

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

As I was praying over the bread and wine recently, one phrase jumped out at me. “We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving”.

I’ve heard and prayed this countless times in my life and it’s jumped out at me before, but this time was different. It made me think about tithing and offering to God the first fruits of our labor and all we have and all that we are.

Have you ever thought about the offering of praise and thanksgiving as a sacrifice to God?

When I think of sacrifice, I think of giving up something. Usually, it’s something that is costly and potentially painful.

According to The Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Sacrifice is 1) the offering of something precious to a deity; 2) something offered in sacrifice; 3) loss, deprivation. Also, Offer is 1) sacrifice; 2) to present for acceptance. To Tithe is to give to God the first-fruits, the first 10%, of what we receive back to God as a token of gratitude for God’s incredible generosity.

The prayer during Holy Eucharist is that “we”, all of us in the gathered community, are intentionally “offering” to God our “sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.” And we do this each time we join in Holy Eucharist. When we sing the Doxology – Praise God from whom all blessings flow – you’ll notice that I lift the bread and the wine and the offering plates. These items signify the offering of the first fruits of our life and labor back to God.

While we do this in community, I wonder about how each of us do this on our own and with our families.

When I deposit my paycheck, the first check I write is my tithe to Trinity as an expression of my gratitude to God. Before I began tithing I struggled to make ends meet. I was in an hourly wage job and I had, maybe, \$100 in the bank for the following weeks after writing that first check. But I was convicted of my need to make that commitment to God.

My life and financial concerns became greatly diminished once I began tithing even though my hourly wage job remained the same. There were still times when I was in need, but somehow, those needs were met. By continuing to honor God in this way, I still experience a kind of freedom that I didn’t have before making that commitment.

This makes me wonder, what if I started each day with an expression of praise to God for my life and all creation? And what if I ended each day with thanking God for the experiences of God I had throughout the day? Might I experience a new kind of freedom?

I invite you to join me in an experiment over the summer to offer your sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as the first fruits of your life and to consider if your financial life reflects that same gratitude. God’s generosity is abundant and we are called to offer back to God a token of that abundance with praise and thanksgiving. What does that look like for you?

In Christ’s love, *Rev. Sue*

## **THANK YOU**

The Nancy Moulthrop Trust and its executor, Patrick Winningham and the Organ Committee, Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders, and the Saginaw Chapter of American Guild of Organists for the wonderful Organ Rededication Concert.

The Hospitality Committee who has done a wonderful job of offering receptions for the Bob Sabourin Memorial Evensong and the Organ Rededication Concert.

The Garden Guild who has been weeding and trimming trees – it's looking good!

John & Mary Allen, Patrick Gray and Rich Sayyae for hosting an extravagant Bring a Friend to Church Day.

## **OUR SYMPATHIES TO**

Rev. Sue on the death of her uncle, Howard Willis, who died on May 13, 2022.

Don & Denise Middleton on the death of their foster daughter, Kelly Gomez-Gilman, who died May 15, 2022.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Pat Trahan who received the 2022 Charley Curtiss Lifetime Achievement Award.

Emily Gray, Sam Keeler and Matthew Leibrand on graduating High School.

## **FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE**

Please make sure to like our Facebook page and YouTube channel and then share them on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!

## **SPECIAL SUMMER DATES**

- Sunday, June 5, Pentecost, Graduation Sunday
- Sunday, June 5, 12:00pm, Blessing of the Wheels outside
- Sunday, June 11, Trinity Sunday, Choir's last day

- Tuesday, June 14, 12:30pm St. Elizabeth's Guild lunch at Barney's Bar & Grill, all are welcome
- Saturday, June 25, Pridefest booth and service time TBD at Wenona Park
- Sunday, June 26, Potluck BBQ after church

## **REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL**

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will.

## **UPDATE ON TRINITY'S COVID PROTOCOLS**

- Masks are welcome but not required
- Contact tracing continues for groups
- Passing of the Peace will be done at a distance
- Hand sanitizer before communion
- Wine is now available in individual glass chalices
- Online worship continues
- Additional information can be found at [www.eastmich.org/coronavirus](http://www.eastmich.org/coronavirus)

## **WORSHIP AT TRINITY**

It is understood that when out in public there is the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and we trust that each household will make the best decision for themselves as to attend worship in-person or online. Trinity's space is quite large and we have implemented safety measures above the diocesan requirements.

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.

### PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to one of our prayer lists, please email [trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com) or call 989-892-5813 or 989-326-0469 (cell).

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to [www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org](http://www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org), click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.



**The Social Committee of Trinity** has met and we are excited about upcoming events! We will have a Potluck Barbeque on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, immediately following church. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be supplied – and grilled – as well as buns and condiments. There will be a sign-up sheet for everything else – potato salad, beans, dessert, etc.! We will eat in the Parish Hall and play some games too!

### Social Committee continued

Upcoming events being planned are a pool party at Archie & Ann's home, monthly Sunday Funday events, potluck dinners and more. Currently the Social Committee consists of Mickie Leibrand, Marc Mulholland, and Ann Shea. We invite ALL suggestions for activities and would welcome anyone who would like to be a member of the committee.

**The Rededication Concert for the refurbished Moeller/Berghaus was on May 15, 2022.** Thanks to the Nancy Moulthrop Trust, the organ is now ready to make music to the Glory of God for generations to come!

The Organ Committee wants to say a special THANK YOU to the guest performers who made the organ come alive at the concert.

Pictured are:

Front Row: Rayechel Berger, Brenda Hayden, Patricia Bowen

Second Row: Dawn Brady, Rev. Sue Rich

Third Row: Patrick Winningham, Brian Heinlein, Jim Gladstone

Top Row: Jon Eifert, Collin Whitfield



**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**June Birthdays**

- Quinnlyn Lang
- Jean Meisel
- Craig Hool
- Katy Iannacchione
- Sarah Willard
- Stacie Miller
- Rita Meilstrup
- Anne Trahan
- Jennifer Jones
- Dawn Brady

**June Anniversaries**

- Allen & Judy Laskowski
- Stacie & Chuck Miller
- Donald & Denise Middleton
- Michael & Diane Rapson Gabil

**July Birthdays**

- Ted Alvarez
- John Allen
- Mary Jane Elliot
- Ed Pawlaczyk
- Rita Laetz
- Corbyn Lang
- Nicole Causley
- Susan Beckert
- Bruce Sherbeck
- Jeanette Luebs
- Isabella Salazar

**July Anniversaries**

- Steven & Patti Anderson
- Jeff & Kristi Pennex
- John & Debbie Walker

**ST. ELIZABETH’S GUILD**

Come and join us for lunch at Barney’s Bar and Grill on June 14th at 12:30pm for lunch. The address is 800 Michigan Ave. All are welcome!

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

Friends of Music will, again, be collecting pop cans as part of our regular fundraising efforts. Please save your pop cans! They may be deposited in the collection bin in the Parish Hall or you can wait for our ingathering Sunday, the date is to be determined! We are grateful for your support!

**CAMP CHICK NEEDS A NEW MOWER**

A message from Executive Director McKenzie Knill:  
Our lawnmower is broken. We figured that we could try and make “cutting the playfield grass with scissors” a campers’ choice activity this summer or, better yet, we could reach out to the fans of Camp Chickagami to see about rallying together to buy us a new one.

All donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be given online via Facebook by going to I Heart Camp Chick, scrolling to the post about the lawnmower and clicking on the link.

Or a check may made out to Camp Chickagami and mailed to:  
Diocese of Eastern Michigan  
124 N. Fayette Street  
Saginaw, MI 48602

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.

**Trinity Church  
Her People, Her Building  
Then and Now**

**The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

*The Parable of the Lost Sheep* is one of the parables of Jesus and is found in the Gospel of Matthew (18:12-14) and the Gospel of Luke (15:3-7). A parable is usually a brief story that illustrates a moral or religious lesson. Jesus tells the parable to show that the Kingdom of God is accessible to all, even to those who were sinners or who strayed from God’s path.

In the story, Jesus uses the example of a shepherd who has 100 sheep and one goes missing. The shepherd leaves the 99 others and searches for the lost sheep. Jesus stresses that when the shepherd finds the lost sheep, he rejoices over it more than over the 99 sheep who did not go astray. The lost sheep represents a lost person. As in the story of the Good Shepherd, Jesus is the shepherd identifying Himself with the image of God. *The Parable of the Lost Sheep* is also a reference to the Old Testament where God says that He will search for the stray sheep, rescue them and look after them (Ezekiel 34:11-16).

At the end of the parable, the rejoicing of the shepherd represents God rejoicing with the angels over the one sheep who was lost and is now found. The image of God rejoicing at the recovery of lost sinners contrasts with the criticism of the religious leaders which prompted this parable.

At Trinity Church, the windows illustrating *the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lost Son)* and *the Parable of the Lost Sheep* are a

couplet dealing with redemption. The parables are an allegory of God’s mercy and grace seeking out the lost.



*The Parable of the Lost Sheep* is found on the eastern nave wall. “To Save that which is Lost” Matthew 18:11. The window is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Harry Defoe. February 22, 1947 – June 8, 1966. Created by Willet Studios of Philadelphia, PA.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

# Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=l and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

MYL CLOQ ZC MYL  
 PZQN RV MYL  
 H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;  
 O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G  
 Y R V B Q L T L B M V  
 Y O K L D Z Z N  
 J F N L Q V M O F N R F D  
 M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V  
 L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

# Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	REUBEN
CAIN	DAN
ABEL	ASHER
SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
HAM	GAD
SHAM	NAPHTALI
JAPHETH	SIMEON
ELKANAH	ISSACHAR
SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
ARON	BENJAMIN
MADAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SAUL
ISHMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAAC	DAVID
ESAU	SOLOMON
JACOB	

J A R H P E C I T O A N C J  
 A B E L A H L G S S M B I O A O  
 N I A C M R K A S R E S E L S  
 A D A V I D A D A M N H M E E  
 S O L O M O N H C C J M I B P  
 S H A O N I A I H C A A S I H  
 E S E T H M H O A K M E S T E  
 H I O M S S S N R E I L N E N  
 E S S H S M A U J A P H E T H L  
 A A E U S R U U H A D U J E U  
 U E H F O D J A C O B L U B  
 A L E V I N A D A B E E S K E  
 W R D I T T N A H T A N O J N

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb\_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, [www.NewsletterNewsletter.com](http://www.NewsletterNewsletter.com).

**WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE**

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

**FOOD OF FAITH 2:30 P.M. on Sundays**

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