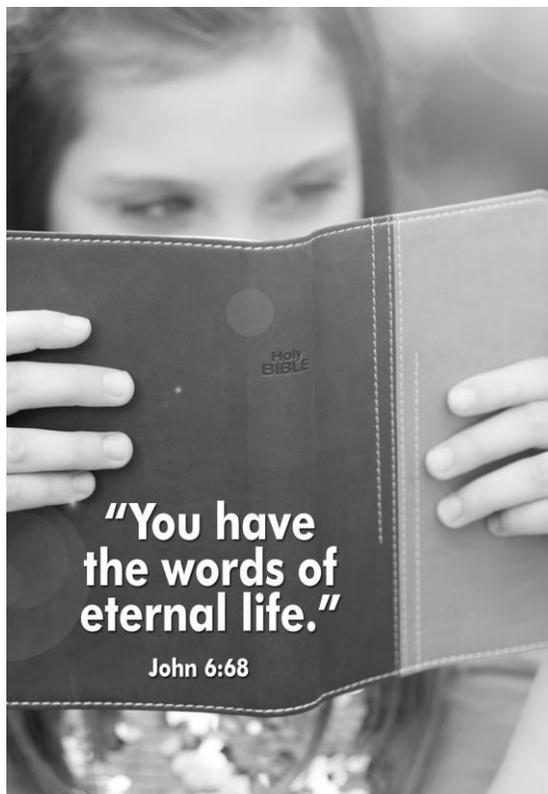


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**TRINITY EVANGELICAL**  
— LUTHERAN CHURCH —  
MOULTON, OHIO

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM



AUGUST 26, 2018

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP, AND A SPECIAL EXTENSION OF FRIENDSHIP TO OUR VISITORS. MAY ALL WHO GATHER HERE EXPERIENCE "THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTAND"  
(PHILIPPIANS 4:7, ESV).

REV. MELODI HAGEN

ORGANIST: Linell Hertenstein

ACOLYTE: CJ Bauer

LAY READER: Van Wright

ALTAR FLOWERS: Pat Smith

Welcome & Announcements  
Prayers of Praise, Pain, & Protest  
Prelude

Gathering Song     *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*     # 404

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

**And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**a people holy to the LORD our God.**

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

(*Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8*)

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit.** (*Jude 20*)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

(*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen**

# Scripture Song



**☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.**



**☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;**



**just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.**



**Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?**



**☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.**



**☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All**



**na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,**



**for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.**



**☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

*In the Near East, covenant means agreement or alliance. It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsive Reading

Psalm 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

**<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**<sup>20</sup>God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Special Music

*Hold Thou My Hand*

C. S. Briggs

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

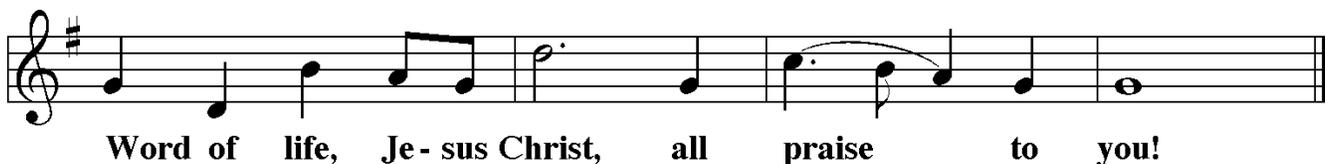
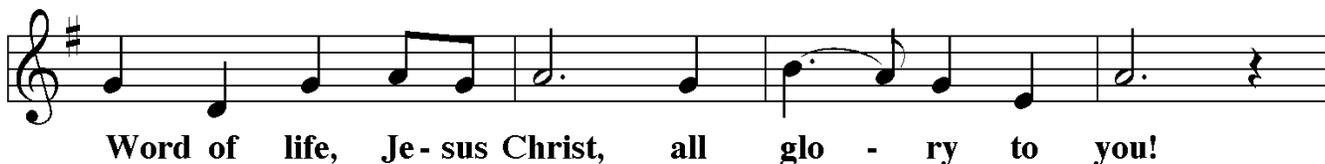
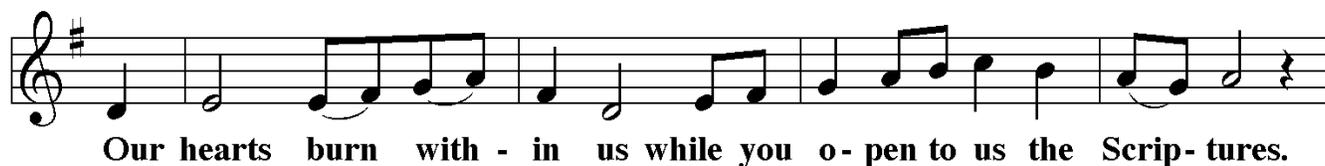
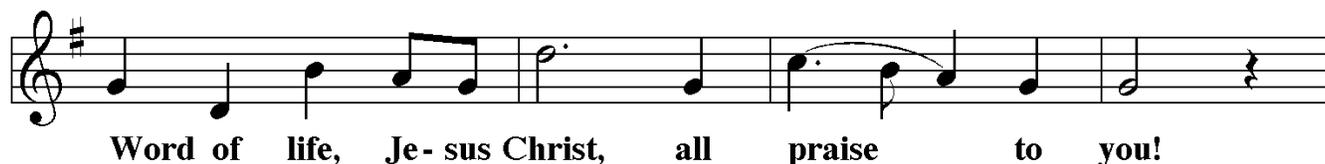
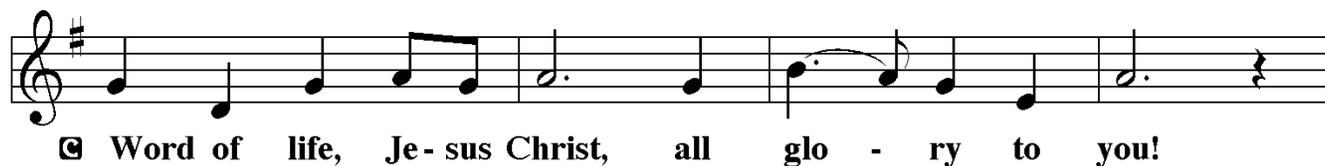
<sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the

mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Announcement of the Gospel

The Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

### Gospel Lesson

John 6:56-69

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats

this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

This is the good news for you today. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

# 810

Response to the Word

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*(Ephesians 1:13-14)*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## Peace

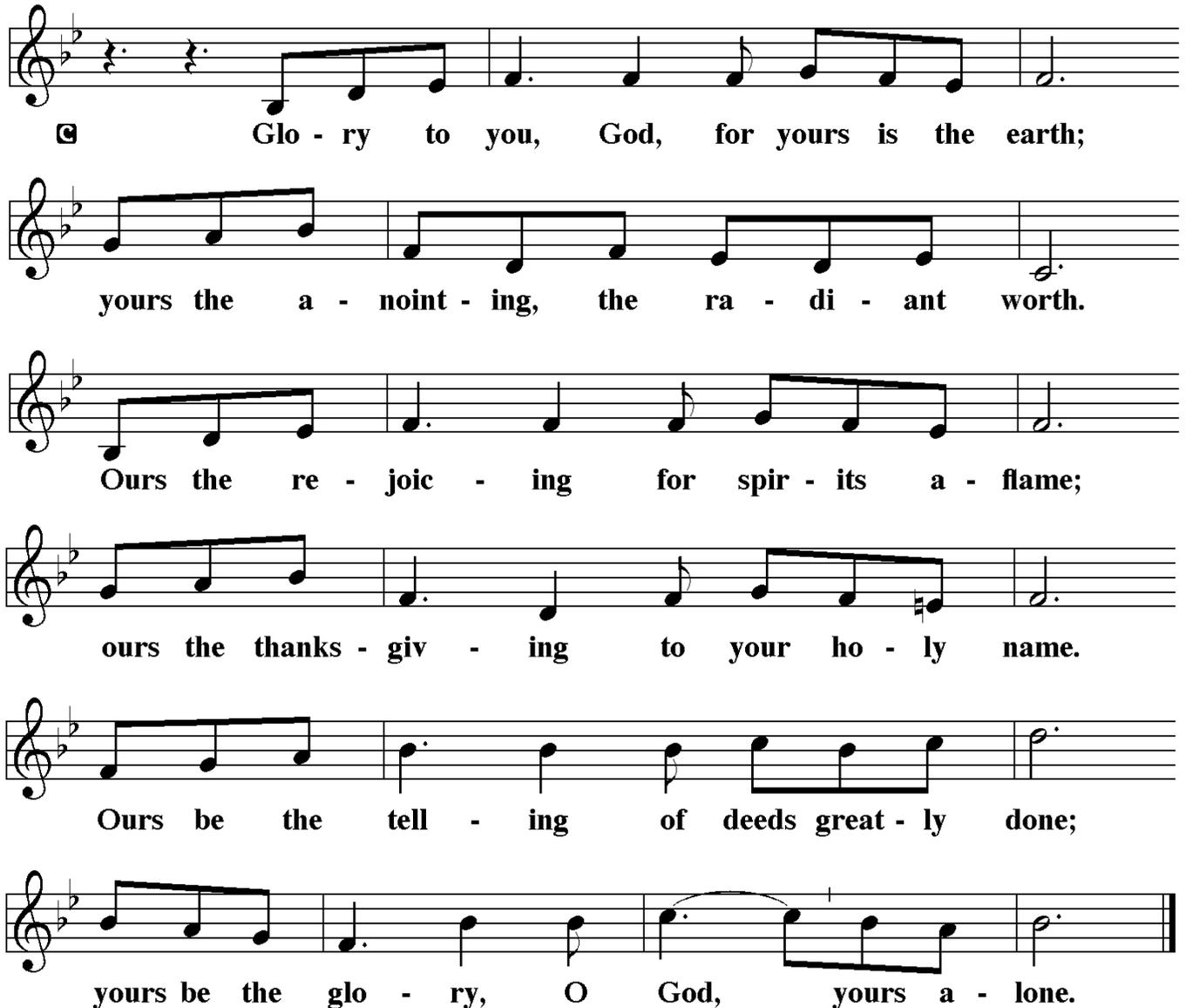
Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Tithes and Offerings (*Kid's offering to support VBS*)

### Offertory

### Offertory Response



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Let us pray. God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and all people according to their needs.

**C:** **We seek joy in hope, patience in suffering, and faith through prayer.**  
(Romans 12:12)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## 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 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.**

## The Benediction

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## Closing Song

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

# 879

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### ***Worship Has Ended...The Service Begins***

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***You are invited*** to sign the register each week. People in each pew nearest the black book are asked to sign it & pass it down the pew.

***Thank you*** to Roger Phillips and Tom Logan for providing special music this morning.

***The Altar Flowers*** this morning are given to the Glory of God by the congregation.

***Prayer Concerns: Prayer Concerns:*** David Blackburn, Corey Crawford, Terry Tangeman, Lila Schroer, Rose Casazza, Joann Feldwisch, Nelson Smith, Halle Meyer, Paul Wibbeler, Sue Geis, and our shut-ins.

{Persons will remain on the Prayer List for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.}

***Birthdays this week:*** Alice Finke, Alan Draves, Trent Schultz

***Anniversaries this week:*** Wendell & De Schultz, Nelson & Pat Smith

***Youth Activity Bags*** are located in the cry room. These bags include activities for the youth to be used during worship and a snack. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

***We have various collection boxes*** under the coat rack at the main entrance. If you have items for Redeemer, the Crisis Center, Agape, and other special collections you will find the appropriate box in our "collection corner".

***Hands in Mission donations requested:*** Fabrics, sewing thread, monetary donations to purchase these items for the World Relief Quilt Project. Fabrics must not have any religious symbols, holiday references or military related prints/patterns.

***July-August Prayer Practice: Silent Prayer Practice.*** When does silence naturally happen in your life? How can you use that time when traveling in the car or mowing the lawn to spend time in prayer with God? Anyone is welcome to pray with us at Trinity every week on Wednesdays at noon. If you can't join us face to face, we still encourage you to practice prayer where you are at noon on Wednesdays. You are also welcome to text Pastor Melodi at 701-331-9412 by noon Wednesday and we will lift up your prayer concerns with you.

***Haiti Trip Dates:*** Feb. 11th-18th 2019. The cost is around \$1,400. Sign up with Pastor Melodi by August 26th and give a \$300 deposit to Martha in the office. Thank you for your support and prayers for our ministry partners in Haiti. **This is the final Sunday to sign up.**

***Save the Date:*** Rally Sunday, Sunday, Sept. 9th at 9am. A cross-generational Sunday school for all ages. Doughnuts and discussion, music, bible time, and a service project that supports our community. Join us as we rally around our young people and the word of Christ!

**August 19, 2018**

Current Offering received: \$2,356.80

Attendance 75

Budget Needed: \$3,672.00

**This Week's Schedule**

Wednesday	12:00 pm	Prayer
Next Sunday	10:15 am	Worship w/HC

*Deadline for information for the weekly bulletin is Thursday at 11 am.  
Newsletter deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.*

**Next Sunday**

Kara Lochard, Acolyte  
Linda Lee, Altar Flower Care  
Samantha Stienecker, Lay Reader  
Teri Hirschfeld, Cantor

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**Check out the website each week for announcements and information.  
[trinity-moulton.com](http://trinity-moulton.com)**

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**Response Form Information**

1. Our next opportunity to host **Loaves & Fishes** is September 13. Please sign up if you can help by preparing, serving, cleaning up, or providing desserts. Any questions can be directed to Susan Lengerich.
2. **College Students/Families:** It's that time of year. As you get your new mailing address, please let us know. You can put it on the Response Form or contact the office by phone or email. 419-738-6547, [secretary@trinity-moulton.com](mailto:secretary@trinity-moulton.com)

*Coming in September to Trinity Lutheran!*

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*No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ~ Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)*