

<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Acolyte(s):</u></b> Nathan Lingle  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> Marty Wilson  <b><u>Elder(s):</u></b>  Dennis Falder &amp; Kathy Winters  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant today:</u></b>  Jo Ann Simmons</p>	<p><b><u>USHERS for September:</u></b>  Shuford Abernethy's Class</p> <p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b>  <b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Kathy Winters  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Kelsey Wise  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant:</u></b> Jerry Mallonee  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Gene Hamilton</p>
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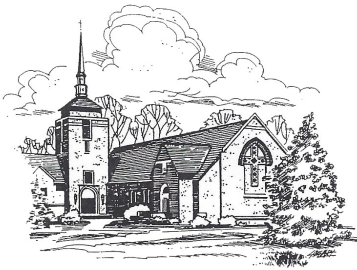
**Donations and sign-ups  
are now being accepted for our  
ANNUAL KIDS' FALL FESTIVAL!!**

*We had an amazing turn-out last year—of almost 1,000 children!! Please think about donating some candy this year!! A donation box can be found at the church office.*

*Helpers are needed for Trunk-or-Treating and Cake Walk donations. (Please sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary, or let Tamara know if you can help as soon as possible)! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!***

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
All Church Members, Ministers  
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor  
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader  
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs  
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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 -- 10:30 A.M.**

*\*Designates— "Those who are able, please stand."*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE** Amanda Treadway, Guest Organist

**\*PASTOR'S DECLARATION** Rev. Peggy Stout

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Come, Thou Almighty King" #341 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (responsively)** Natalie Inman, Liturgist  
Creator God, we meet in your name, confident that we are known and loved by you.

*We come with open minds, humble hearts, and receptive spirits.  
Help us, O Lord, to embrace the wholeness you offer and equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting.  
**In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.***

**\*CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (responsively)** Natalie Inman, Liturgist

Almighty God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us, and we come humbly seeking your forgiveness -

***For the things we have said that were mean and hurtful and for the times we have laughed at another's pain;***

For the times we have taken advantage of the weak and passive in the face of injustice;

***For the times we have not trusted you to get us through the difficulties of life and for the times we have praised you with our lips, but have not glorified you with our thoughts and actions.***

Look upon us, O Lord, with kindness and grace. Show us how to walk in your ways. We ask all these things in the name of 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. And 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                      “Morning Has Broken” (vs 3)                      #5 Blue Book

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God’s recreation Of the new day!*

*(Please be seated.)*

**LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)                      Hamp Shuford III, Lay Reader

*Guide us, O God, by your Word and your Spirit, that in your light we may see light; in your truth we may find freedom, and in your will we may discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING                      *Psalm 23*                      Hamp Shuford III, Lay Reader

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

ANTHEM                      “Eternal Light”                      arr by Benjamin Harlan/Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING                      *Acts 11:1-18*                      Rev. Peggy Stout

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

SERMON                      Rev. Peggy Stout

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

ORGAN MEDITATION                      Amanda Treadway

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION                      Rev. Peggy Stout

**Invitation**  
**The Words of Institution**  
**Prayer of Consecration**  
**Communion**

Sharing of the Bread  
Sharing of the Cup

TODAY, immediately following Traditional Worship, the **Church Staff** will meet in Sun Room, the **Consistory** will meet in the Chapel, and the **Kids’ Club** will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, crafts, and an intro to the Christmas Pageant.




*There will be **NO “Faith Alive!” Services Tonight!***

**Brotherhood:** The Trinity Brotherhood will meet **TOMORROW** at 5:30pm in the Parlor. We will be discussing the big Fall Barbecue—to be held on Saturday, November 2nd. Please be on the look-out for ways you can help in October!

**Snack Supper & Planning Meeting for Chairpersons of ALL Program & Administrative Boards**—THIS Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00pm. Please bring your calendars as we discuss upcoming events until January 2020. (*Food and beverages will be provided. Please meet in the Sun Room.*)

Lunch Bunch will meet again on **Wednesday, September 11th** to travel to 100 Main in Valdese. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:45am or at the church at 11:15am to ride the van! *Please sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary or let Tamara know if you can join us, so we can make reservations.*

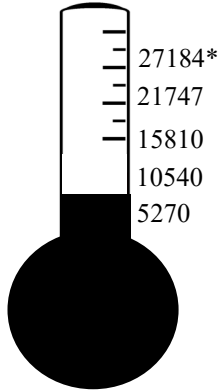


You are cordially invited to:  
Carolina Style Chorus’  
**“Friends & Family Send-off” Show**  
on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30pm  
in the Fellowship Hall!

*As current champions of the 5-state Heart of the Blue Ridge region, the chorus will be traveling to New Orleans to compete in the International Sweet Adelines’ chorus competition on September 19th! Come out to see their award-winning regional competition package that they will be performing in New Orleans when they compete with choruses from around the world!*



**Next Sunday:** We will have **“Faith Alive!”** Music and Worship at 5:00pm—followed by light refreshments.



<b>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER</b>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
September 01	15	109	—	124	49	\$ 3,272.00
September 08						
September 15						
September 22						
September 29						
<b>TOTALS</b>	15	109	—	124	49	\$ 3,272.00

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184\*.

## This Week

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

#### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am—Breakfast  
 9:45am—Sunday School (all ages)  
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 11:45am—Consistory Meeting  
 11:45am—Church Staff Meeting  
 11:45am—Kids Meeting—“Christmas in September”

*\*NO Faith Alive! Services Tonight!*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:30pm—Brotherhood Meeting

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:15pm—Board of Property Meeting  
 6:00pm—Chairpersons’ Snack Supper & Planning Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:15am—Lunch Bunch to 100 Main (in Valdese)  
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.  
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’ “Friends & Family Send-Off” Show

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Music, Worship, & Refreshments

**Conover Community Blood Drive**—Wednesday, September 18 from 2:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Trinity Reformed to schedule your appointment!



### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(responsively)*

Dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have experienced the signs of your love for us.

***Grant that we may go away from this house of worship filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives.***

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

#560 Blue Book

*(Please be seated.)*

### **OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

#### **Offertory Testimony**

Margie Reaves

#### **Invitation**

Rev. Peggy Stout

#### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

*“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.*

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

### **\*HYMN**

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

#402 Blue Book

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

### **\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

Chancel Choir

### **\*CHIMES**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

Amanda Treadway



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given in Love and to the Glory of God.

- Given by Gene Hamilton



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     *Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person's home.

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

<b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b>	<b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b>
Peggy Wright Sarah Hoffman Garland & Darlene Whittaker	Mary Schell Todd Hendrix
<b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b>	Pauline Pope
Peggy Miller Paul & Lula Towery Martha Sigmon Bobbie Whisenant Wanda Sue Ammerman	Virginia Brown Peggy Price—awaiting surgery
<b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b>	Wade Shuford, Jr.—Hamp Shuford's father (at Brookdale Falling Creek—910 29th Ave NE—Hickory, NC 28601—Room 106)
<b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b>	Martin Light, Sr.—Marty Light's father
Mabel Lawing—Room 1005 Joan Williamson Peggy Hollis Mary Tuttle Joe Schell	Jo Graham—Deb Crotts' cousin
<b><u>CONOVER NURSING &amp; REHAB</u></b>	Charles W Spencer, II—Debbie Spencer-Ahrens' son (in Kuwait)
Mike Kilby—Room 403	Susan Anderson—Friend of Sandy Lawrence & Susan Mallonee
<b><u>TRINITY RIDGE</u></b>	Ami Berry—Friend of Linda & Will Hill
Odessa Whitmire—Room 107	Sandra Foster—Friend of Rev. Peggy
<b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING</u></b>	
Mary Crump—Room 114	
<b><u>MOSES CONE (GREENSBORO)</u></b>	
George Rockett	



**Youth Luncheon & Hunger Scavenger Hunt**  
Sunday, September 22 from 11:45am-1:30pm  
(to collect food for ECCCM).

All youth are invited to join us. Please bring \$2 with you so that we can go shopping for some “extra” items.  
Chaperones: Dennis Falder, Jennifer Lingle, Richard Bowers. Please see Rev. Peggy if questions.