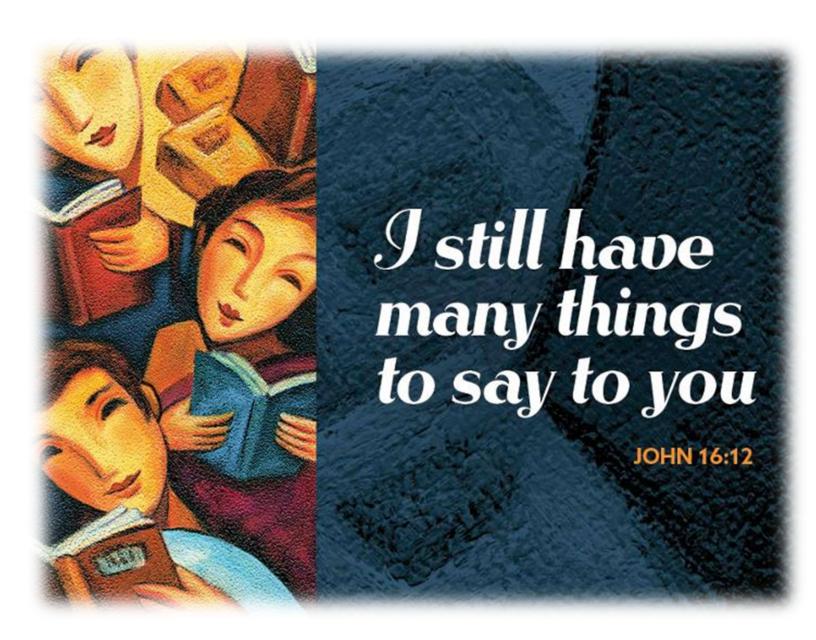
The Holy Trinity

1st Sunday after Pentecost, Year C



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Heartman. Communion Assistant: Susan Scheulen.

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Summer Celebration ~ ELW (Red Hymnal) 556, & 732

PRELUDE

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

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

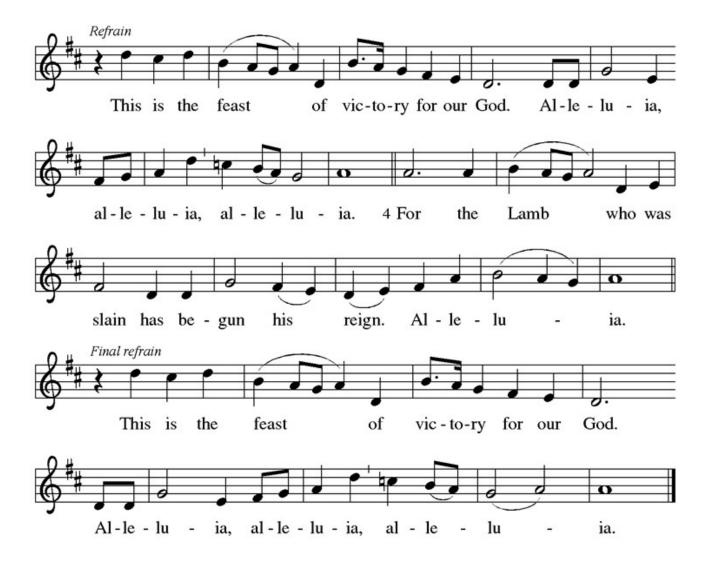
And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW 138) peace, let us pray to the Lord. In Lord, have mer cy. O For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, 0 Lord. and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer -• 0_•

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

men.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
- ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
- ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- $^{\rm 30}\, then \, I$ was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,
 - rejoicing before him always,
- ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8





¹O | Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. R

- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work ¹ of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set ¹ in their courses,
- ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them? R
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less ¹ than divine; with glory and hon- ¹ or you crown them.
- ⁶ You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:
- ⁷ all [|] flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts [|] of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
- ⁹O [|] Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in [|] all the earth! **R**



SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

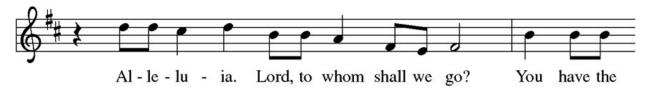
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142)





GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

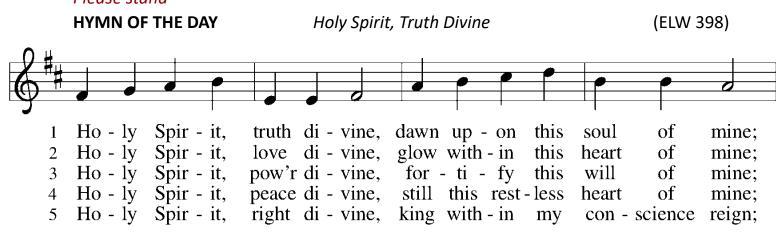
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON Rev. Larry Closter



Please stand





breath of God and in - ward light, kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; by your will I strong-ly live, speak to calm this toss - ing sea, be my guide, and I shall be

wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
purge me with your ho - ly fire.
brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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.

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Monica, Lauren, Nancy (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs*). Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. 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 Let us Be Bread

by Thomas Porter

Trinity Choir

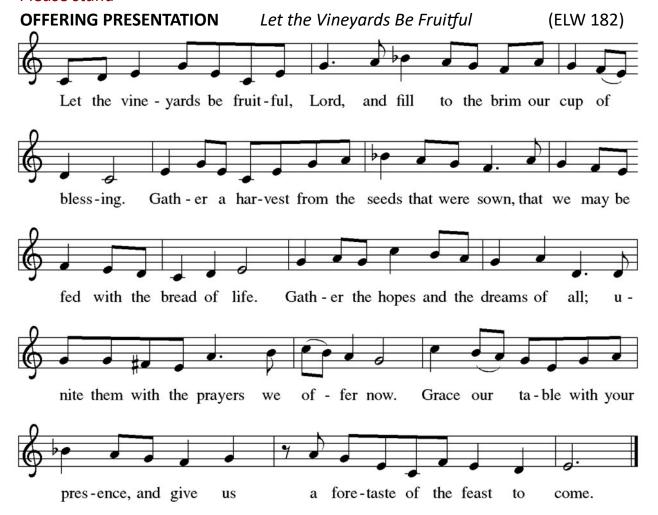
The Noisy offering will benefit the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Homeless Program



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



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With all those who were once among us and have passed from this life and all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Amen.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS (for the sick and homebound)

Let us pray. O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger bless these elements with your divine grace and those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.





1 All who hun-ger, gath-er

glad - ly;

ho - ly man - na is our

2 All who hun-ger, nev-er

strang-ers;

seek-er, be a

wel-come guest.

bread.

3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er,

Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and Come from rest-less - ness and Come from lone - li - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast. long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in is our food. love have stood. grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

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- 1 Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu-nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil-dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence, of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world!

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace

→ bless you now and forever.

Amen.





- 1 Come, thou al might y King, help us thy name to sing;
- 2 Come, thou in car nate Word, mer ci ful, might y Lord;
 - Come, ho ly Com fort er, thy sa cred wit ness bear
 - To thee, great One in Three, e ter nal prais es be



help us to praise; our prayer at - tend. in this glad hour! hence ev - er - more!

all - glo - ri - ous, Fa - ther all o'er vic peo - ple bless, and Come and thy give thy al - might - y Thou who art, rule now in Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days. word suc-cess, and let thy righ - teous-ness on us de scend. de - part, Spir - it pow'r. ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us of glo - ry see, and to e ter - ni - ty love and a dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

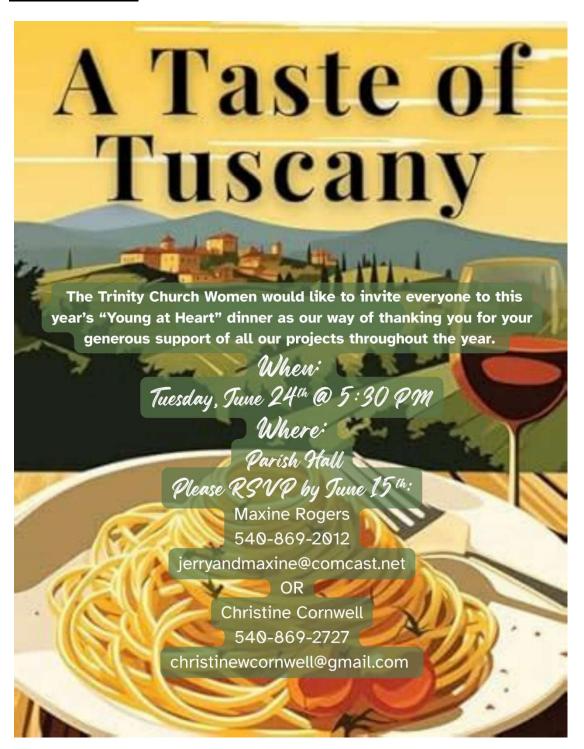
Piet Post

Reminders

Help us celebrate Louise Poffenberger's 100th birthday! A special card box is in the Parish Hall (small table by the double doors) for anyone who would like to send birthday wishes. If you don't have a card, feel free to take one from the folder provided.

More details about the celebration can be found in the Save the Date section.

> RSVP TODAY!



~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community news

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

- Sunday, June 15
- Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM | Father's Day
- The Noisy offering will benefit the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Homeless Program
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- **IIII** Monday, June 16
- **IIII** Tuesday, June 17
- **Wednesday, June 18**
- IIII Thursday, June 19
- Friday, June 20
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall
- Louise Poffenberger's 100th birthday! (celebration to follow service with Coffee Hour next Sunday June 22nd)
- **III** Saturday, June 21

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Happy Birthday to:



20th-Louise Poffenberger 100 years old! 21st-Hilda Painter,

-Kate, & Cole Crawford

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

Ongoing Announcements

In 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! Starting Sunday, June 15th, 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.

• 🧐 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 they will hit the ground running, with their annual yard sale!

<u>Trinity's Yard Sale</u>

When: Saturday, September 13, 2025 Time: 8 AM until 1 PM

Please start saving items for the upcoming yard sale. Here are some particulars to keep in mind:

~ all clothing MUST be clean and in good condition

~ NO electronics (such as TV's, stereos, computers) ~ NO big furniture items

Mark your calendar to bring your donations of items to the Parish Hall Monday, September 8th through Friday, September 12th between 9 AM and noon. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS BEFORE THESE DATES! Members of the LCW will be on hand in the Parish Hall to take your donations and will then sort them out and put them on the appropriate tables that have been set up. If you happen to have any extra hangers, please bring them during the drop off week. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Cooley, Hilda Painter or any member of LCW. Thanks so much!

- 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**.
- June Food Pantry Donation Request: Spaghetti Sauce

Thank You

With Grateful Hearts: Thank You to Hites Chapel United Methodist Women's Club We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Hites Chapel United Methodist Women's Club for their generous donation to our food pantry. Their recent gift is just one example of the steadfast support they've provided over the years.

The Women's Club has been a faithful partner in our mission to serve those in need, and their continued generosity has played a vital role in sustaining our food pantry and allowing us to reach more individuals and families. Their kindness is not only a gift of resources but a reflection of deep compassion and community spirit.

Thank you, Hites Chapel United Methodist Women's Club, for walking alongside us in this ministry of giving. Your ongoing support is truly a blessing.

Save the Date

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

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

June 25 – Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall (Fried Chicken, Greens or Carrots, Baked Beans & Dessert)

- Together in Prayer @ 7:00 PM

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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

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

News for July will be coming next week!



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