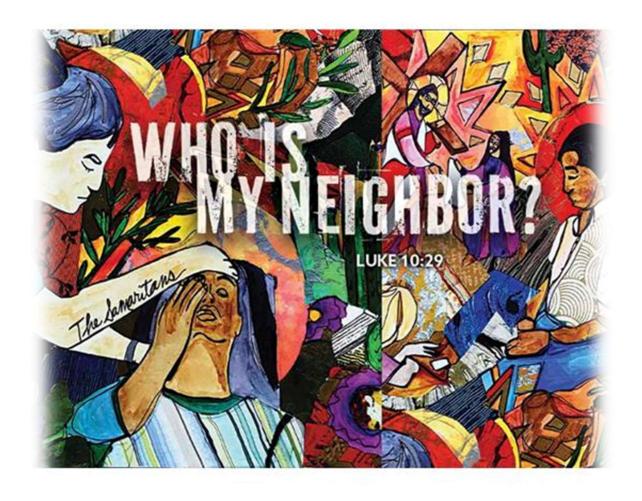
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PRELUDE

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God our maker who calls 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.

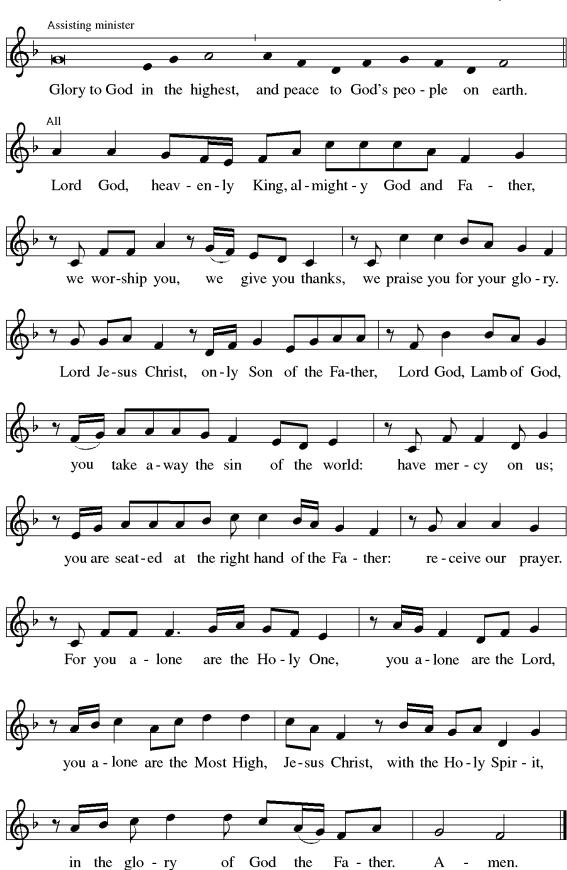


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GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW 139)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from Deuteronomy.

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10





- ¹ To [|] you, O Lord, I lift [|] up my soul.
- ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ³ Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame; rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.
- ⁴ Show me your | ways, O Lord, and teach | me your paths. R
- ⁵ Lead me in your [|] truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all [|] the day long.
- ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- ¹ ness, O Lord.
 - 8 You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
 - ⁹ You lead the low- [|] ly in justice and teach the low- [|] ly your way.
 - ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from Colossians.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

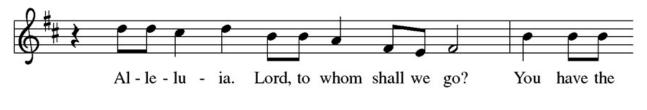
⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142)





GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON Rev. Larry Closter

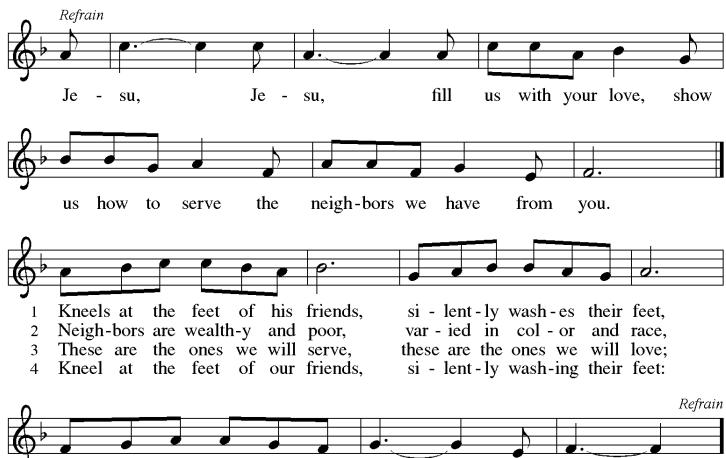


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HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(ELW 708)





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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.



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

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Lauren, Nancy (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

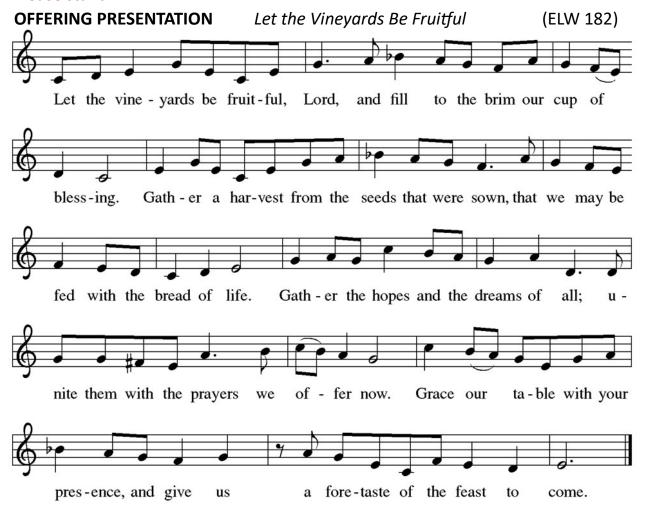
OFFERING Life-Giving Bread R.Manalo Trinity Choir



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.

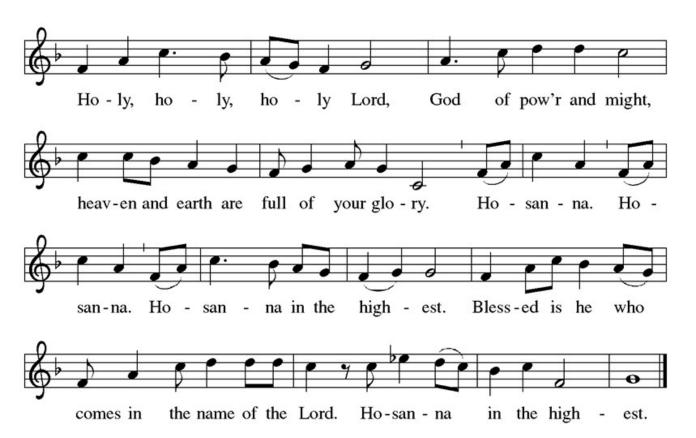
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

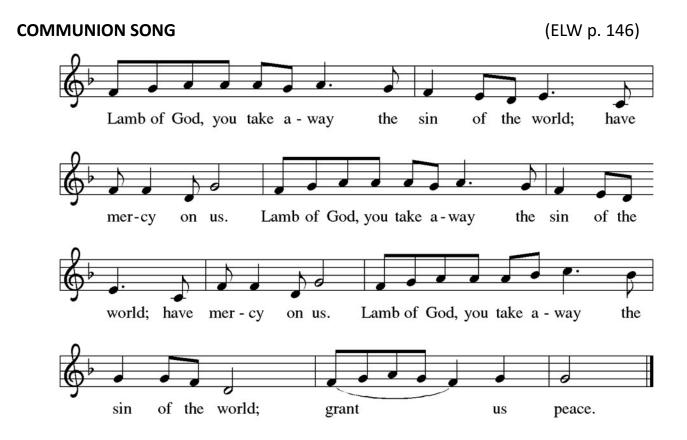
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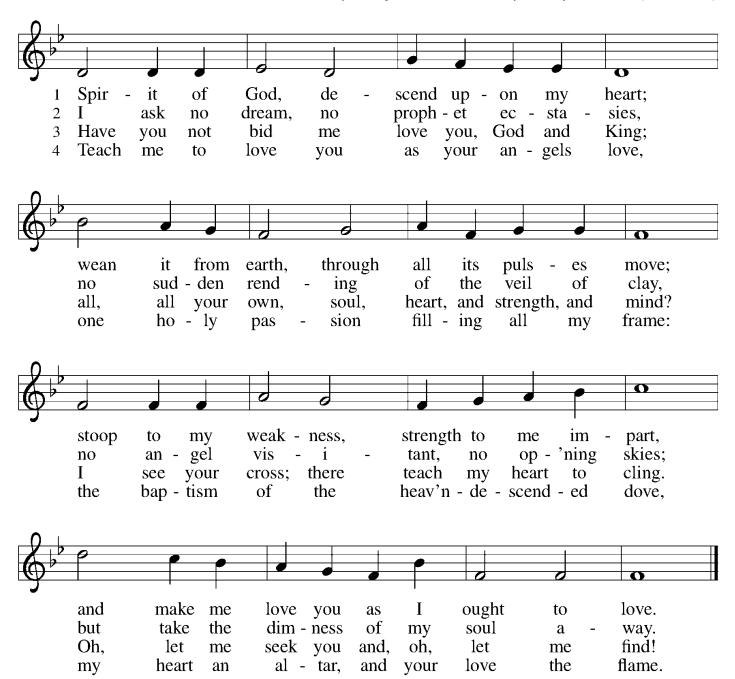
The body of Christ, given for you.

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.





Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631

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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

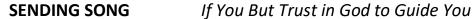
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BLESSING

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

Amen.



(ELW 769)



- If God guide you but trust in to you
- What gain is there in anx ious weep - ing,
- The Lord rest - less hearts hold - ing, our is

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale

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~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community news

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

- sunday, July 13
- Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall
- Monday, July 14
- Tuesday, July 15
- m Wednesday, July 16
- Thursday, July 17— Happy Birthday Bernetta Jenkins!
- Friday, 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
- m Saturday, July 19
- CMSP Music Together @ 9:00 AM (Summer Session Week 2) | Upstairs Classroom

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Happy Birthday to:

🞉 ~ July 17 – Happy Birthday Bernetta Jenkins!~

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

🦊 Volunteers Needed: Route 11 Yard Crawl – Saturday, August 9th 🤼



Trinity will be participating in the Route 11 Yard Crawl on Saturday, August 9th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and we need your help!

As part of our **Social Outreach Ministry Team's** parking lot vendor event, we'll be opening our doors to the public—offering hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, and water. Can you spare an hour or two?

Any time you can give will make a difference! Volunteers are needed to:

- Greet visitors
- Serve food and drinks
- Help with set-up/clean-up
- Be a welcoming presence inside and outside the building

Let's come together to serve our community with smiles, snacks, and hospitality.

 \P Sign-up, speak with Pastor Closter or call the office @ 540-869-4019.

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.

- Ghoir (Mini) Rehearsals Sunday mornings 8AM. 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. 🐮 🎜
- music@trinitychurchvirginia.org
- Food Pantry Item of the Month: Pasta (Spaghetti) | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com

Save the Date

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 @ 9:00 AM (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)

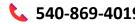
- Together in Prayer @ 7:00 PM | Sanctuary
- Happy Birthday Cooper Greene!

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