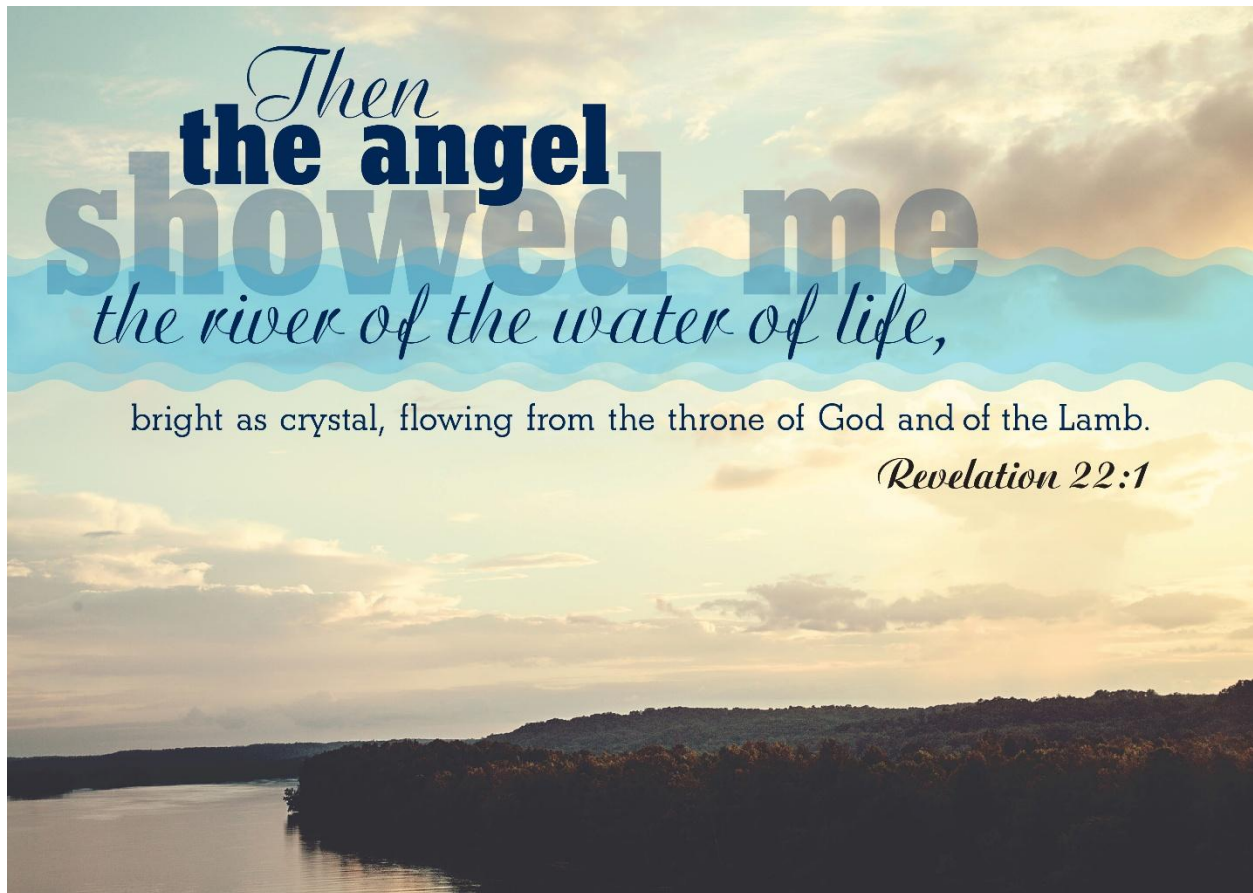


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Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5
August 31, 2025



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our Facebook page, and our YouTube Channel.

GATHERING

- **Prelude** **Pam Sherman**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Dean Thompson**

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

* **GATHERING HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River”**

ELW 611



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY.**

P: Let us pray... God of renewal, it is easy for us to be cynical, to see the world around us and give up the belief that you are present and active among us. Give us new hearts and new spirits to recognize that you are right here, immediate, working in and through us and our neighbors. Kindle in us the flame of everlasting hope, and re-create us as agents of your lifegiving work of making all things new. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

* Please stand if able

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- **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



Theme:

Materials:

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5

- **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5**

R: Our scripture reading is from Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’

Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶Then he said

to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To

the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the

street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds

of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the

healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the

throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;

⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be

no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their

light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)

Silence may be kept for meditation...

* HYMN OF THE DAY “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav-’ling days are done.

* APOSTLES’ CREED

The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles’ Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: You are the beginning, and you are the end, O God. There is nothing outside of your presence, outside of your love, outside of your redemption. Embolden us with this proclamation, that in the midst of life's darkest days, there is a light of the promise that outlasts the deepest despair. Alpha and Omega,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You are fully present in the natural world. May we treat our environment as an extension of your very being, with love, praise, honor, and joy, that all of creation might flourish. Alpha and Omega,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Labor bears fruit, the eventual rewards of honest efforts. May your benevolence be our model for life and society—that all would have a fair chance to enjoy the returns of their work and be able to share the plenty of their harvest. Alpha and Omega,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: There is no balm like the comfort of your presence. When we seek you, you are there, if only to remind us that you have never left. Bring a special word of healing to all who face health challenges, (*especially...*) Alpha and Omega,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Bring us at last with all the saints into your new creation, that we might live in joyful praise to you for all time. Alpha and Omega,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All things exist in and through you, loving God. Therefore we entrust our prayers, our faith, and our lives to you, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

MEAL

- **OFFERING**

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

- * **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...Holy God, we experience heaven here on earth in all the gifts you have given us, material and immaterial. Accept now our gifts, offered out of the abundance of your provision to us, and bless them for your work of renewal in all creation.

C: Amen.

- * **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- * **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

LBW 332



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

* DISMISSAL

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, September 7th
Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Make a crossword puzzle.

BODY: Take a 20-minute nap.

SPIRIT: Pray for Sunday school teachers.

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Lector	Linda Baker
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This Week @ Trinity – August 31 thru September 7:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Aug. 31	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wed, Sept. 3	11:30 am	WELCA Meeting
Thurs, Sept. 4	10:00 am	Youth & Family Ministry Team Meeting
Fri, Sept. 5	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, Sept. 7	10:00 am	Worship & Picnic at Chenoweth Trails, 440 Greenville Nashville Rd., Greenville

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Save The Date!

Sept 7 @ 10 am	Worship and Picnic Festivities at Chenoweth Trails, 440 Greenville Nashville Rd., Greenville
Oct 4 @ 1 pm	Hand out Fall Festival Flyers door to door in Pittsburg
Oct 19 @ 5 pm	Trinity/Pittsburg COB Fall Festival

Church Parking Lot



Work on the church parking lot will begin on Saturday, August 30. That weekend will be crack sealing, so it will not impact our service. If all goes well and the weather cooperates, the seal coating will be done the following week. If there are cones up and the parking lot is blocked off, please do not drive on it. You will have to park along Oakes Road and walk up the sidewalks to get into the church. Once the barricades have been removed, it will be ok to drive on the parking lot.



Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

AROUND THE PARISH - Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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