

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE (09-13-26)

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REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acolyte: Madelyn Birchfield

Cross Bearer: Austin Setzer

Elders: Deb Hill and Johnny Lamp

Flowers: Gerald Bowman

Lay Reader: Todd Dickerson

Liturgist: Ashley Setzer

Treasurer's Assist: Jason Herman

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THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Pastor

Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir

Marty Light, Organist

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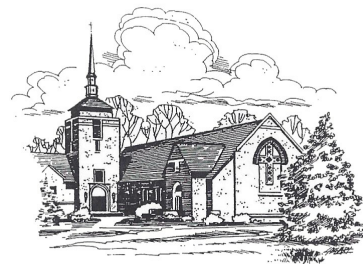
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Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 13, 2026—10:30 A.M.

Our Mission: *To love God, love one another, and love the world through adoring worship, affectionate community, and active service*

**Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

"Prelude in E flat"

(by Marcello)

Kelle Love, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Jason Herman, Liturgist

Let us seek the Lord with all of our heart that we may know and serve Him.

But, how shall we come before the Lord and what shall we bring?

Christ has shown us the way—bring your love, your praise, and your service.

***HYMN**

"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#323 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Jason Herman, Liturgist

God of mercy and justice, who reminds us again and again of the difference between heavenly and worldly values, transform our standards of what is important in life—that we shall no longer strive for the perishable, but ever treasure the imperishable. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Peggy Stout

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of abundant living. You offer us your Holy Spirit, so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of the world and our culture have a strong attraction and we often succumb to their lure. Forgive us, O Lord! Give us the vision and courage to choose the ways of Christ and to nurture our life in Him, that we may receive your blessing.

We ask all of these things in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*PRAISE RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God”
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

#155 Blue Book

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Jillian Helton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

Deb Hill, Lay Reader

Living God, help us to hear your Holy Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING #1

Psalm 42:1-5

Deb Hill

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Assurance”
(John Ness Beck)

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING #2

I Kings 19:1-11a

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles’ Creed)*

Jason Herman

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:
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.

HAPPENING AT TRINITY



Cookbook Donation: David Eckard would like to donate several of his wife Sherry’s cookbooks to those who would be interested. Please feel free to help yourself to the cookbooks in the church library.

Good Timers & Singles Luncheon

When: Tues, Sept. 15th at 11:45 am
Where: Trinty’s Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$10
We hope you’ll join us for lunch!
Sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary.



Men’s Bible Study
(Led by David Kibbie & Joe Bishop)

4-week Bible study “from Risen to Ascension”, Christ’s last 40 days on earth, to begin Thurs, Sept. 17th. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Parlor or Chapel on Thursday nights. *Please see the interest form in the sanctuary.*

Women’s Bible Study
(Led by Luana Wright & Marcia Mancini)

5-week Bible study on the book of Galatians & the Fruit of the Spirit to begin Monday, Sept. 21st. We will meet from 6-7:15pm in the Parlor on Monday nights. *Please see the interest form in the sanctuary.*

Fellowship with St. Matthews

We’ll have our Trinity Church family, the Lahu, and some folks from St. Matthews Reformed Church at Trinity for a special music program & evening fellowship next Sunday, Sept. 20th at 5pm . If you’d be wiling to make a churn of ice cream for this churchwide hotdog supper and cake & ice cream fellowship in our Fellowship Hall, please call the church office and let us know. We’ll see YOU there!

NEW MEMBERS

Frank & Loretta Wells joined Trinity Reformed UCC this past week as Associate Members. Rev. Stout led the Wells in a service of membership at their home with Pat Bowers, Consistory Secretary, witnessing the service, and welcomed them on behalf of Trinity Church. More information about this couple will be shared in the October Tablet. Welcome, Frank & Loretta Wells!



27,184
21,747
15,810
10,540
5,270

<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST</u>					
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering
Aug 2	81	20	55	156	\$4,514.00
Aug 9	86	28	35	149	\$2,248.00
Aug 16	101	16	33	150	\$5,027.00
Aug 23	97	20	56	173	\$3,040.00
Aug 30					
Total					

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184*.
— Denotes combined Traditional & Lahu service

This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
11:45 am—Consistory Meeting
11:45 am—Kids Club Outing: Jin's Buffet & Putt-Putt



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:45 am—Good Timers & Singles Luncheon (at Trinity)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00 pm—Children's School
Grandparents Day Picnic

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (cont'd)

6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines
6:30 pm—Men's Fall Bible Study Begins (Chapel or Library)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
11:45 am—Hotdog & Ice Cream/Cake Fellowship with St. Matthews (at Trinity)

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" #107 Blue Book
(vs. 1, 2, & 5)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation
Offertory
*Doxology

"Melodia Semplice"
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rev. Peggy Stout
by Smith

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN "When We All Get to Heaven" #123 Blue Book
(vs. 1, 3, & 4)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace" Kelle Love
(by Bristol)

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## Kids Club Outing!

Join us for an outing after worship TODAY at 11:45 am.  
We will take Kids Club to Jin's Buffet for lunch, then head to Udderly Delicious for an afternoon of putt-putt. If you have any questions, please ask Jessica Spain. (828-228-0035)



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our grandparents Bud and Patricia Inman, and all the grandparents of Trinity.  
Given By: Sydney & Josh Mateyunas



### OLD TESTAMENT READING #1

*Psalm 42:1-5 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”. <sup>4</sup> These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. <sup>5</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

### OLD TESTAMENT READING #2

*I Kings 19:1-11a (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are care notepads provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone in our church. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take up the notes after the service and mail them directly to the person. *You may also place them in the offering plates when passed down the pews.*

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, and visits**

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

Frank Wells  
Lawrence Warf  
Vickie Piercy  
Stan & Margie Griffin  
Wanda Sue Ammerman  
Darlene Whittaker  
Jo Ann Simmons  
Yvonne Propst  
Molly Lamp  
Jane Hamilton  
Mabel Lawing  
Jeanne Whitmire  
Shirley & Ken Poovey  
Carolyn Reitzel  
Lynn Dee David  
Jane Bartholomew  
Aimee Falder

#### **RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Rev. Earle Potts  
\*Garry Hill



#### **OTHERS**

\*Mark Alexander (D. Alexander’s brother)  
\*Mike Sigmon (friend of H. Shuford)  
\*Candace Moore (C. Stanford’s Mom)  
\*Rowe Eckard (D. Eckard’s brother)  
\*Michael Gantt (C & B Gantt’s Son)  
\*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons’ Brother)  
\*Bill Barnard (B. Adams’ Brother)  
\*Bobbie Sigmon (Terry Hall’s Niece)

#### **ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

##### **SPRINGS OF CATAWBA**

**Hickory, NC 28601**

Cyndy Adams

##### **CV ASSIST. LIVING—ROCK BARN**

**Conover, NC 28613**

Jeanne Whitmire (Room 107)

##### **MAGNOLIA LANE**

**Morganton, NC 28655**

Pat Roark (Room 1)

##### **CLEMMONS VILLAGE**

**Clemmons, NC 27012**

Danna Perkins (Room 1)

**Welcome!** *If you desire to seek a closer walk with God or would like to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, please feel free to speak to Rev. Stout about your desire. If you wish to become a member of this church, or just want more information about our church, please speak to Rev. Stout to explore your interest. Please feel free to see Rev. Peggy at church, or call her at the church office (828-464-8226) or on her cell number (828-302-0039).*