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November 29- Dec 5, 2026



Prayer List

TLC Family

Neil Kimerer, Linda Leslie, Sanders Family, Barb Roberts, Ali Wolff, Tom Eakin,

TLC Friends

PJ, Bob, Jonathan ,Cindy , Sally, Magnus, Laurel, Frank & Denise Graef, Gabriel Family, Titite, Patrick Mosley, Donna Snyder, Kathryn Giannascoli, Ryan Rush, Jane Combs, Huey Evangelista, family of Kenneth Weschler, family of Maty Spiece, Glenn Miller Tuttle Family and all those we remember in our hearts.

Please Welcome the following to the Pulpit.

Nov 28/29 Brian Lewis

Dec 5 & 6 Bob Voigt- Communion

Dec 12 & 13 Roger Glad- Communion

Dec 19 & 20 Kayla Smith

Dec 24 Roger Glad- Communion

Dec 26 & 27 lessons & Carols





Cassaundra Richards	December 3
Shawn Lelko	December 6
Peggy McCabe	December 6
Mary Lou Kiel	December 7
Eleanor Frey	December 8
Sylvia Musheno	December 8
Anthony Garritano	December 10
Noah Lichtig	December 10
Neil Kimerer	December 13
Benjamin Stout	December 17
Anna Miller	December 18
Matthew Poehner	December 18
Chad Trout	December 19
Timothy Wenrich	December 19
Ronald Porter	December 20
Abby Lichtig	December 21
Barbara Trout	December 21
Lisa Cowan	December 23
Sharon Miller	December 24
Beth Robbins	December 25
Elena Wenrich	December 25
Joan Piper	December 26
Joby Topper	December 27
Rachael Taverno	December 28
John Terrill	December 28
Carina Easton	December 29
Carolyn Kresen	December 30
Jorja Petrey	December 30
Kayla Smith	December 30

Trinity Weekly Events

29 1st Sunday in Advent 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship & 5:30 PM Essence 2 6:00 PM Girl Scout Unit 416	30 6:15 PM Troop #375	Dec 1 5:30 PM Executive team mtg. 5:45 PM Zumba	Dec 2 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer	Dec. 3 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00 PM Essence 2	Dec 4 7:30 PM Essence 2 Concert	Dec 5 10:00AM Zumba 12:00 PM Raystown Woods rehearsal 5:00PM Worship

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Advent & Christmas Worship 2026

Advent Weekend Services

*Together, we prepare for **the coming of Jesus** and open our hearts to welcome Him!*

Saturday Advent Services • 5 p.m.

November 28; December 5, 12, and 19

Sunday Advent Services • 8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

November 29 — First Sunday of Advent

December 6, 13, and 20 — Advent Services

Advent Wednesdays

*Share a meal and Holden Evening Prayer as we prepare our hearts for **Jesus' coming**.*

December 2, 9, 16, and 23

6 p.m. — Meal

7 p.m. — Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve

5 p.m. — Family Service

Bring your family for a joyful Christmas Eve celebration!

7 p.m. — Candlelight Service

Celebrate Christ's birth in a peaceful candlelight worship.

Christmas Weekend

Saturday, December 26 • 5 p.m.

Regular Saturday Service

Sunday, December 27 • 8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

May the joy and peace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts as we celebrate His birth.

Merry Christmas from Trinity Lutheran Church!

Advent
SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN
The Light Has Come

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE

A 28-Day Journey from Promise to Fulfillment

WEEK 1 (NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5)
Hope: The Promise of Light

- ☐ Nov 29 — Isaiah 9:2
- ☐ Nov 30 — Isaiah 9:6–7
- ☐ Dec 1 — Isaiah 11:1–3
- ☐ Dec 2 — Micah 5:2–4
- ☐ Dec 3 — Isaiah 7:14
- ☐ Dec 4 — Jeremiah 33:14–16
- ☐ Dec 5 — Romans 15:12–13

WEEK 2 (DECEMBER 6 – 12)
Peace: Preparing the Way

- ☐ Dec 6 — Isaiah 40:3–5
- ☐ Dec 7 — Malachi 3:1–2
- ☐ Dec 8 — Luke 1:13–17
- ☐ Dec 9 — Luke 1:26–30
- ☐ Dec 10 — Luke 1:31–33
- ☐ Dec 11 — Luke 1:34–38
- ☐ Dec 12 — Luke 1:76–79

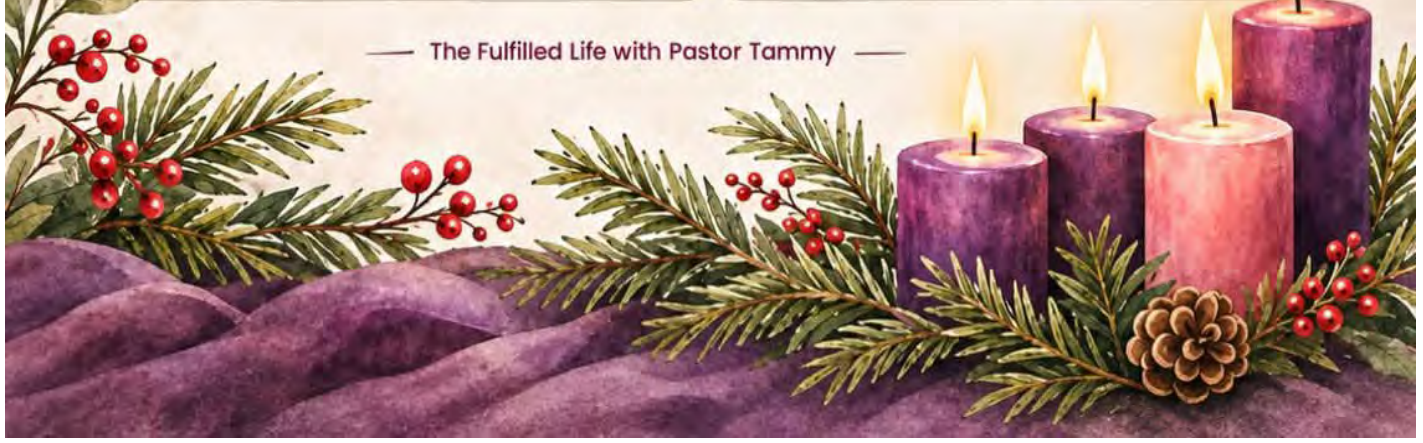
WEEK 3 (DECEMBER 13 – 19)
Joy: Good News for All People

- ☐ Dec 13 — Luke 1:39–42
- ☐ Dec 14 — Luke 1:43–45
- ☐ Dec 15 — Luke 1:46–49
- ☐ Dec 16 — Luke 1:50–53
- ☐ Dec 17 — Luke 1:54–55
- ☐ Dec 18 — Luke 1:68–70
- ☐ Dec 19 — Isaiah 12:2–3

WEEK 4 (DECEMBER 20 – 26)
Love: God With Us

- ☐ Dec 20 — 1 John 4:9–11
- ☐ Dec 21 — Galatians 4:4–5
- ☐ Dec 22 — Luke 2:1–5
- ☐ Dec 23 — Luke 2:6–9
- ☐ Dec 24 — Luke 2:10–14
- ☐ Dec 25 — John 1:14
- ☐ Dec 26 — Luke 2:15–20

— The Fulfilled Life with Pastor Tammy —



Update From The Call Committee

Dear Members of Trinity,

We are making progress in the call process as the Ministry Site Profile has been approved by the Allegheny Synod. We met recently with the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Tyler Graham, head of the transition process. Trinity's opening is now live on the ELCA website, and we are ready to receive candidates for the position. The next steps will be confidential between potential candidate/s and the call committee. Eventually the church council will interview and recommend a candidate to the congregation. How much time this will take is unknown, but we plan to work as quickly as possible. We thank you for your patience. Please continue to keep our pastoral search in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Howard, Rich, Melissa, Carol, John, and Christy



Something to think about!

WHY GO TO CHURCH

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. The letter reads as follows:

“I’ve gone to church for 30 years now. In that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me , I can’t remember a single one of them,. So, I think I’m wasting my time, and the pastors are wasting their time.”

This started a real controversy I the Letters to the Editor column- much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote the following:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

Submitted by Linda Hiddema

Allegheny Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Spiritual Development Ready For Sunday

https://www.gotellitinthemountains.org/contentpages.aspx?p=cf94a5f1-1516-4f2b-9175-cfffcc534a0f

A weekly reflection series from Go Tell It IN the Mountains

Ready for Sunday is a short reflection series created to help people prepare their hearts and minds before Sunday worship. Each video offers a brief, thoughtful look at the upcoming Gospel reading, giving viewers a chance to begin engaging the message early in the week. In just a few minutes, Ready for Sunday creates space.
to **listen**, **reflect**, and **respond** before the Word is preached. It is a simple rhythm: pause, hear the scripture, consider its meaning, and carry that reflection into worship.

One of the core goals of the Go Tell It IN the Mountains initiative is to encourage people to respond to compelling preaching by integrating the Gospel into daily life — shaping attitudes, actions, and ministries throughout the week.
Ready for Sunday is one small but meaningful way to help that happen.

November 2026 Scripture Readings

ALL SAINTS' DAY	Nov. 1	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12
	Nov. 8 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-fourth S. after Pentecost	Amos 5:18–24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13–18	Matt. 25:1–13
	Nov. 15 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-fifth S. after Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7–16	Psalm 90:1–12	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Matt. 25:14–30
	Nov. 22 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24	Psalm 95:1–7a	1 Cor. 15:20–28	Matt. 25:31–46
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1–10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6–20 *or* 1 Tim. 2:1–4	Luke 17:11–19
New Church Year Starts Here (2026–2027) — Series B						
ADVENT 2026	Nov. 29 ***2026***	First S. in Advent	Isaiah 64:1–9	Psalm 80:1–7	1 Cor. 1:3–9	Mark 11:1–10 *or* Mark 13:24–37

The Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Campaign is back!

Each year members of Trinity come out to ring the bells at Meyer Dairy and the Waffle Shop West to raise money in support of the programs of IHS.

This year Trinity is scheduled for:

Friday, December 4th at Meyer Dairy

between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 8th at the Waffle Shop

between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm

Interfaith Human Services

Use the link below to sign up for a one-hour shift or contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ACAA2DA5FAC16-67446554-wishing



Karl Raynor is selling Trinity Wooden cross ornaments, and they are available on the table by the bulletin board. All monies will be used to help purchase acoustic tiles for the fellowship hall. The cost is what you can affords for the ornament.

Park Forest Preschool Craft Kits Gift Tags are on the Christmas tree.

Please take a gift tag so a child can have a brighter Christmas.
Please wrap the gifts and attach the tag to the package. Please return wrapped kits to the church by Sunday December 13.



Next year flower chart is up.
If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up. When you sign up, please take and fill out the form, next to the chart, and return it to the office Administrator or drop in the offering plate. Cost for a pair of flowers is $65.00

Next year Offering envelopes are in your mailbox. If you did not get envelopes, please contact the church office.



WILL YOU PLEASE HELP WITH THE TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE?

We will be holding a special Holiday Food Drive along with the Toy for Tots drive from November 1st until December 13th. Trinity has been a big supporter of both of these drives, and we hope we can count on each of you this year. What we hope you will do is donate a nonperishable food item for each Sunday from November 1st until December 13th. The collected food will be distributed to the various food pantries in Centre County. As you can imagine people are struggling to keep food on the table and are having trouble making ends meet and this is a way we can help them.

Some items that are needed are canned vegetables, soups, fruits, meats, pasta & sauce, rice, cereal, juices, tea, coffee, mac and cheese mixes, household cleaning supplies, paper products, health and beauty items etc. These are just a few ideals. Any food items will be greatly appreciated.

Trinity has helped in the past and we hope you will help us this year. Any questions please talk to Donna Weller (814-571-2280 or dw0220@aol.com) or Gene Weller (814-571-4332 or elweller@aol.com)

If we all work together, we can help families have a Merry Christmas. Thanks for your help.

Donna and Gene Weller

Food drive update: Trinity has collected 95 items.

The Happy Valley Business Association will be conducting their annual Winter Clothing Drive of new or gently used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, gloves and hats to help support the Burrowes Street Youth Haven as part of the Centre County Youth Services Bureau in State College (boys and girls between ages 12-18) Donation box will be in the narthex Nov 13 – Dec 18.



Come celebrate the season! Trinity Youth Cookie Decorating Party and Cookie Exchange, December 13th after the 10AM Service (around 11AM).
All are welcome, young (and the young at heart!). We will watch a Christmas Movie, listen to Christmas Music, and decorate some yummy cookies to take home! Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you would like, please bring 2 dozen cookies to share and take home a variety for yourself.
Questions, reach out to Tricia Hunt (synergie17@gmail.com)

Winter 2027 Bible Study

"Together by Grace: Bible Conversations" is a new Bible study series offered by Augsburg Fortress. More information can be found on the series here: https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286578/Together-by-Grace#available-now

These series are designed to invite participants to gather together, dwell in the stories of the Bible, and engage with the text and one another through 8 sessions. With guided conversations and open-ended questions, everyone is invited to share thoughts, experiences, and similarities in these roundtable discussions that approach biblical stories honestly, wrestle with tough questions, and build community.

The series is designed so that participants can be welcomed at any point during the study, so there is no need to worry if you cannot attend all of the sessions.

If you are interested in joining this study, please reach out to Kayla Smith (kayjosmith22@gmail.com or 717-781-5885) or sign-up with your answers to the two questions below (or if you would like more information):

- **Deadline is Monday, December 7th** so an order for the guides can be placed with enough time to receive and distribute them. The Participant's Guide costs $12.99. The group will begin meeting in mid-January. Please invite anyone who may be interested in participating!

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Training Opportunity

Are You Called to Bring Communion to Others?

Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for members interested in training as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. These volunteers bring the comfort of Holy Communion and a caring presence to members who are homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities and cannot join us in worship.

What Does a Lay Eucharistic Visitor Do?

- Brings Communion from Sunday worship to members who cannot attend
- Shares a brief service of Scripture and prayer
- Offers friendship and keeps members connected to the congregation
- Shares needs and concerns with the church family so care can follow

No experience is needed. Training will cover the theology of Communion, the order of service, and tips for visiting with care and confidentiality.

Interested? If you feel called to this ministry, or just want to learn more, please reach out:

- Email Brian Lewis: greywolf1949@comcast.net
- Email the church office: tlcoffice2@comcast.net
- Call the church office: 814-238-2024

Training: Held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Date and time TBD.

Sign-up deadline: Friday, January 29, 2027

We would love to have you join us.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:35, ESV)

Service to the Church

Volunteers needed

At Trinity, we continue to need volunteers to serve important roles that support the smooth functioning and welcoming nature of our church.

- Communion Assistant– Helps distribute wine at communion (when needed)
- Communion Bread– Provide communion bread for both Sunday service and Saturday evening service
- Communion Care- help set up communion items before worship and wash/dry items after Saturday and Sunday services.
- Counter– count and classify offerings, prepare deposit slips, deposit funds, work in a team of two.
- Deacon– assist worship leader in leading service.
- Lector– read the scripture lessons for the service.
- Leading a worship service

Please pray about whether one of the areas of need could represent a call for you to serve.

Fill out the Worship Support Volunteer sheet , Located on the table in the Narthex. or you can call the church office at 814-238-2024 for more information.

❄️ WEATHER CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS ❄️

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🏢 CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed whenever the State College Area School District closes due to inclement weather.



⛪ SUNDAY WORSHIP

For Sunday service cancellation announcements, check:
• Trinity's Facebook page
• Trinity's website
• WTAJ-TV
• Local radio stations



Before heading out, please check Trinity's Facebook page or website for the latest weather-related updates.

Stay safe and warm, Trinity family! May God watch over you and everyone serving our community during the storm. Let's keep one another in prayer until we can gather again. 💙

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 29 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship 5 :30PM Essence 2 6 :00PM Girl Scouts Unit 416	Nov 30 6:00PM Troop #375	1 5:30 PM Executive Team Mtg 5:45 PM Zumba	2 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	3 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00PM Essence 2	4 7:30PM Essence 2 Concert	5 10:00AM Zumba 12:00PM Raystown Woods Rehearsal 5:00PM Worship
6 8:15 AM Worship w. communion 10:00 AM Worship w/ communion 3:00PM Cub Scout Pack # 375 5:30 PM Essence 2	7 6:00PM Troop #375	8 5:45 PM Zumba	9 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	10 5:45 PM Zumba	11	12 10:00 AM Zumba 12:00 P Raystown Rehearsal 5:00PM Worship w/ communion
13 8:15 AM Worship w. communion 10:00 AM Worship w/ communion 10:45AM Children's Christmas Event 2:00PM Raystown Woods Concert 5:30 PM Essence 2	14 6:00PM Troop #375	15 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00PM Council Mtg	16 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	17 5:45 PM Zumba	18	19 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship
20 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Cub Scout #375 6:00PM Girl Scout Unit 416	21 6:00PM Troop #375	22 5:45 PM Zumba	23 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	24 5:00PM Family Christmas 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00PM Candlelight	25 	26 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship
27 8:15 AM Worship- Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM Worship- Lessons & Carols	28 6:00PM Troop #375	29 5:45 PM Zumba	30	31 5:45 PM Zumba	Jan 1 	Jan 2 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship

Worship Servers December 2026

	12/5/2026	12/12/2026	12/19/2026	12/24/2026	12/26/2026
Worship Leader					
Saturday 5:00PM	Bob Voigt	Roger Glad	Kayla Smith	Roger Glad	Brian Lewis
	12/6/2026	**12/13/2026**	**12/20/2026**		**12/27/2026**
8:15:00 AM	Bob Voigt	Roger Glad	Kayla Smith		Lessons & Carols
10:00:00 AM	Bob Voigt	Roger Glad	Kayla Smith		Lessons & Carols
Communion Assistant	**Communion**	**Communion**	**Non- Communion**	**Communion**	**Non- Communion**
8:15:00 AM	Lou Mayer	Esther Lauchle	n/a	5:00PM-	n/a
10:00:00 AM	Sylvia Musheno	Megan Orient	n/a	7:00PM- Debbie Fryer	n/a
Deacon					
8:15:00 AM	Lou Mayer	Esther Lauchle	Jenny Wenrich	5:00PM-	
10:00:00 AM	David Richards	Kayla Smith	Brian Lewis	7:00PM- John Fryer	n/a
Lector					
8:15:00 AM	Lou Mayer	Kay Gasowski	Jenny Wenrich	5:00PM-	Christy Bartley
10:00:00 AM	Gene Weller	Rich Coulter	Ellen Campbell	7:00PM- Jerry Lauchle	Ellen Campbell
Offering Counters	Gene Weller	Megan Orient	Jay Aubuchon		Gerry Krupa
10:45:00 AM	Kristen Kewitt	Dennis Zerbe	Roberta Horner		Brian Lewis

Extra Readers
Lou Mayer
Esther Lauchle

Now Seeking a Treasurer

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for a faithful, organized member of the congregation to serve as our Treasurer. This key leadership role helps keep our ministry financially sound so we can continue serving our congregation and community.

What You Will Do

- Work with the Administrative Assistant to maintain accurate records of receipts and disbursements.
- Prepare and present monthly written financial reports at Congregation Council meetings.
- Oversee cash flow, including payment of salaries, expenses, and utilities, and transfers between checking and savings.
- Serve as primary signatory for checks and set a regular time to sign them.
- Prepare monthly records of disbursements and budget allotments for all leadership teams.
- Submit financial records for the annual audit and assist with developing the annual budget.
- Advise the congregation, Stewardship Team, Budget/Finance Team, and other leadership teams on financial matters.

Who We Are Looking For

- A member of the congregation in good standing.
- Someone with a background in, or working knowledge of, finance and financial matters such as bookkeeping, budgeting, and financial reporting.
- Someone with working knowledge of QuickBooks accounting software, or a willingness to learn it.
- Someone willing to model discipleship by practicing the six Marks of Discipleship*.
- A person who will commit the time and effort needed as a key congregational leader.
- A team player who supports the pastor, elected leaders, staff, and congregation, and who reflects our core beliefs, values, and mission.
- A positive leader who influences others for mutual benefit in advancing the church's mission.

How to Apply

If you feel called to this ministry, please contact a member of the Congregation Council Executive Team.

Council Executive Team:
Brian Lewis, President, greywolf1949@comcast.net
Ken Healy, Vice-President, khm804@aol.com
Mary Lou Keil, Secretary, mlk12@psu.edu

Applications will be accepted through the end of January 2027.

***Six Marks of Discipleship**

Discipleship involves a deep commitment to following Jesus and embodying certain characteristics that reflect this relationship. The six marks of a disciple of Jesus are as follows:

1. Transformed Heart

- A disciple experiences a fundamental change in their heart and life upon placing faith in Jesus. This transformation signifies a new beginning and a commitment to live according to Christ's teachings.

2. Spiritual Regeneration

- Disciples are spiritually reborn, having received forgiveness for their sins and being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This regeneration marks them as new creations in Christ.

3. Grounded in the Bible

- Disciples prioritize the Scriptures, believing in the truth of God's Word. They read, study, and meditate on the Bible regularly, allowing it to shape their worldview and actions.

4. Deep Satisfaction in God

- A true disciple finds joy and fulfillment in their relationship with God. They pursue spiritual disciplines not out of obligation but from a desire to grow closer to Him.

5. Humble Obedience

- Disciples demonstrate their commitment through obedience to Jesus' commands. They strive to live according to His teachings and serve others, reflecting Christ's love in their actions.

6. Desire What Jesus Desires

- Disciples grow to align their desires with those of Jesus. They prioritize God's will over personal ambitions, seeking to love what He loves and value what He values.

These marks are essential for anyone seeking to deepen their discipleship and reflect Christ's character in their lives.

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July 2025-July 2028
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