



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,
but no longer required.
Vaccinations are highly
recommended.
Please maintain
appropriate distancing
between households and
use hand sanitizer.

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All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.

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Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.

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Please silence your
cell phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

LECTIONARY 18/PENTECOST 8 THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM JULY 31, 2022

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What Is This Place

Setting by David M. Cherwin

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen
our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those
in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our
sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN - What Is This Place

1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive

when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. **Amen**

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-12 (from *The Psalter*)

Higher Voices **Lower Voices**

Everyone, take heed, all the world, listen, high and low, rich and poor alike.

**I have wisdom you need to hear. I see the heart of things. I tune my ear to the truth
and set my insight to music.**

Why should I be afraid in bad times when enemies surround me, disdainful in their power,
arrogant in their wealth?

**We cannot save ourselves, cannot set things right with God; the price is too high,
well beyond our means.**

There is no escaping death, no avoiding the grave.

Look, even the wisest die. Fools and idiots perish with them, and others claim their wealth.

The grave is the only home where they settle for good, even if their land still bears their name.

No matter how great, no one sees the truth: we die like beasts.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

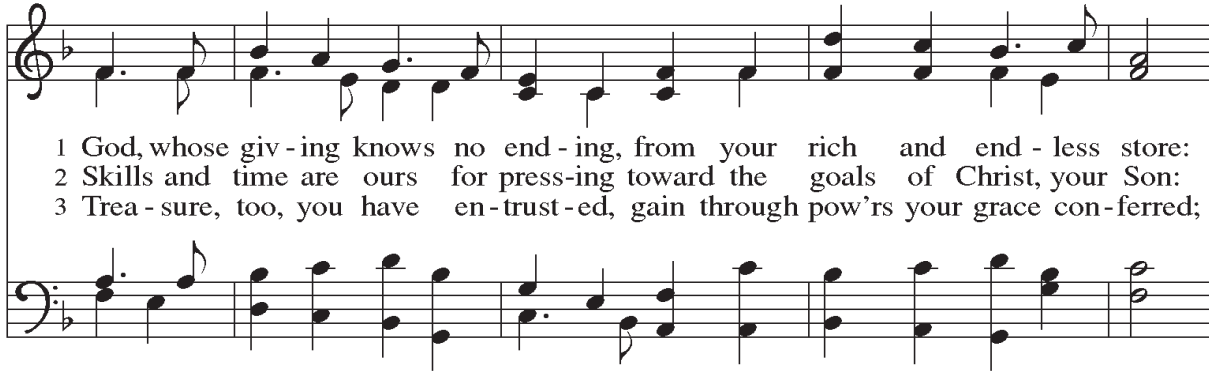
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

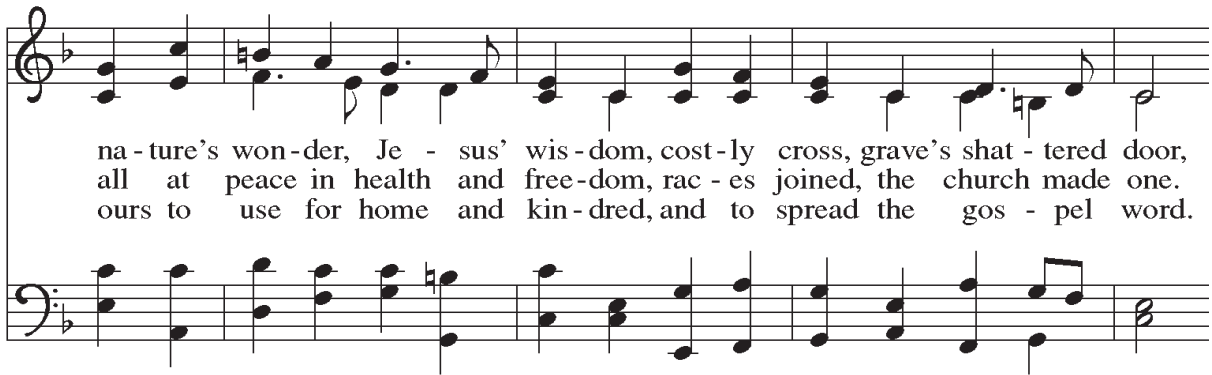
SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



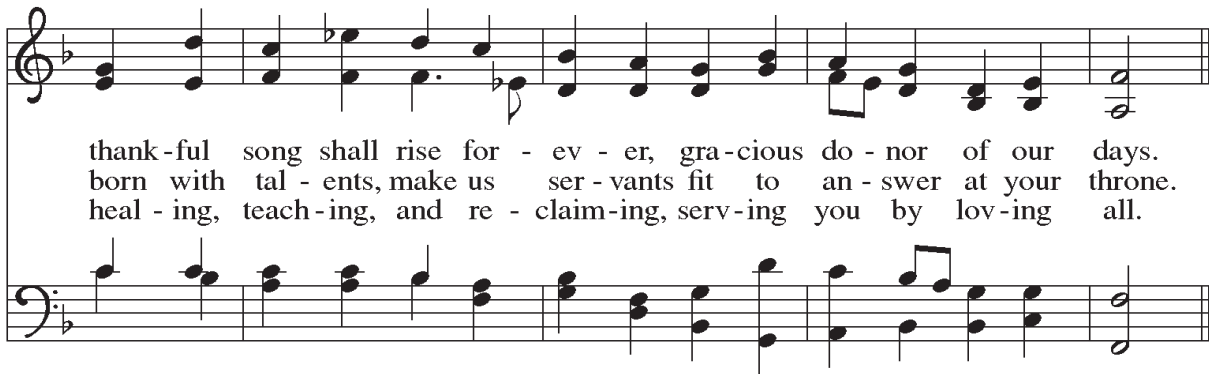
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006
Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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APOSTLES' 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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another from a distance and then remain standing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus, Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

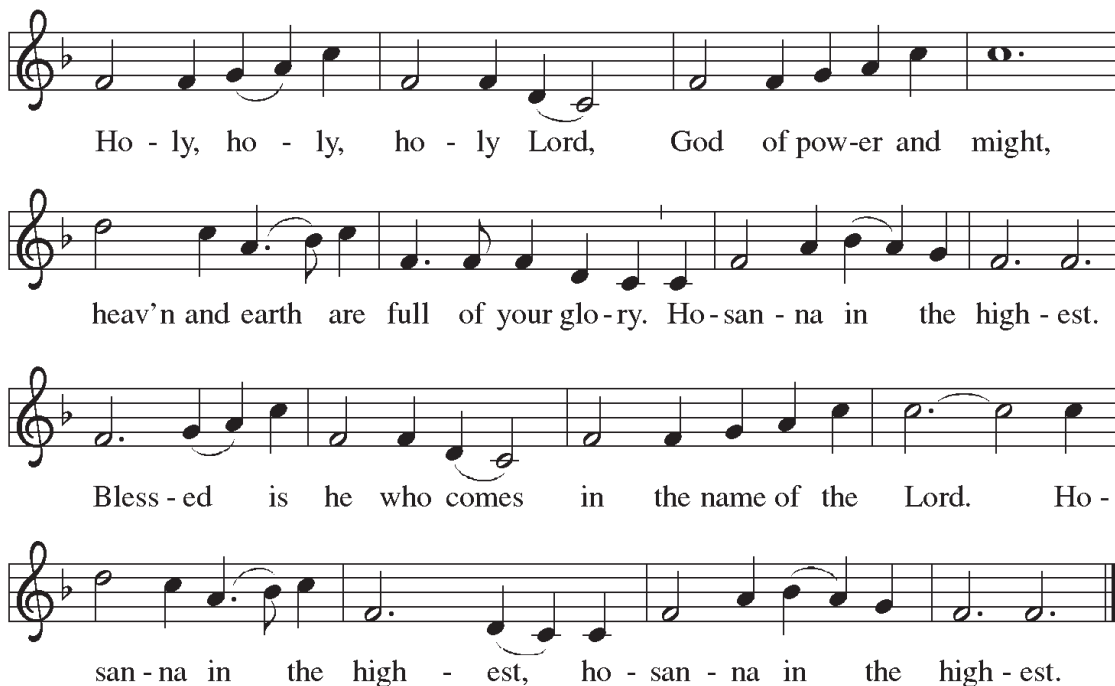
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic...we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh...we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,...we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,...to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN - God of Grace and God of Glory - see page 10

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

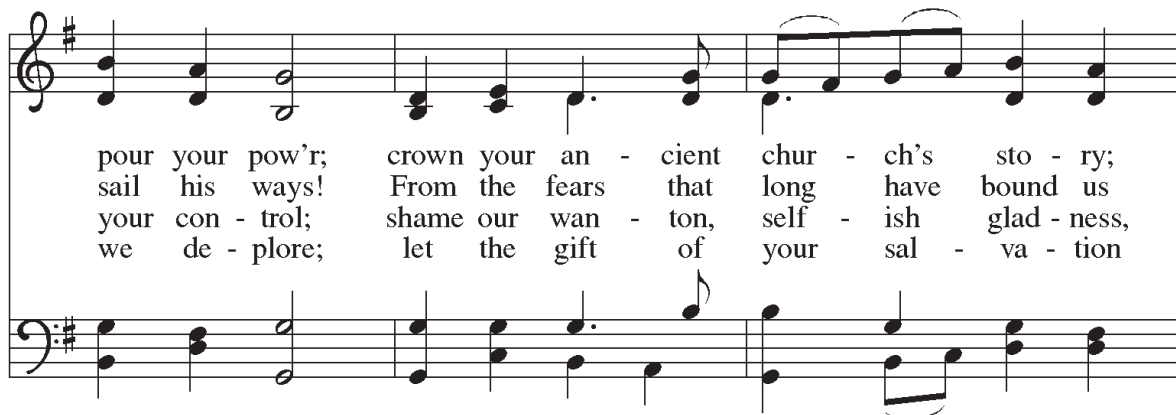
Processional in G Major

John Stanley

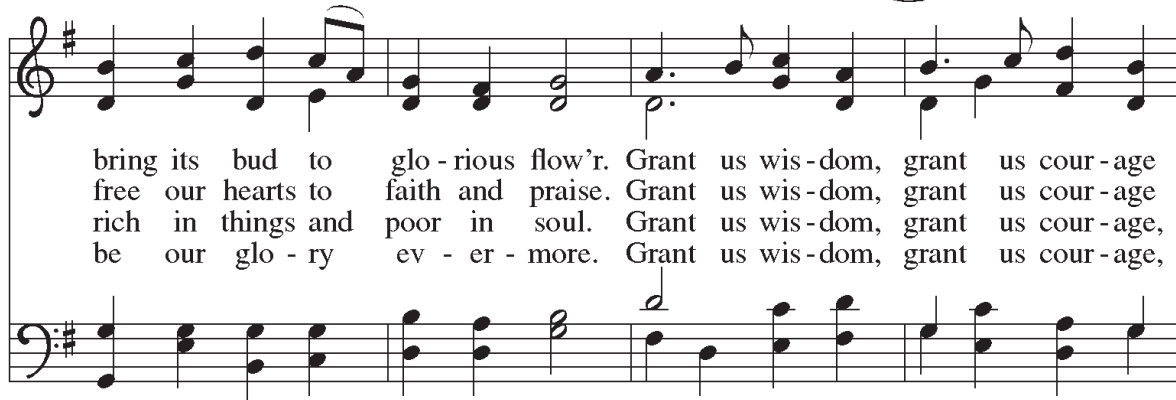
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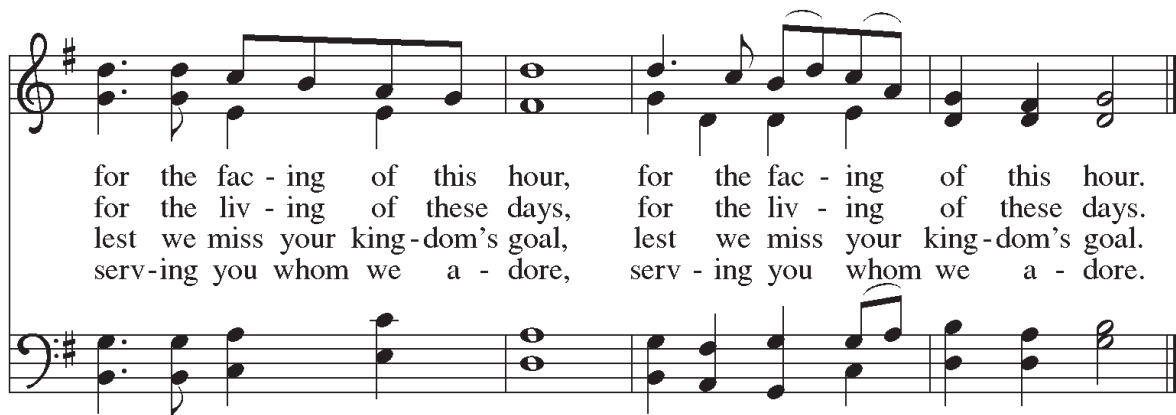
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Leaders in Today's Liturgy: July 31, 2022 -Lectionary 18/Pentecost 8

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. Wayne Heintzelman

Assisting Minister: Annie Harlin

Organist: Sandra Sittler

Lector: Veronika Shick

Greeter: Russ Diesinger

Ushers: TBD

Communion Assistant: Russ Diesinger

Altar Guild: Bernadette Ilgen, Jacinda Motley, Joshua Motley, Linda Motley, Robin Oberholtzer and Beth Welz

Today's altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Virginia Biniek to the glory of God

We thank Sandra Sittler for planning today's worship



Immediate prayer requests: Ben Motley, Hannah Shelly, John Kirby, Norah Wolfe-Blatt, and Grady and Nayanna Smith

Ongoing prayer requests: Norah Wolfe-Blatt (premie baby daughter of Pastor Lauren and Hannah Wolfe-Blatt), JT Motley, David Strobel, Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), Darryl Jeffries, Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Nancy Nagle, Betty Rickenbach (Karen Nein's mother), Luther Routté, the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, Dar Unger, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)

Trinity households: Amy & John Bornhofen; Jen Borst and Owen, Olivia & Noah Redmond; Catharine & Bradley Bower; Benjamin, Melissa, Ellis, Rhys; & Rigby Brown; Daniel Buckley, Johanna Kelly, Mary Shea & Daniel Kelly-Buckley

Prepare for Worship August 7: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:49-56

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 31: Lectionary 18/Pentecost 8

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Tuesday, August 2

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

6:00 PM: Trinity Serves at Opportunity House

Sunday, August 7: Lectionary 19/Pentecost 9

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Broadcast Schedule for August

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at www.trinityreading.org, on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

Sundays

6:00 PM First Friday: Daily Talmud Study

6:30 PM Music From Trinity: Duo Terlano -
Anna & Erik Meyer - Flute & Organ

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity: Duo Terlano -
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5:30 PM First Friday: Daily Talmud Study

Pastoral Care August 1-13

While Dcs. Deborah attends the annual meeting of the Lutheran Deaconess Conference and then has some vacation, Pastor Carol Kehler will be on call for pastoral care emergencies. If you have such an emergency, please call the church office at (610) 374-4861.

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