



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 25/PENTECOST 15 THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes

Paul Taylor

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this
world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen
Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 717 - Let Justice Flow Like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776
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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

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music includes various note values such as quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and slurs.

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



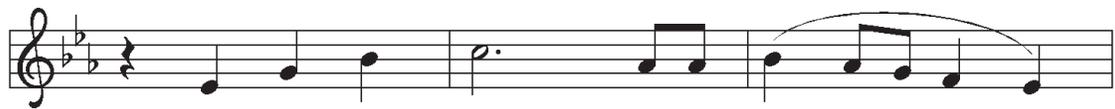
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113 (from *The Message Bible*)

Higher Voices **Lower Voices**

Hallelujah! You who serve God, praise God! Just to speak his name is praise!

Just to remember God is a blessing—now and tomorrow and always.

From east to west, from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praises to God!

God is higher than anything and anyone, outshining everything you can see in the skies.

Who can compare with God, our God, so majestically enthroned,

Surveying his magnificent heavens and earth?

He picks up the poor from out of the dirt,

rescues the forgotten who've been thrown out with the trash,

Seats them among the honored guests, a place of honor among the brightest and best.

He gives childless couples a family, gives them joy as the parents of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

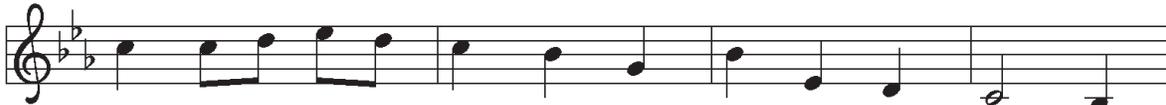
HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 793 - Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God,
we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

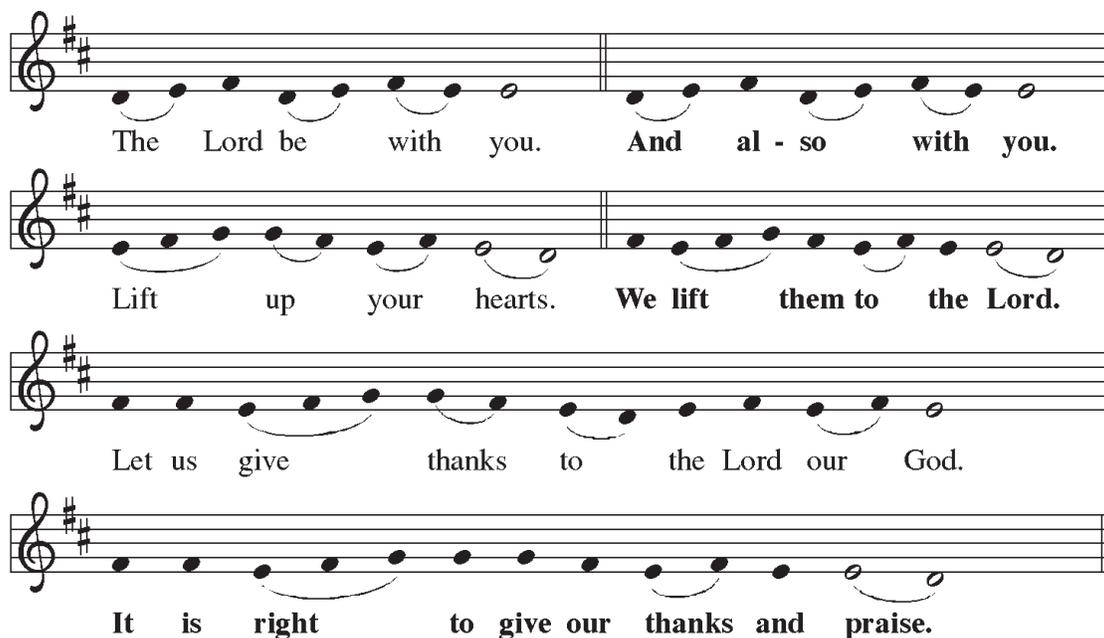
Let us pray. Gracious God:

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.**

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



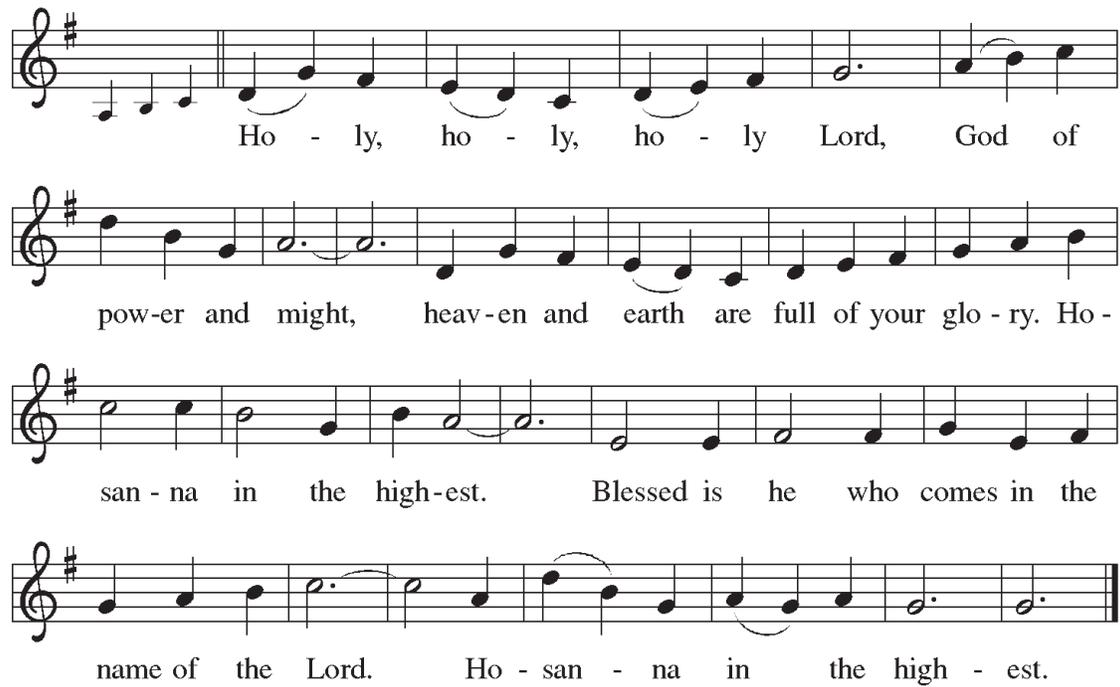
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines.

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-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore...honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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,

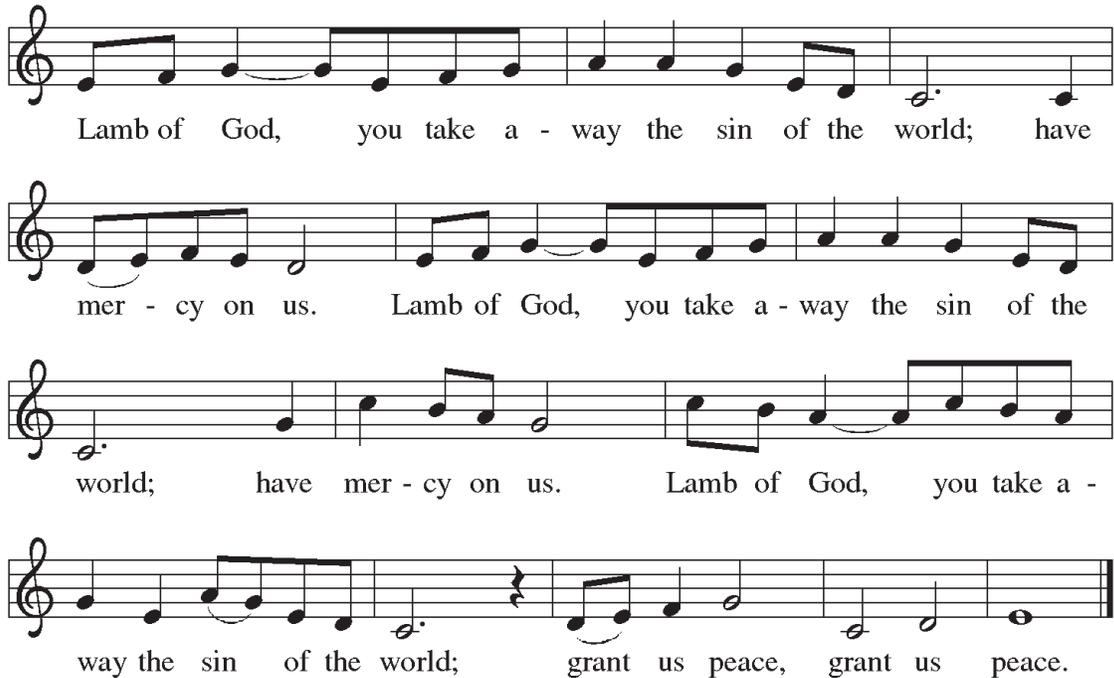
forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Be seated.

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, grant us peace.

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. God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen

SENDING HYMN - ELW 669 - Rise Up, O Saints of God! - see page 13

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

David M. Cherwien

SENDING HYMN - ELW 669 - Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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Leaders in Today's Liturgy: September 18, 2022 - Lectionary 25/Pentecost 15

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. Virginia Biniek

Assisting Minister: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Today's Music Leader: Sandra Sittler

Lector: Annie Harlin

Greeter: Pam Wasmuth

Ushers: Raye Watson, Anita Dolak and Jen Mazur

Communion Assistant: Annie Harlin

Altar Guild: Michael Faust, Linda Grim, Erica Hofmann, Amy Litvinov,
and Doris Strobel

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Tony, Sherri, Ali & Meg Sacco in loving memory of Marion Sacco, Tony's mother, on her birthday

We thank Sandra Sittler for planning today's worship



Immediate prayer requests: Janet Clemmer, Carol Batdorf, Darryl Jeffries, Ralph Unruh, John Kirby, and Ben Motley

For our homebound members: Dick & Suzy Evans, Joan Goncher, Sarah Rothermel, Karl Leuffen, Walter Schur, and Noreen Showalter

Ongoing prayer requests: Harry McGonigle (brother of Carolyn Holleran), Grady (Ginny Biniek's cousin's grandchild), Dar Unger, Walter Maier, 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), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Luther Routté, the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)

Trinity households in prayer: Harry Feinauer; Holly, Chris, Christie, Kyrie & Jordan Fisher; Collin, Rashi & Millie Flatt; Mark & Stacey Flatt; and Helen & Tom Flynn

Prepare for Worship September 25: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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Last Call for Call Committee! Vestry is requesting that any member of the congregation that has considered and is interested in serving on Call Committee please reach out to Steve Welz (Call Committee Vestry Member). Vestry is NOT requiring that the members of the Call Committee have email access/ electronic communication. Any member of the congregation who has a desire to serve the church in this capacity is encouraged to inform Vestry of their interest.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 18: Lectionary 25/Pentecost 15

- 9:00 AM: Congegational Forum with Vestry
- 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
- 11:00 AM: Robert Pepper Art Show (Hintz Rm)
- 2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal Takeaway

Monday, September 19

- 9:45 AM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM: Robert Pepper Art Show Gallery Talk (Hintz Room)

Wednesday, September 21

- 7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Bard House)

Thursday, September 22

- 6:00 PM: Robert Pepper Art Show (Hintz Rm)
- 7:30 PM: Silver, Wood & Ivory Concert (Nave)

Saturday, September 24

- 11:00 AM: Karin Flatt Memorial Service (Nave)

Sunday, Sept. 25: Lectionary 26/Pentecost 16

- 9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
- 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
- 11:00 AM: Robert Pepper Art Show
- 1:00 PM: Youth Group - Potato Project
- 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:
Lars Potteiger, piano and organ
- 7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

- 4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Lars Potteiger, piano and organ
- 5:30 PM First Friday: Daily Talmud Study

Memorial Service for Karin Flatt on Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 AM

Join us as we gather to honor the life of longtime Trinity member Karin A. Flatt. The family will be in the narthex prior to the service to receive condolences. The prelude of works by J.S. Bach will begin at 10:45 AM. You are invited to join the family in a light lunch in the auditorium following the service.

THE PEOPLE OF TRINITY CHURCH, MINISTERS

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