  
Alyssa Eastridge  
Kristi Ebbert  
Luci Hartman  
Tina Hollabaugh  
Creta Jacobs  
Anthony Kane  
Crystal Kettle  
Jason King  
Sam MacPherson  
Joanne May  
Revs. Terry & Susan McCarthy  
Shirley Menges  
Lorenzo Moreno

Roy 'Chip' Plank III  
Dick & Phyllis Price  
Larry Riley  
Daniele Serro  
Brian Smith  
Laura Starner  
Ida Staub  
Peggy Swartz  
Dori Tillett  
Robert Vogelsong  
Barry Warrenfeltz  
Derek Wolfe

★ *Grant Bailey, Jorden Trostel,  
and All Our Service Men  
and Women*



***Prayer List Submission Guidelines***

*Names on "Our Prayer List" will run for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. Those names with an ( \* ) have been on the list for four weeks. If you wish to have them stay on, please let us know or the names will be moved to the "Long Term Prayer List." Names on the "Long Term Prayer List" run indefinitely. **Let us know when they should be removed.** To place someone on the list, fill out the following form and give it to an usher, place in the offering plate or give it to the church office.*

**Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which List?** \_\_\_\_\_ *Our Prayer List* \_\_\_\_\_ *Long Term*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Optical Illusions

Have you ever seen one of those pictures that changes depending on how you look at it? Is it a rabbit or a duck? Is it a vase or two faces looking at one another? A young woman or an old one? Sometimes our first impression of something gets in the way of us seeing it another way.

In the parable Jesus tells today, there is a man with wealth and influence who has always seen his life as a success. That success seems all the more pronounced in contrast to a poor, sick beggar who is always hanging around the entrance to his house. But when the rich man dies, he realizes that his life was actually the opposite of what he thought. It was not his possessions or status that mattered; it was the justice and love he showed to others. When it came to those things, he was far more impoverished and much sicker than the man he looked down on every day.

When we look at our own lives, it can be easy to get stuck in just one way of seeing them. If we focus on worldly standards, we may judge ourselves as successes or failures in ways that are out of touch with how God sees us. With this parable, Jesus calls us to new ways of looking at ourselves. Where are we missing the opportunities right outside our front door to act with love and justice for our siblings near and far?

In Christian worship, we gather to practice the way our lives and our world appear to God. We lift up the cries that have gone unheard. We look at one another and ourselves through the redemptive waters of baptism. We feed one another around the table that Christ sets for us all in our common need. As witnesses to God's truth, we send one another forth to shatter misguided illusions in the world around us.



## **Announcements for September 25, 2022**

- ✦ **TODAY: 'POSTPONED' – AED Training Session.** The AED Training Session scheduled for today at 10 a.m. has been postponed and will be rescheduled. Keep watching as the new date will be announced at a later time.
- ✦ **TODAY: EIMI Confirmation Class to Meet.** The second session of the EIMI Confirmation Program will be held at Trinity from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today. Next Class: **Oct. 9.**
- ✦ **Sept. 29: Final Fall Adult Bible Study** will be held this Thursday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Trinity. We will continue to explore hope and the things that fill us while understanding and discussing the importance of assembly in our Christian lives. *All are invited to join us!*
- ✦ **Oct. 3: Upper Adams Prayer Breakfast** will be held at The Apple Bin (Rt. 234, between Arendtsville and Biglerville) on Monday, Oct. 3, beginning with breakfast orders around 7:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Mike Holland, pastor of the Brethren in Christ's Light, Joy, and Hope Center of York Springs, will be the guest speaker. All regulars and visitors may pre-register by calling Charlotte Bergmann at 717-677-8242 in an effort to assist planning. *All are invited to attend!*
- ✦ **Oct. 5: Church Women United to Meet.** Church Women United will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road. Ralph Serpe, President and CEO of the Adams County Community Foundation, will speak about the **Giving Spree**. Bring a bagged lunch. Beverages will be provided. Newcomers are always welcome.
- ✦ **Oct. 19: What's Cookin'!** On Wednesday, Oct. 19, all youth from Pre-K to Grade 6 are invited to gather at Trinity from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for What's Cookin'. The youth will have the opportunity to enjoy a light meal together, as well as a Bible-themed lesson and activity. *(See next page.)*
- ✦ **Nov. 6: "HOLD THE DATE" of November 6! ...** Our annual youth supper, Outreach food auction, and youth baking contest are back! Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. The Youth Baking Contest results will be announced at 6:30 p.m. The Food Auction will begin at 6:45. All kinds of baked goods and other food items are needed for the auction. Proceeds from the auction are given for local needs/charities in our area. *More details coming soon!*

# What's Cookin'

**Hey, Kids! It's time for What's Cookin' 2022-2023!**  
Preschoolers through 6th Graders are invited to join us at Trinity Lutheran Church (38 North High Street, Arendtsville) for our monthly What's Cookin' program! On the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm, we will gather for a light meal together, fun, and Bible-themed lessons and activities.

**Mark your calendars now,  
so you don't miss out on the fun!**

*October 19*

*November 23*

*December 21*

*January 18*

*February 15*

*March 15*

*April 19*

Contact Ellie Vranich if you would like to volunteer to help or if your family/organization/committee would like to provide the meal for one of our monthly gatherings ([evranich@comcast.net](mailto:evranich@comcast.net) or 717-677-4431).

**All local kids are WELCOME! Bring a friend!!**