

Announcements

Tonight we have a VBS Volunteer Meeting for all Volunteers at 4:45p. *If you have not yet completed the mandatory child safety training* (you only need to go once), **please arrive at 4pm** for that training. All VBS volunteers *must* have completed Child Safety Training to participate.

Prayer Meeting & Sunday Supper | At **5:30pm**, immediately following the VBS meeting we will meet in the adult Sunday School room to pray for our community, including VBS. This will be followed by dinner in the fellowship hall. Childcare is Provided.

VBS Skit Practice | **5pm** on Wednesday.

Officer Training | For men who are interested in becoming an officer (elder or deacon) in the church, or in finding out what those offices entail, there is an Officer Training course beginning this **Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm**.

Session Meeting | **6:00pm on Thursday May 21st**. Please be in prayer for our officers.

This Week at a Glance:

Sun	11:45p	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
	4:00p	Child Safety Training - Mandatory for all VBS volunteers	
	4:45p	VBS Volunteer Meeting	
	5:30p	Prayer Meeting & Sunday Supper	Adult SS Room/Fellowship Hall
Wed	5:00p	VBS Skit Practice	Youth Room
	7:00p	Officer Training	Conference Room
Thurs	6:00p	Session Meeting	

A Service of Praise and Worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day
May 17, 2026

Call to Worship: Psalm 117 - Responsive (leader reads italics)

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

*For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.*

Praise the LORD!

Response of Praise: Come Christians Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal #302

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!

let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!

he is our Guide and Friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!

life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!

on heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Questions 50-52

Why is it added to the creed, and sits at the right hand of God?

Christ ascended into heaven to manifest himself there as Head of his church, through whom the Father governs all things.

How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?

First, by his Holy Spirit he pours out heavenly gifts upon us, his members. Second, by his power he defends and preserves us against all enemies.

What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me. He will cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but he will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into heavenly joy and glory.

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and asking your mercy and forgiveness.

We've broken your holy laws by our words and deeds, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We admit before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward our fellow men.

Father, have mercy on us, and in your great goodness grant that from now on we may serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Tithes and Offerings: Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

Offertory: His Eye is on the Sparrow

Trinity Hymnal #618

Why should I feel discouraged,
why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely
and long for heav'n and home,
when Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubt and fear;
tho' by the path he leadeth,
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he cares for me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he cares for me.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:4-25

(p. 2 of Pew Bible)

[4] These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

[5] When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, **[6]** and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—**[7]** then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. **[8]** And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. **[9]** And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

[10] A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. **[11]** The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. **[12]** And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. **[13]** The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. **[14]** And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

[15] The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. [16] And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, [17] but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

[18] Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." [19] Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. [20] The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. [21] So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22] And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. [23] Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

[24] Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [25] And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation: *Speak O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights
of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Preaching of God's Word: Ephesians 5:21-6:9

(Page 978 of the pew Bible)

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

[25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (ESV)

[1] Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), [3] "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." [4] Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

[5] Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, [6] not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, [7] rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, [8] knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. [9] Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Sermon Notes
Ephesians 5:21-6:9
Walking Wisely at Home

The Big Idea: Living wisely must include our most fundamental and intimate relationships.

I. Lay the Groundwork.

1. Socially.
2. Grammatically.

II. Husbands and Wives (5:21-33).

1. What you both need most.
2. Live the mysterious picture.

III. Kids and Parents (6:1-4).

1. Kids (6:1-3).
2. Dads (6:4).

IV. The Workplace (6:5-9).

1. Employees (6:5-8).
2. Employers (6:9).