# 3rd Gunday after Pentecost, Year C



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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.



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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.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

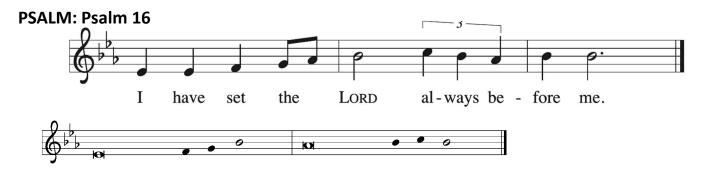
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# FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.



- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take ref- <sup>|</sup> uge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a- <sup>|</sup> bove all other."
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are <sup>|</sup> in the land, upon those who are noble a- <sup>|</sup> mong the people.
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after <sup>1</sup> other gods shall have their troubles <sup>1</sup> multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up- | on my lips. R

- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion <sup>1</sup> and my cup; it is you who up- <sup>1</sup> hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who <sup>I</sup> gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night <sup>I</sup> after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord al- | ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- <sup>|</sup> it rejoices; my body also shall <sup>|</sup> rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me | to the grave, nor let your holy one | see the pit.
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the <sup>1</sup> path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- <sup>1</sup> evermore. **R**

#### **SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

A reading from Galatians.

- <sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
- <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

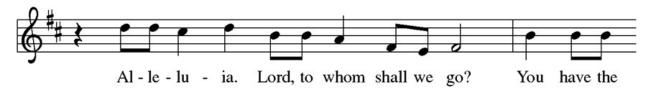
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### Please stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 142)





**GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62** 

The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated



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Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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.

Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of (*your apostles Peter and Paul and*) Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Monica, Lauren, Nancy (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. 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** 

Into My Heart

by Harry Clarke

**Trinity Choir** 

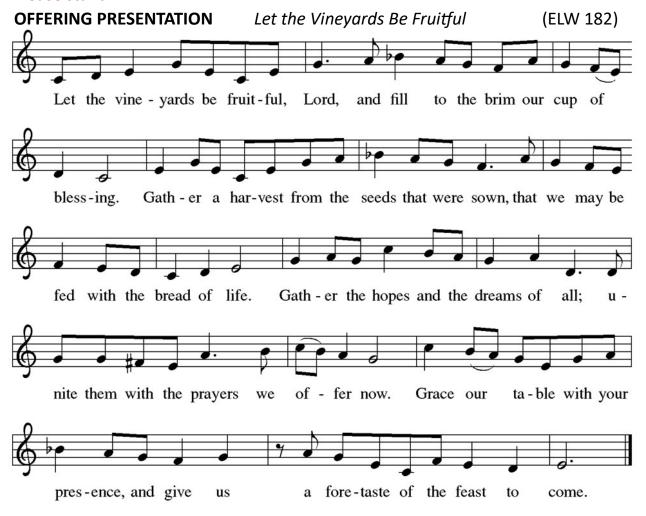


Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail.

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.

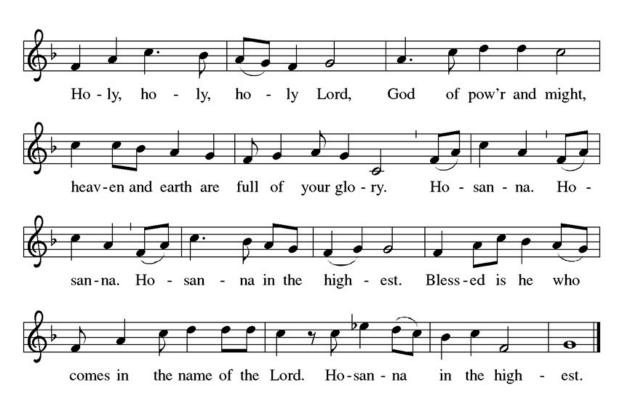
#### We lift them to the Lord.

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**

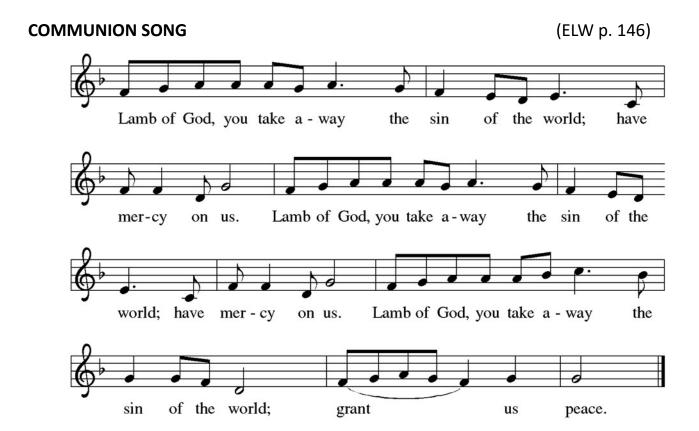
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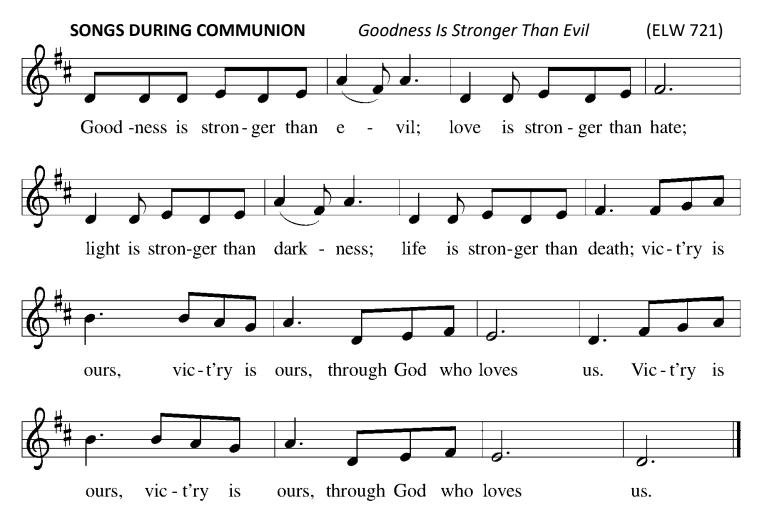
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

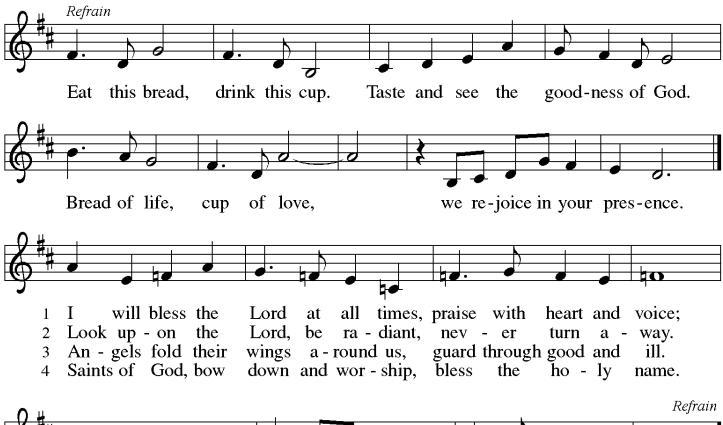
For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.

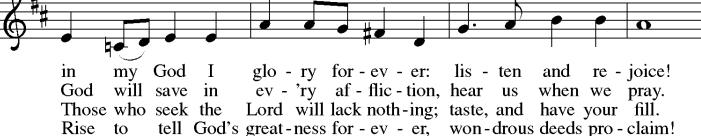




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#### Please stand

# **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

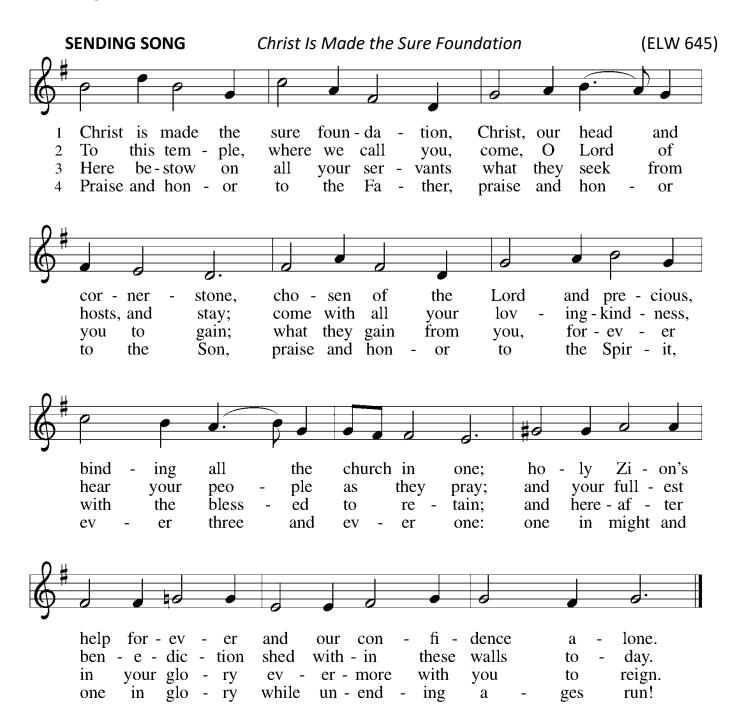
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Please stand

#### **BLESSING**

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

#### Amen.



Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation John Schaffner (1945-1995)



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

- sunday, June 29
- Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM | Rev. Heidi David-Young
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Monday, June 30
- m Tuesday, July 1
- Wednesday, July 2
- Thursday, July 3
- Trinity Blood Drive, 9 AM–2 PM Help us collect 25 units! Sign up:

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

- Friday, July 4
- Independence Day → [list of area fireworks]
- \_ Office Closed\_
- saturday, July 5

# **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Happy Birthday to:

No Birthdays this week~

(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!

• IT 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
- <u>Food Pantry Item of the Month:</u> Pasta (Spaghetti) | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton – <u>kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com</u>

#### Thank You

# This morning, Trinity joyfully welcomes back The Reverend Heidi David-Young!

We are deeply grateful for her presence and for leading us in worship today. Her spirit and guidance are a true blessing to our congregation.

# Thank You for Celebrating Louise Poffenberger's 100th Birthday!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Louise Poffenberger's 100th birthday celebration so special. Whether you helped with the planning, brought a dish, shared a kind word, or simply showed up with love and joy in your heart—your presence made the day unforgettable.

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman, and a true blessing to honor this milestone as a church family!





















#### Save the Date

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!

Want to receive our weekly Trinity Times Newsletter by email?

Fill out a welcome card (basket in the Narthex) with your name and email, and we'll add you to the list.

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**540-869-4019** | 🕒 Tuesday–Friday, 8 AM–1 PM