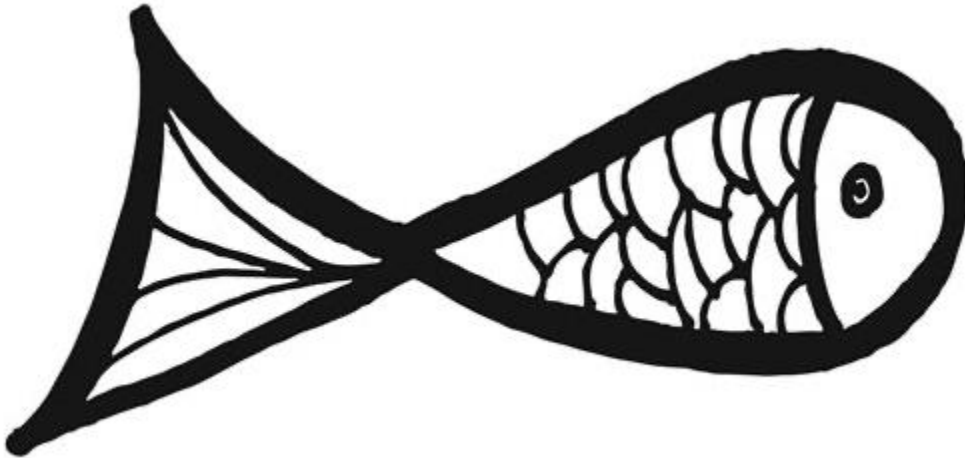


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ”



10th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 28th, 2024 | 11:00 am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about Holy Trinity, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 5 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDES

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Jesu, meine Freude (Jesus, Priceless Treasure),

by Johann Gottfried Walther(1684-1748)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

~ Please stand as able. The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.~

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~Please kneel as you are able~

~Silence for self-examination and reflection~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

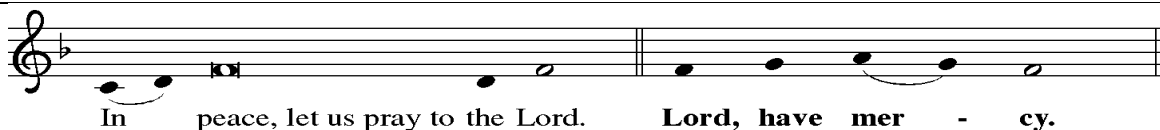


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.


APOSTOLIC 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.**

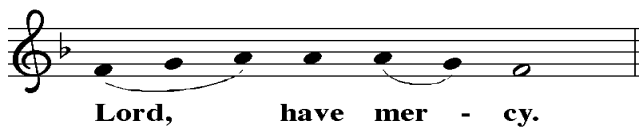
KYRIE



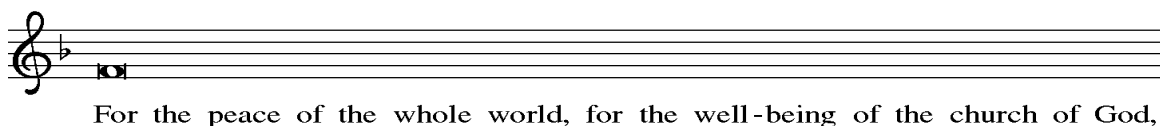
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



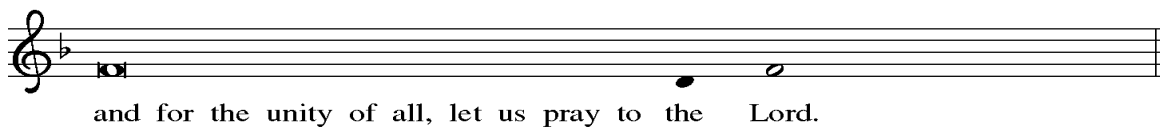
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



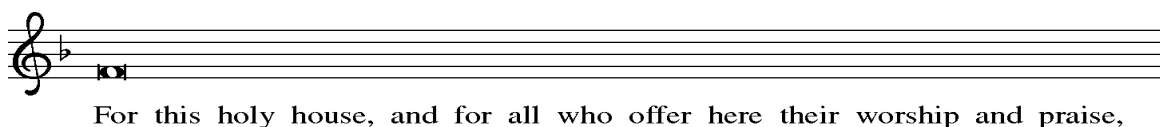
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



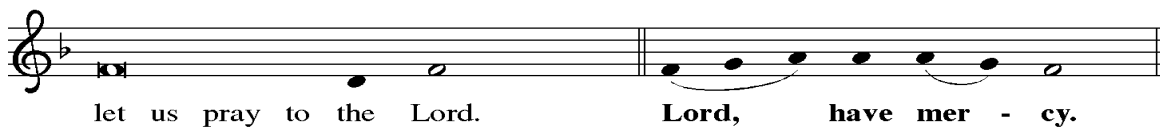
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



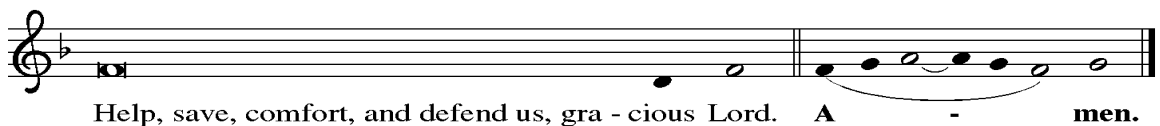
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~ Please be seated ~

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 9:8-17

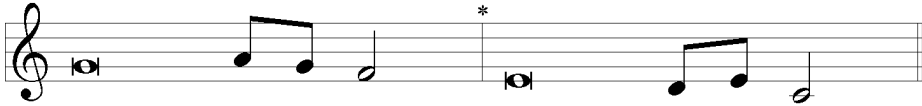
A reading from Genesis the 9th chapter.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 136:1-9



¹Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
²**Give thanks to the | God of gods,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
³Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
⁴**Who only | does great wonders,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
⁵Who by wisdom | made the heavens,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
⁶**Who spread out the earth up- | on the waters,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
⁷Who creat- | ed great lights,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
⁸**The sun to | rule the day,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
⁹The moon and the stars to gov- | ern the night,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

THE SECOND LESSON:

Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from Ephesians the third chapter.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant

you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

~ Please stand as able ~

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

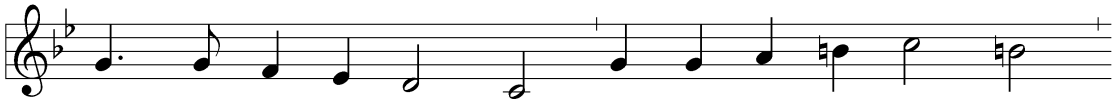
ST. MARK 6:45-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately {Jesus} made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave

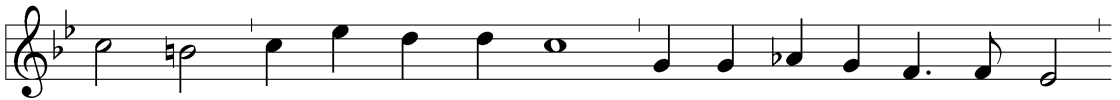
The Hymn of the Day is an important feature of the Lutheran liturgical tradition. It captures the theme of the day and reinforces the readings. Sing boldly!



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may



faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
 quak-ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
 gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
 with their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

THE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please stand as able~

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

OFFERTORY**Matthew Noonan, Organist**

Triumphant Trumpets on

"Shall We Gather at the River", by Grimoaldo Macchia (b.1972)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE*~Please stand as able~*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, and salutary... And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Wondrous are your deeds, gracious Father, and mighty are your acts. You fashioned all of life, and created humankind in your image. Though we had fallen into fear and despair, you did not abandon us, but sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, born of woman, to take human tribulation to the cross, thereby redeeming us and claiming us as your own, bringing to us holy comfort and joy.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

As we now celebrate our Lord's presence, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, that we who receive our Lord's true body and blood in this holy communion may be filled with the peace of sins forgiven, and the promise of life and salvation.

Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:

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

THE FRACTION

Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Lord, give us this bread always.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn:*Father, We Thank You***WOV 704**

1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -
2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus your
guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,
formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.
church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

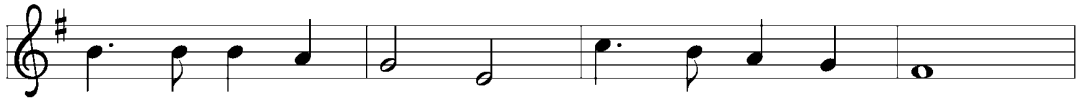
Let us pray: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

Recessional Hymn: *On Our Way Rejoicing*

LBW 260



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Postlude on "Hermas" (On Our Way Rejoicing), by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Carolyn Niemeyer on her birthday (July 30)
by her family*

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Jann Green**, daughter of James and Janet Green, for continued healing from extensive back surgery
- **The family of Patricia Hughes**, mother of Charlotte Eaker, at her death
- **The family of Jackie Lybrand**, at her death
- **Bob Burleson**, for healing from cardiac ablation 07/02 to help control AFIB
- **Brenda Jenkins**, at Courtland Terrace for rehabilitation after knee surgery
- **Katrina Hinds**, still in pain from knee replacement on 5/29
- **Sandy**, co-worker of Elizabeth Lethermon, for healing and recovery from hip replacement and leg surgery on 3/28
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** Pastor Kristen Phillips, Walter Martin, Barbara Zinke, Rebecca Cloninger, Alex Melvin, Ed Bridges, Dean Lawson, Melanie Henry, Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Jim Higgins, Marilyn Lateulade, Lee Allen, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Pastor Bill White
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work

- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers and first responders:** William Niemeyer, Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **All the persecuted**, including Leah Sharibu
- **All missionaries**, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs
- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- **For our ministry partner, Displaced Roses**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Trinity 125th Anniversary Planning Meeting Bring your ideas and join us in the PLC today at 3:30pm to plan for the October events!

Summer Chrismon Workshop There will be a summer Chrismon workshop held on 8/3/24 from 10am-2pm. Contact Pepie Jones (pjones0531@gmail.com) or Janet Green (janetgreen2239@gmail.com) for more.

August Ladies Bible Study Beginning Wednesday, **August 7, at 6:30pm**, the women of Holy Trinity will meet in person to study, “Luke in the Land” by Kristi McLelland. The church will purchase and provide the book. A love offering will be collected to supplement the cost. Contact Anna Houser (annaplus2girls@gmail.com / 704-813-6560) if you are interested in participating.

Rise Against Hunger join us on 8/25/24 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Volunteers are needed following the 11am service and throughout the event. Please contact Bruce Zander (bzander5@att.net) for more!

Fish Stix VBS Planning Workshop Holy Trinity, join us August 27th as we discover methods to accommodate and minister to individuals who have special needs, and plan a community event. Lunch will be provided. Contact cody@holytrinitygastonia.org for more!

Calling All Voices! Calling all who worship our living Lord and Savior in song! The 2024-25 Choir season will begin with Wednesday evening rehearsals starting on August 28 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This year we will be singing choral works that are both familiar and new, including works by John Rutter, Audrey Snyder and others. While Wednesday evening attendance is strongly encouraged to learn the music, I will use a webpage to post all the music with recordings. Please go to www.mwnoonan.com/choir or use your phone or iPad to capture the QR code. Please join us on August 28! Please reach out to me with any questions. matthew@holytrinitygastonia.org. -Matthew



Parents Night Out Look for a sign-up each month and contact cody@holytrinitygastonia.org for more. Our next PNO is August 31, 2024!

Women's Fall Retreat – Save the Date Ladies, get your calendars out and reserve September 13 & 14 to let your light shine and attend the fall Women's Retreat here at Holy Trinity. As usual, there will be fun, fellowship, and of course, food! This year's retreat will include a service project for which we will collect donations in the coming weeks. Come join us to connect with one another, have a good time, and do good things!

Save the dates! A celebration commemorating Holy Trinity's 125th Anniversary will be held **October 26-27, 2024**, with events on Saturday and combined service on Reformation Sunday. More details to come!

Did You Know? Did you know that, because they often work on Saturdays and always on Sundays, Pastor Ryan and Cody have scheduled days off during the week? Generally, they are as follows: Pastor Ryan is out of the office on Friday. Cody is out on Tuesday. If you contact them on these days, you may not get an immediate response (unless, of course, someone is sick or having a crisis). This is a critical opportunity for our ministry staff to have a Sabbath, allowing them to rest and enjoy time with their families. Please feel free to contact the church office for non-urgent issues on any day, and we will do our best to assist you!

Staff Meetings By way of reminder, HTLC staff meet on Mondays at 9am, unless they are rescheduled. View our full list of weekly happenings here: holyltrinitygastonia.org/weeklyhappenings

Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Glenn Rupp (7/29), Kristi Carpenter (7/30), Carolyn Niemeyer (7/30), John Waldrop (7/30), Pat Huffstetler (7/31), Laura Silverstrim (8/1), Lee Stadther (8/1), Luke Busler (8/3), and Jerry Campbell (8/5). **Happy birthday to you all!**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Joshua 7:1–13; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 26:36–46;
Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)

Tuesday: Joshua 8:1–22; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 26:47–56;
Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)

Wednesday: Joshua 8:30–35; Romans 14:13–23; Matthew 26:57–68;
Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)

Thursday: Joshua 9:3–21; Romans 15:1–13; Matthew 26:69–75;
Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)

Friday: Joshua 9:22–10:15; Romans 15:14–24; Matthew 27:1–10;
Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)

Saturday: Joshua 23:1–16; Romans 15:25–33; Matthew 27:11–23;
Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters:	Steve & Marsha McLamb
Ushers:	Dale Christman, Dennis Christman
Lector:	Nancy Faulkner
Prayer Leader:	Richard Defreitas
Communion Assistants:	Betty Blalock, Carla McMahan
Church Offering:	Steve McLamb, Lee Stadther
Altar Flower Delivery:	Anita Stiles

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