

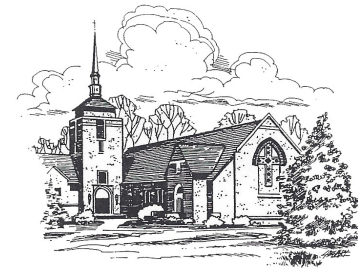
<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Acolyte:</u></b> Jacob Houston  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b>  Kathy &amp; Duane Alexander  <b><u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u></b>  Tony Wells &amp; Dawn Kilby  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes</p>	<p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> John Houston  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Cindy Abel  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Betty Curlee</p>
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**Per Consistory vote, our USHER TEAMS will now be assigned by the Elder(s) of the month! Elders may either call and ask ahead or pull some people to help on Sunday mornings.**

**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 Choir  
Marty Light, Organist  
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*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY/PATRIOTIC SUNDAY**  
**JULY 4, 2021—10:30 A.M.**

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

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Peggy Stout

**PRELUDE** Marty Light, Organist

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)* Rev. Peggy Stout  
There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours—  
*all the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you*  
*and shall glorify your name—*  
for you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

**\*HYMN** *"My Country 'Tis of Thee"* #695 Blue Book

**\*PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG** *(Unison)* Sydney Inman  
*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

**\*SPECIAL MUSIC** *"The Star-Spangled Banner"* Todd Dickerson, Soloist

**\*PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG** *(Unison)* Sydney Inman  
*I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* Rev. Peggy Stout  
Gracious and Loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings that we experience—*the freedom to worship you without fear, the bounty and diversity of your creation, and the precious gift of unexpected joys.* As we draw near to you during this hour, may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence. *Refresh our souls and renew our minds that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and compassion.* We pray all these things in the name of our Loving Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE**

“Morning Has Broken” (vs 3)  
*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!*

#5 Blue Book

*(Please be seated.)*

**LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader

Eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we might be sensitive to your Presence, attentive to your Word, and faithful to your way. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

**ANTHEM**

“God Bless America”

Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*II Corinthians 12:7-10*

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 Apostle’s Creed*)

Kelsey or Kara Wise

Let us confess the faith of our baptism:

***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 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.***

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

Marty Light, Organist



Our **Bereavement Meal Ministry** provides a home-cooked meal for family and friends who have lost a loved one. Our teams work on a rotating basis. There are volunteer opportunities available to donate a dish or help serve the meal. ***If you would like to help us in this ministry, please contact Tamara in the Church Office or sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary.***

*Singles:*

**Dinner Meeting on July 13th.** We will meet at the church at 5:00pm and will carpool over to The Yellow Deli in Hiddenite. “Come on in for a wonderful steamed sandwich, a salad, a tasty treat, or just a friendly conversation with friends around a fire.” Average cost: \$10-\$20. Our group is open to all people who have never been married, are divorced, or widowed. We would love to have you join us.



**Mission: Deep Sea**  
FOR ALL KIDS  
AGE 3-YEAR THROUGH 5TH GRADE!  
*Come join us as we DIVE DEEP and strengthen our relationship with God!*

**ONE DAY ONLY! - Saturday, JULY 31st**  
**10:00am-5:00PM—VBS**  
**5:00-7:00PM—Family Cookout & Celebration**

*To register, pick-up a form at the back of the Sanctuary or visit [www.trinitytoday.org](http://www.trinitytoday.org)!*



**DONATIONS are needed for VBS!** We are in need of individual bags of chips and canned drinks! Please drop yours off at the church office.

Also, **we need teachers, leaders, and crafters!** Please contact Jessica Spain (828-228-0035) for more details or to let her know that you can help on July 31st!



Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the back of the Sanctuary. 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**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Isaiah 40:28-31*

<sup>28</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup>He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup>Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     *II Corinthians 12:7-10*

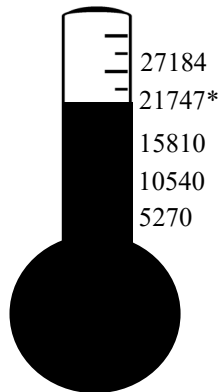
Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

<p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b> David Epley     Cal Harmon Sarah Hoffman     Marjorie Reaves Virginia Brown</p>	<p><b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b> Debbie Crotts     Rev. Earle Potts Randy Steelmon     Vae Hamilton Shea Maske</p>
<p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b> Martha Sigmon Diane Loftin Bobbie Whisenant Paul &amp; Lula Towery Wanda Sue Ammerman</p>	<p>*Michael Gantt (Charles &amp; Brenda Gantt's son) *Cathleen Neaves (Marty Light's sister) *Hilga Kopter (CJ Jorgensen's grandmother)</p>
<p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b>  <b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b> Joan Williamson—Room 240 Joe Schell—Apt 205</p>	<p>*Patrick Beadle (Zoe Falder's fiancé) *Jeremiah "JB" Stearns—dealing with cancer *Dr. Les Wicker—major medical issues</p>
<p><b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn</u></b> Mary Crump—Room 114</p>	
<p><b><u>BAYVIEW NURSING (New Bern, NC)</u></b> Jackie Kanipe—Room 28</p>	

Trinity Reformed Church Family, The Corner Table appreciates your continuous support. We feed hungry men, women, and children every day of the week. Because of supporters like Trinity, our mission is possible. We are grateful for you!  
- Blessings, The Corner Table

**THANK YOU** for continuing to support my college education with prayer, words of encouragement, and financial assistance through the Houston and Graves Scholarships. Your support means so much to me and I can not express how lucky I feel to belong to a church family that cares so much for others.  
- Sydney Inman



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
June 06	—	102	—	102	—	\$ 5,718.96
June 13	—	97	—	97	—	\$ 3,062.00
June 20	—	78	—	78	—	\$ 7,817.00
June 27	—	104	—	104	—	\$ 3,958.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	—	381	—	381	—	\$ 20,555.96

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

## *This Week*

### SUNDAY, JULY 4—Independence Day Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am—Sunday School (adults)  
10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—  
in the parking lot)

### MONDAY, JULY 5

*Preschool & Church Office CLOSED in observance of Independence Day.*

### TUESDAY, JULY 6

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

6:30pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, JULY 8

9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.  
6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

### FRIDAY, JULY 9

### SATURDAY, JULY 10

### SUNDAY, JULY 11

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am—Sunday School (adults)  
10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
10:30am—Radio Broadcast (90.5FM—  
in the parking lot)  
11:30am—Consistory Meeting

Dearest Church Family, **THANK YOU** so much for the prayers, cards, and calls that I received concerning my uncle, Paul Dietz's death in Pennsylvania. They were greatly appreciated. - Kathleen Shuford

I just wanted to say **THANK YOU** for all of the prayers and cards that I have received in regards to my hand injury. Thankfully, there are no broken bones and I am getting better each day! Thank you again. - Shea Maske

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Communion

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us courage and strength to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Song of Peace"

Chancel Choir

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

"America the Beautiful"

#690 Blue Book

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

\*CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE

Marty Light, Organist



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given in Loving Memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and to those who continue to fight for our freedom each and every day. May God bless them and continue to bless the United States of America.

- Given by Jo Ann Harper & Brenda Gantt