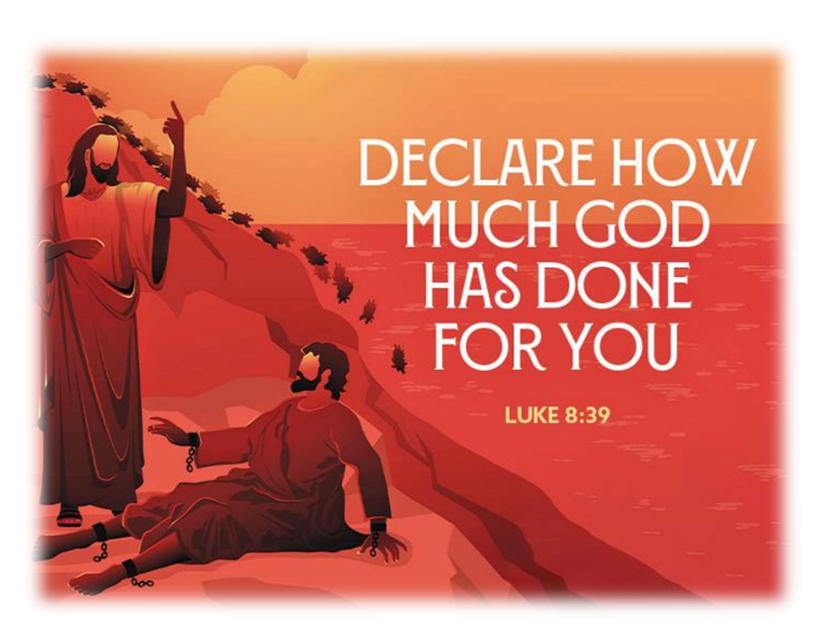
# 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Year C



810 Fairfax Street Stephens City, VA Sunday Worship, 9:30AM (540) 869-4019

June 22, 2025



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Communion Assistant: Carole Pfisterer.

Next Weeks; Greeter: Bill McPadalin & Misty McPadalin. Lessons & Prayers Reader:

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#### **PRELUDE**

Please stand

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God our maker who call us to be a new people.

Blessed be God our redeemer who claims us in grace.

Blessed be God our life-giving breath who fills us with love and sends us in service.

We gather to praise the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, let us confess the sin and brokenness in our live and in the world.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we turn from your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved people of God,
by the radical abundance of God's grace
we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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#### **GREETING**

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

And also with you.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

Please he seated

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God. word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28**



- <sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, be not <sup>|</sup> far away;
  - O my help, hasten I to my aid.
- 20 Deliver me | from the sword, my life from the power | of the dog.
- <sup>21</sup> Save me from the <sup>|</sup> lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have <sup>|</sup> rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup> I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. R
- <sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.
- $^{24}$  For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid-  $^{\dag}$  den from them;

but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the <sup>I</sup> great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>I</sup> fear the Lord.
- <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat <sup>|</sup> and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts <sup>|</sup> live forever! R
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.
- <sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs | to the Lord, who rules o- | ver the nations. R

#### **SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

A reading from Galatians.

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### Please stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 142)





**GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39** 

The holy gospel according to Luke.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons

came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON Rev. Larry Closter



#### Please stand

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

(ELW 445)



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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#### **CREED**

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 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.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet (*international companion churches and synods may be named*) and Christians in our community (*local congregations may be named*). God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence (*areas in crises may be named*). When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Monica, Lauren, Nancy (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

#### Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### And also with you.

Please be seated

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

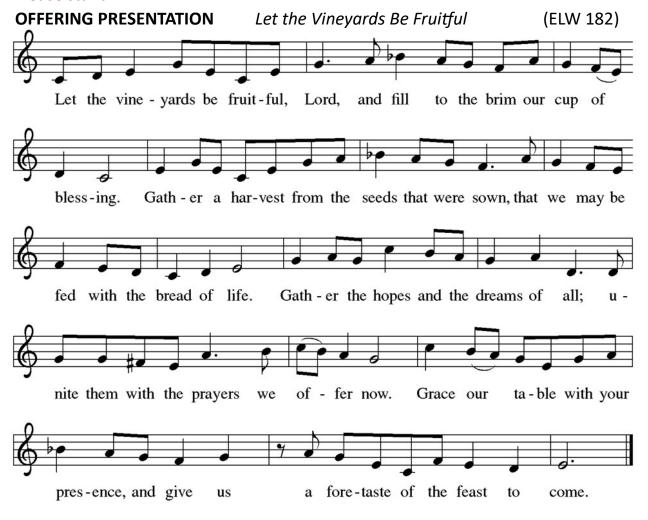
#### **OFFERING**

Be Thou My Vision Arranged by Lloyd Larson Trinity Chime Choir

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail.

We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

#### Please stand



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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who through the cross cleansed us from all sin. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.** 

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready

For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.

#### Please be seated

#### **COMMUNION**

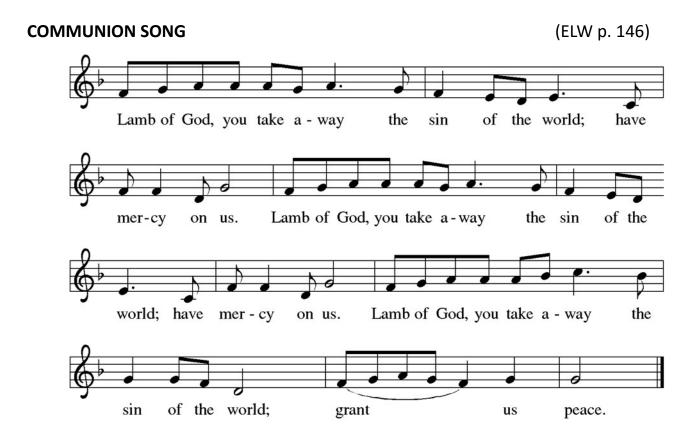
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.

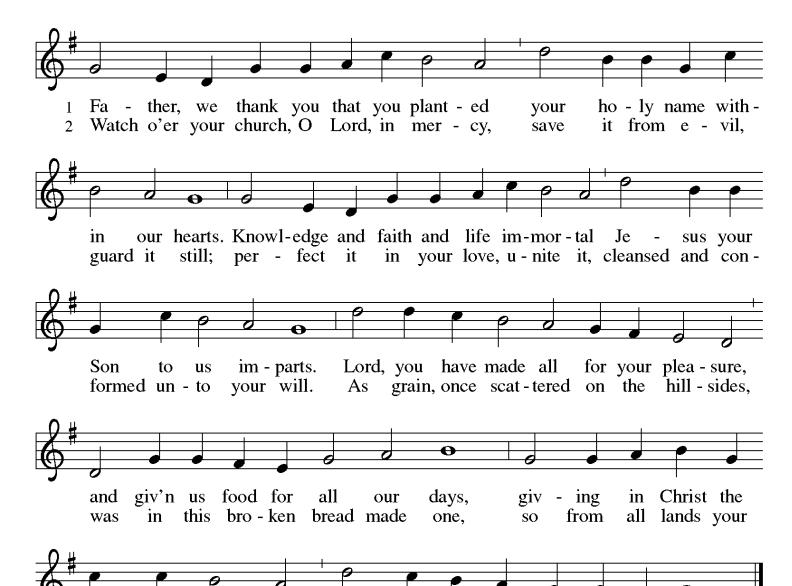




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Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sı

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#### Please stand

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

#### Please be seated

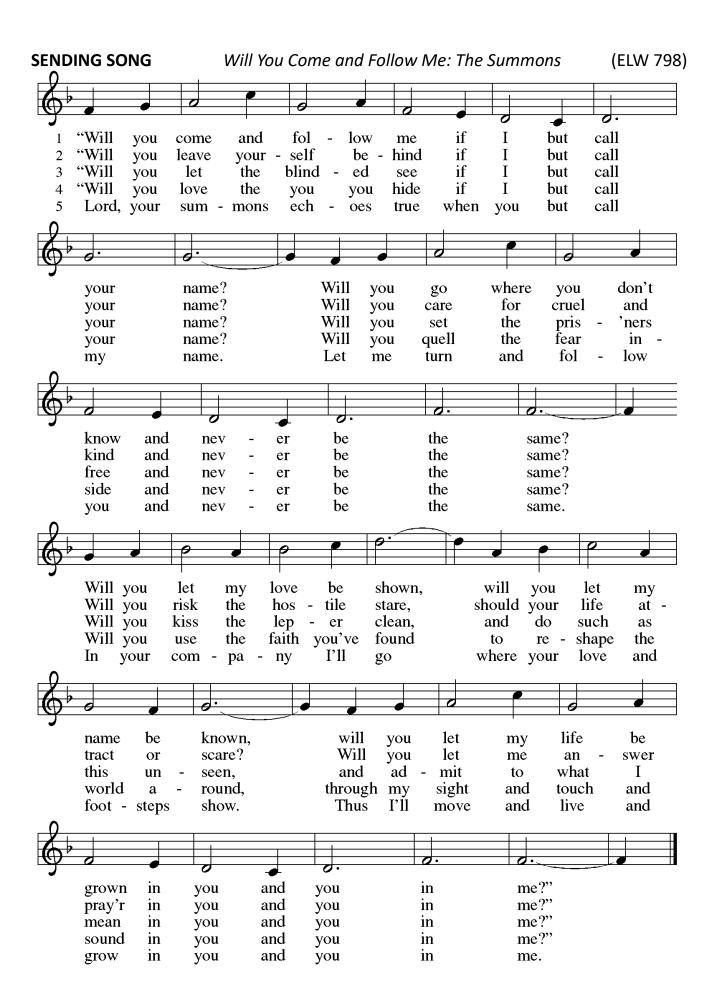
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Please stand

#### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 





#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Variation 4 on Old Hundredth

P.J.Janson (b.1967)

# ~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community 11eWS

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY Here's what's happening at a glance:

- **Sunday, June 22**
- Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM | Celebration for Louise's 100th Birthday!
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- iii Monday, June 23
- Tuesday, June 24
- Young at Heart Dinner " A Taste of Tuscany" @5:30pm Parish Hall | RSVP by June 15th to Maxine Rogers 540-869-2012 or Christine Cornwell 540-869-2727
- 24th 30th Pastor Closter will be on Vacation
- **Wednesday, June 25**
- Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall(Fried Chicken, mixed vegetables, Baked Beans & Dessert)
- Together in Prayer will not meet this week, next meeting will be July 30th @ 7:00 PM
- Thursday, June 26
- iii Friday, June 27
- -No Bible study this week. The next Friday Bible Study and discussion of the book of Acts will be Friday July 11th @ 10 AM | Parish Hall
- III Saturday, June 28
- Newtown History Center Presentation on military uniforms of Frederick county VA soldiers of 1775 @ 10 AM- 12PM Parish Hall | Contact Byron C. Smith 540-869-7102

# **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Happy Birthday to:

🎉 26th-Diann Dailey

(Did we miss your birthday? Contact the church office to update your info!)

## **Ongoing Announcements**

### A Prayer Team Table

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact **Mistie McPadalin** to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession.

# Hospital Visitation

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted.

To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Mistie McPadalin** or **Martha Cooley**.

# • 🧐 Summer Break Alert! 🧐

Our beloved LCW (Lutheran Church Women) and Sewing for the Savior ministry teams are taking a well-deserved summer pause from their regular meetings. We're excited to reconnect and gather again starting September 9th. Until then, soak up the sunshine, enjoy every moment, and have a wonderful summer!

In September the LCW will hit the ground running, with their annual yard sale!

# Thursday Choir Rehearsals Are on Summer Break!

The choir wrapped up their regular Thursday rehearsals on June 5th and will now enjoy a well-deserved break.

But the music doesn't stop! There will be mini rehearsals at 8:30 AM each Sunday morning.

Interested in singing with the choir this summer?

This is the perfect opportunity to join in—no midweek commitment required. Just come on Sunday mornings and help us make a joyful noise together! We'd love to have your voice join ours. \*\*

- Chime Choir Sundays after service | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director music@trinitychurchvirginia.org
- **E** Food Pantry Item of the Month: Spaghetti Sauce | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com

#### Thank You

# Thank You, William & Darla!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to William and Darla Wolf for generously giving their time and energy to help Jerry mulch the church grounds last week—especially on such a hot and humid day! Your hard work and dedication to caring for our shared space is deeply appreciated. The beauty of our grounds is a reflection of the love and commitment you pour into our church community.

#### Save the Date

June 29 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM with Rev. Heidi David- Young

#### MONTH AT A GLANCE Mark your calendars – JULY is here!

July 3 – Trinity Blood Drive, 9 AM–2 PM – Help us collect 25 units! Sign up:

<u>RedCrossBlood.org</u> (Sponsor Code: TrinityLutheranChurchSC) **\*\*** Free sunglasses for donors!

July 4 – Independence Day 🧎

July 6 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM

- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

July 11 – Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall

- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Upstairs class room

July 12 – CMSP Music Together (Summer Session – Week 1) | Upstairs Classroom

July 13 - Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM

Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

July 17 – Happy Birthday Bernetta Jenkins!

July 18 – Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall

CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Upstairs class room

July 19 – CMSP Music Together (Summer Session – Week 2) | Upstairs Classroom

July 20 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM

Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

July 25 – Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall

- Happy Birthday Roger Wickboldt!

- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Upstairs class room

July 26 – CMSP Music Together (Summer Session – Week 3) | Upstairs Classroom

July 27 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM

- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

**July 30** – Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Assorted salads, Desert)

- Together in Prayer @ 7:00 PM | Sanctuary
- Happy Birthday Cooper Greene!

# Stay in the Loop!

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