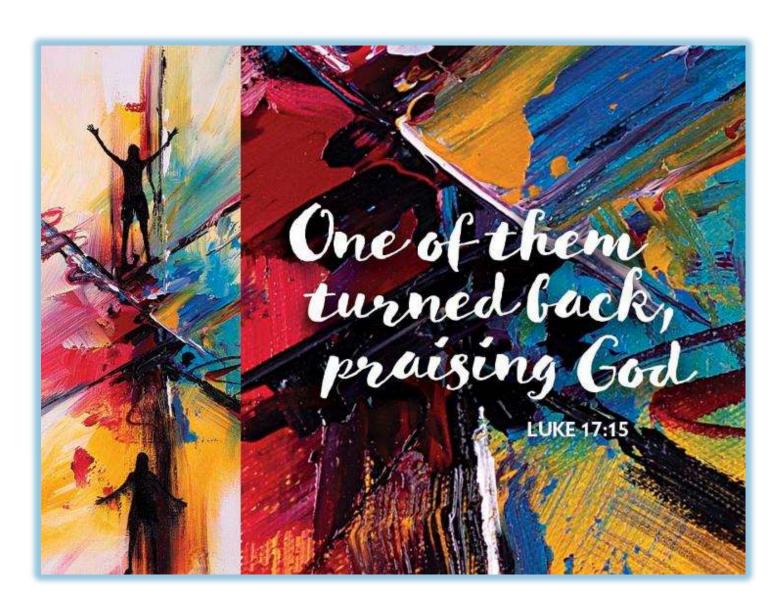
18th Sunday after Pentecost



810 Fairfax Street Stephens City, VA Sunday Worship, 9:30AM (540) 869-4019 October 12, 2025



The Chancel Flowers are given today by Christine and Robert Cornwell.

Please Consider Donating Chancel Flowers

Would you like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? Consider donating **chancel flowers** for a Sunday service.

Flower donations are a beautiful way to:

- Honor or remember someone special
- Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or milestone
- Add beauty to our worship space

If you'd like to donate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please sign up on the **flower calendar** in the church Narthex or contact Martha Cooley.

You're welcome to take the flowers home after the service, or they can be delivered to someone in need of encouragement.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 893 4718 0792 Passcode: 173681 Dial 1-301-715-8592 US

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This Weeks; Greeters: Deb Wickboldt & Mistie McPadalin. Lessons & Prayers

Reader: Patty Stringer. Communion Assistant: Barry Hockenberry.

Next Weeks; Greeter: Deb Wickboldt. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Sue Teal.

Communion Assistant: David Reichert.

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PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Arranged by Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735)

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit. one God, who journeys with us in this life and sustains us with his mercy and his gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our sin, our need to repent, and our desire to receive God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Father, forgive our sins.

Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works.

Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves.

Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided.

Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.

Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole.

All mighty and compassionate God hears our prayers and comes to our aid.

Through the life, death, and resurrection of his son, Jesus, your sins are forgiven +. By his grace you are made whole. Released from sin's destructive power you are free to embrace the cross and love one another.

Amen.



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

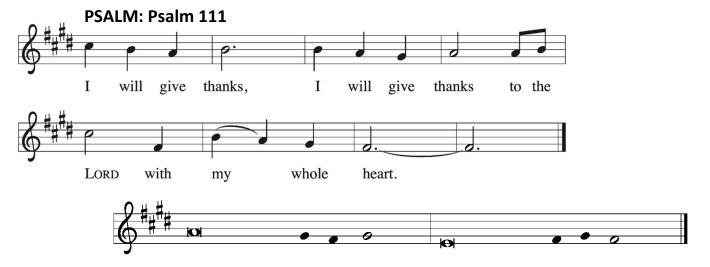
⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with [|] my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.
 - ² Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them. R
 - ³ Majesty and splendor [|] mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- [|] dures forever.
 - ⁴ You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.
 - ⁵ You give food to ¹ those who fear you, remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.
 - ⁶ You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations. R
 - ⁷The works of your hands are faithful- I ness and justice; all of your pre- I cepts are sure.
 - ⁸ They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.
 - ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹ nant forever; holy and awesome ¹ is your name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the begin- [|] ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- [|] dures forever. R

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

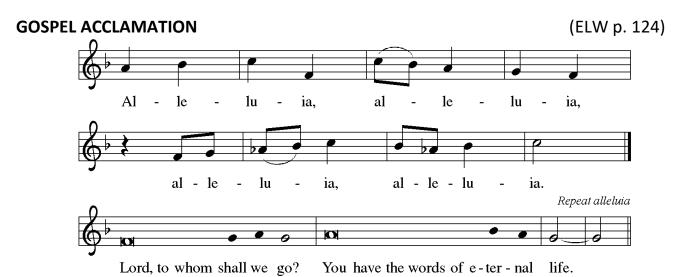
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.
 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.
 Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand



GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

Please stand



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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul,

Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Lauren, Dakota (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Jesus, the Bread of Life

Grayson Warren Brown (b.1948)

Trinity Choir



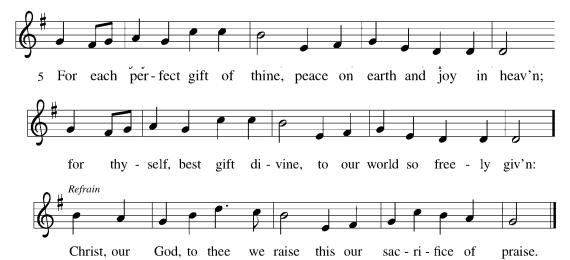
Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail.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

OFFERING PRESENTATION

For the Beauty of the Earth

(ELW 879)



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

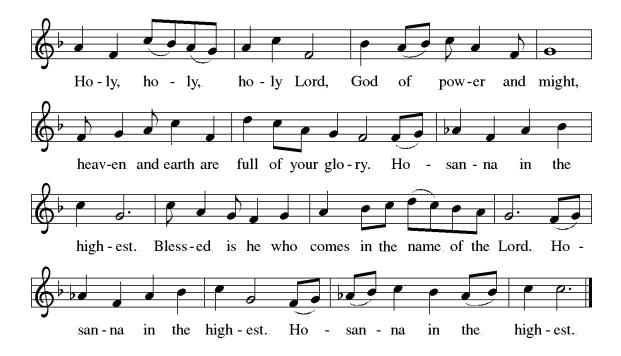
We lift them to the Lord.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.

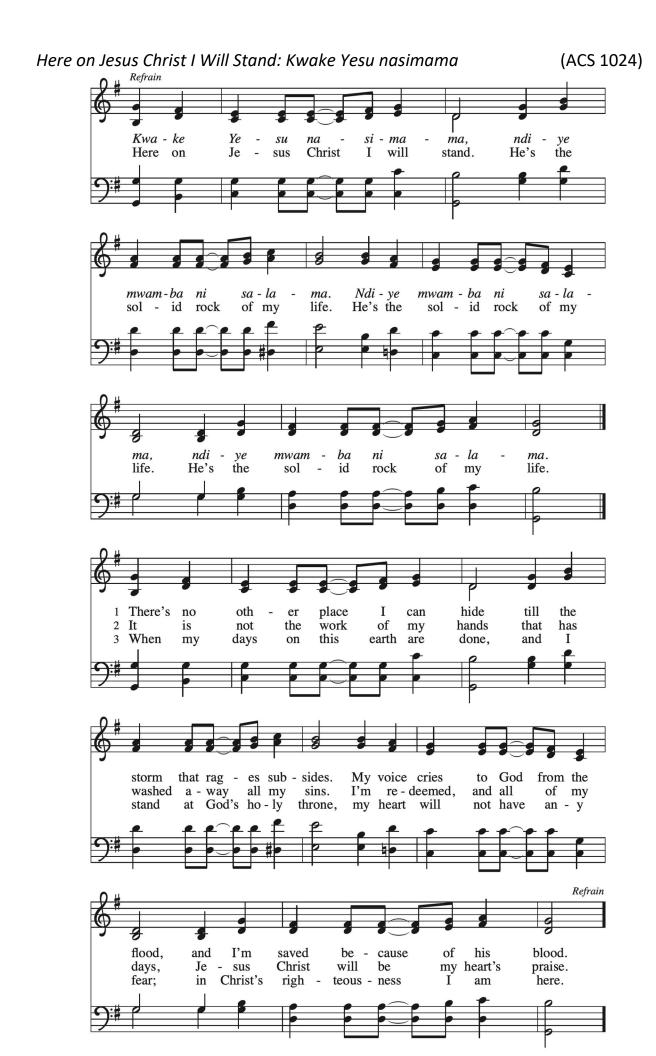
Amen.

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



5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home



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.

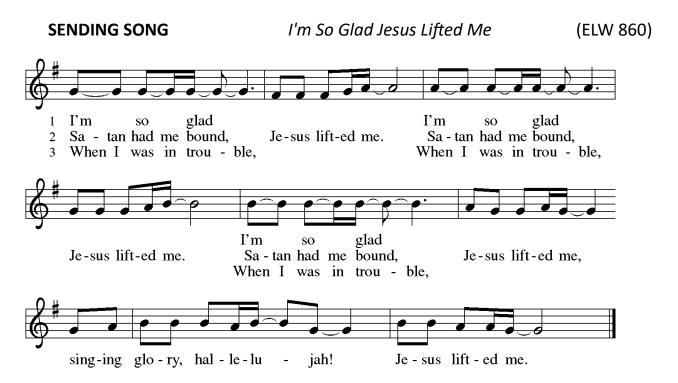
Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

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



Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our god

Arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community NewS

Thank you to Reverend Deanna Boynton for leading worship today! We are grateful for your presence and ministry among us.

IN THE KNOW Upcoming Events & Reminders

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

Monday, October 13 – Office Closed – Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day

- CMSP Music private lesson @ 2:30 pm | Room 203
- IIII Tuesday, October 14 –
- Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM | Room 204
- LCW (Lutheran Church Women) @ 11:30AM | Room 205
- Congregational Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall
- Thursday, October 16 Choir Rehearsal @ 5:45 PM | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Friday, October 17 –
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Room 205
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Room 203
- saturday, October 18 CMSP Music Together @ 9am | Room 203
- -Stephens City Fire Department Boot Drive 10AM-1PM
- Octoberfest Dinner | Parish Hall @5:00PM
- Menu Highlights:

Bratwurst, sauerkraut, and soft pretzels will be provided courtesy

of Trinity's Social Outreach Ministry Team.

- sunday, Sunday, October 19 Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Noisy Offering to benefit Shirley's Animal Rescue.
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall



ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday Servants** October is here, please consider making fall services special! contact Christine Cornwell or Sign up via newsletter link.
- A Prayer Team Table

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact **Lorrie Closter 540-840-8401**, 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 **Pastor Closter** or **Martha Cooley**.

- **If Choir Rehearsals** Normal Thursday Rehearsals will resume **September 4**th @ 5:45 PM **I**
- Chime Choir Sundays after service | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director music@trinitychurchvirginia.org
- Food Pantry Item of the Month: Jam or Jelly | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton



kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com

REMINDER

Note from Trinity Treasurer | Mark Greene

trinitylctreasurer@gmail.com

Donating Stock to the Church

Did you know you can support Trinity's mission by donating appreciated stock? The church has a brokerage account that accepts stock transactions. Giving stock directly to the church can offer **significant tax benefits**, including avoiding capital gains taxes and receiving a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock.

Interested? Contact Mark Greene by email or reach out through the church office at 540-869-4019 (Tuesday–Friday, 8 AM - 1 PM).

We're happy to guide you through the process.

Thank you for your faithful support!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCW Bedding Drive

<u>(</u>to benefit Gleep in Heavenly Peace Organization)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a non-profit organization dedicated to building beds and supplying bedding to children ages 3-17 in Winchester and the counties of Frederick, Shenandoah and Warren.

Trinity's LCW is heading up a bedding drive during the **month of October** and all items brought in by members and friends of the congregation will be delivered to the organization in November. If you would like to donate NEW bedding, here is what they are looking for:

- Twin size sheet sets with pillowcase (NOT Twin long)
- Twin size blankets (NO small blankets or throws must fit Twin bed)

- Twin size comforters
- Twin size mattress covers
- Pillows for twin size beds

You can find "bed in a bag" options at Walmart, Target and other stores. Please bring your bedding donations to the church Nursery any time during the month of October. If you'd prefer making a monetary donation, please see Maxine Rogers and someone from LCW will do the shopping for you! If you have any questions about this organization or the bedding drive, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the LCW.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, October 20 – CMSP Music private lesson @ 2:30 pm | Room 203 Thursday, October 23 –

- Choir Rehearsal @ 5:45 PM | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director Friday, October 24 –
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Room 205
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Room 203

Saturday, October 25 — CMSP Music Together @ 9am | Room 203 Sunday, October 26 – Sunday Service- Reformation Sunday @ 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, October 27 – CMSP Music private lesson @ 2:30 pm | Room 203

Tuesday, October 28 – Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM | Room 204 Wednesday, October 29 -

– Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall (Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, 🥏 **Sweet Treats for Dessert**)

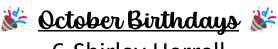


Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy a meal with your neighbors!

- Together in Prayer @ 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Thursday, October 30 -

- Choir Rehearsal @ 5:45 PM | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director Friday, October 31 -
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Room 205
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Room 203



6-Shirley Herrell 9- Dorothée St. Germain 11-Patty Stringer **16-Jerry Rogers**

A Heartfelt Thank You from Trinity Lutheran Church!



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who joined us for our two special events last weekend. Your presence, support, and generosity made each occasion truly memorable!

Blessing of the Animals

A big thank you to all who brought their beloved pets for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. It was a beautiful sight to see so many creatures—great and small gathered together in celebration of God's wonderful creations. Thank you for contributing to the Pet Food Drive to support local shelters, and for making this event such a joyful expression of faith and community.

Community-Wide Breakfast Fundraiser

We are also deeply grateful to all who attended our breakfast fundraiser. Your generous donations to Trinity's Building Fund will help preserve our historic church and allow us to continue serving the community for generations to come. It was heartwarming to share a meal together, and we're so thankful for your support.

With your help, we are truly making a difference in our church and community. Thank you for being part of these special moments, and for your ongoing love and support!

Blessings, Trinity Lutheran Church Family



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