



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Everything you need for
worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that
Christ is present in Holy
Communion are invited to
receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell
phone.

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Children are always
welcome in our worship!
Classroom 4 in the Annex
has space for nursing,
changing, or a sensory
break, if necessary.

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Our AED is mounted on
the wall in the stairway
next to the baptismal font.

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At Trinity, we welcome
all LGBTQ+ people as
full participants in our
common life. We're proud
to proclaim this publicly in
our city and wider church
as a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

LECTIONARY 12

JUNE 23, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Then shall the righteous shine forth" from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Rob Speece, tenor

Please stand in body or spirit and face the rear of the nave.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✦ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
 you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
 there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
 you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ACS 1024 - Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwa - ke *Ye - su na - si - ma - ma,* *ndi - ye*
 Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. *Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*
 sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, *ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*
 life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

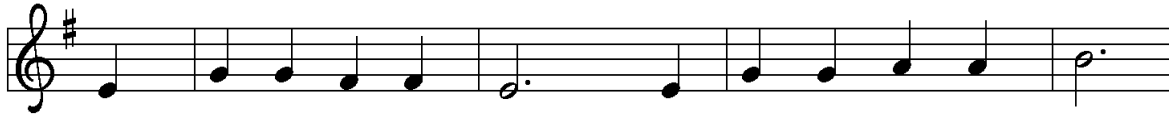
flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

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 Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer
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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.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty,
you preside over land and sea,
sunshine and storm.

By your strength pilot us,
by your power preserve us,
by your wisdom instruct us,
and by your hand protect us,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God’s ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm is read responsively.

Oh, thank God—he's so good!

His love never runs out.

All of you set free by God, tell the world!

Tell how he freed you from oppression,

Then rounded you up from all over the place,
from the four winds, from the seven seas.

Some of you set sail in big ships;

you put to sea to do business in faraway ports.

Out at sea you saw God in action,
saw his breathtaking ways with the ocean:

With a word he called up the wind—

an ocean storm, towering waves!

You shot high in the sky, then the bottom dropped out;
your hearts were stuck in your throats.

You were spun like a top, you reeled like a drunk,

you didn't know which end was up.

Then you called out to God in your desperate condition;
he got you out in the nick of time.

He quieted the wind down to a whisper,

put a muzzle on all the big waves.

And you were so glad when the storm died down,
and he led you safely back to harbor.

So thank God for his marvelous love,

for his miracle mercy to the children he loves.

Lift high your praises when the people assemble,
shout Hallelujah when the elders meet!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 773 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone;
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
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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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and for all of God's creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

How can I keep from singing?

Robert Lowry/arr. Alan Bullard

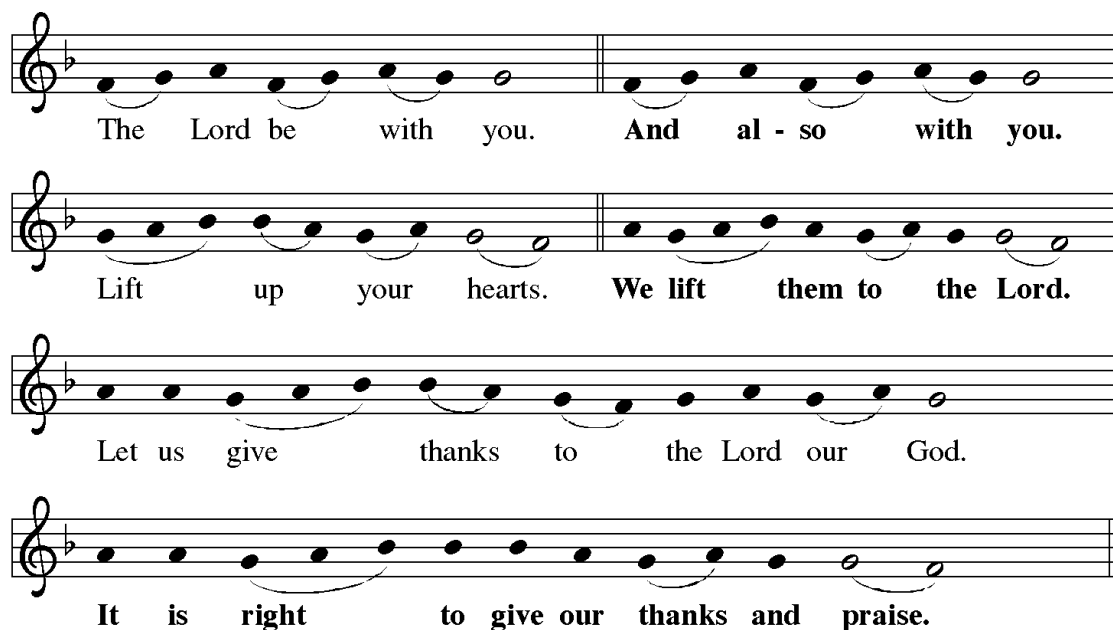
Rob Speece, tenor

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

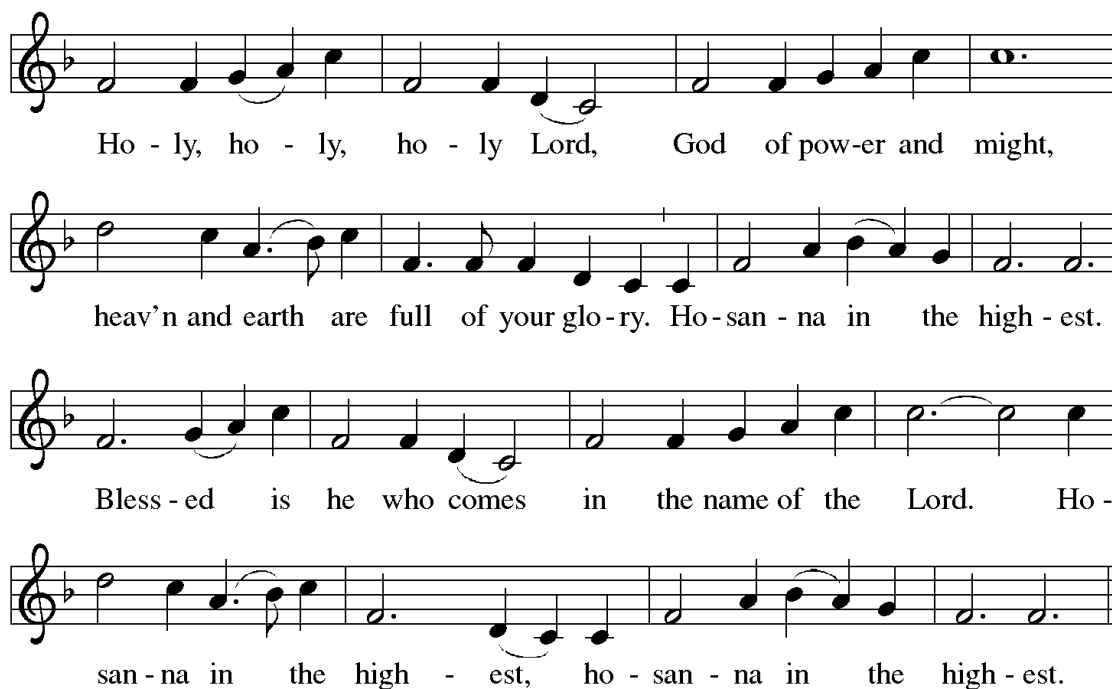
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Be seated.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table

more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

† be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN - ELW 761 - Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!
that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.
af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.
gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing;
hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;
these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.
all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.
when in your man - sions you grant me a place.
and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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Music: DIE GÜLDNE SONNE, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Hintz Room immediately following worship.

Today's hosts are Nancy Everson and Amy Heins.

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We thank Rob Speece for today's special music

Rob is a Junior Music Education major at Susquehanna University. At school, Rob participates in the University Choir, Chamber Singers, provides special music in chapel services, and is the Susquehanna Valley Chorale tenor scholarship singer. Rob was recently seen in Susquehanna University's opera production of *The False Harlequin* as The False Harlequin. This summer Rob will be playing John Brooke in Sycamore Stage's production of *Little Women*. Rob would like to thank his Trinity family for all the support in his personal and professional life.

Dear Trinity Family,

I thank my God every time I remember you, always praying with joy for all of you. - Philippians 1:3-4

These words that the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi echo the words in my heart. Thank you for your thoughtful cards, heart-felt remembrances, delicious breakfast, and the gift of a beautiful and practical home communion set. I continue to be humbled and honored to be called to serve among you for 25 years. You have formed and shaped me in so many ways. I also truly appreciate this time of sabbatical and I look forward to sharing what I am learning.

With gratitude,

Deaconess Deborah

P.S. If you are interested in knowing more about what we experienced during the Biblical Pilgrimage to Turkiye and Greece, scan the QR code to check out the daily blog written by students of LSTC (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago)



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Sunday, June 23, 2024 - Lectionary 12

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding and Preaching: Pr. Hans E. Becklin

Assisting Minister: Russ Diesinger

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Lector: Steve Hofmann

Communion Assistant: Josh Motley

Acolyte: Gabriela Shick

Greeter: Jeff Wasmuth

Ushers: Sue and Dave Shellong

Media Team: Amy Bornhofen, Tom Hofmann and Declan Rosenbaum

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

Today's altar flowers and broadcast are sponsored by Miles & Elizabeth Dechant in loving memory of Miles' parents, Miles B. and Dorothy K. Dechant

We thank Ralph & Vickie Unruh for choosing this week's hymns.

Immediate Prayer Requests

Dan Smith, Darryl Jeffries, and Dick Horst

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Ralph Reeves, Chris Drayer, George Phelps, Harry Feinauer, Jerry Holleran, Walter Schur, Deborah Lawton (aunt of Jessica Manning), Bette Ashton (Christine Motley's grandmother), John Bornhofen, Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Dick Evans, Bob & Carol Hoffman (Christine Motley's parents), Nancy Nagle, Katy Jablonowski (daughter of Nancy Everson), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), the Sawyer family, Terry Hack (brother-in-law of Maggie Shelly), David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Fred Strause (friend of Peter & Deborah Graf), Craig Poole, and Jon Dienst (father-in-law of Hans Becklin)

Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Sandra Sittler; Andrew, Jennifer, Danielle & Abbie Smith; Dan Smith; Kristen Sonon & Brandon, Michael & Anne Pruss; and George & Pam Sonon; Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce Wandrey; the Common Ground Recovery Community, Pr. Tom Scornavacchi, and Pr. Jayme Babczak, and Nativity Lutheran Church in Reading and Pr. Carol Kehler

Attendance June 16: 80

Broadcast Schedule for this week on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM World Views:
Contemporary Quaker Tradition
6:30 PM Music From Trinity:
Soli Deo Gloria (Part 2)
7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service
5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Soli Deo Gloria (Part 2)
5:30 PM World Views:
Contemporary Quaker Tradition

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.

Reading Pride Festival July 21, 2024 11 AM - 6 PM



Want to help represent our congregation and share God's love in the community?

Trinity will once again have a presence at the Reading Pride Festival on July 21 at Jim Dietrich Park. Scan the QR code to the right for more information about it.



Scan this QR code to sign up to help set up in the morning, sit at the table, and break down at 6:00 PM. (For those with no computer access, please speak to Pastor Hans and he can help you sign up to volunteer.)

July Outreach and Service: Family Promise: Information and Sign Ups

Trinity and Atonement will be supporting Family Promise families the weeks of 7/8/24 and 7/15/24.

Family Promise of Berks County believes in keeping families together and youth off the streets while providing hope, a new beginning and opportunities for change. Family Promise of Berks County helps families experiencing homelessness for the first time by providing a safe place to stay, vocational and interview skills training, job hunting assistance, and much more.

For many years Trinity has been working with Atonement Lutheran Church to participate in the Hospitality Network. **Trinity and Atonement will be supporting Family Promise families during the weeks of 7/8/24 and 7/15/24.**

There are currently three shelter houses that we support. There are opportunities to provide a Monday night meal, donate gift cards, and shop for groceries.



Scan here to sign up for the weeks of 7/8/24 and 7/15/24.

(If you do not have access to the internet, and would like to contribute or learn more, please speak to Pr. Hans.)

Prepare for Worship June 30

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 23

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
11:30 AM: Courtyard Cafe Planning Meeting
(Pastor's Office)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Saturday, June 29

8:00 AM: Property Workday (Welcome Center)

Sunday, June 30

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Tuesday, June 25

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting
2:00 PM: Women of TLC Bible Study
(The Highlands Parlor)
5:45 PM: Property Work Night

Updated Reconciling in Christ Welcome Statement

On Monday, June 17th, Trinity's Vestry approved this revised Welcome Statement for Trinity. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we are encouraged to regularly update this statement and ensure that we maintain our spirit of broad welcome:

As the people of God, we at Trinity Lutheran Church of the City of Reading seek to become what we receive in the Holy Eucharist: the true Body of Christ. We believe that this body of our Lord Jesus includes all people who seek Him, without exceptions. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; we welcome people of every ethnicity, ability, and socio-economic background; we welcome people of every race, citizenship, and immigration status. Manifesting the diversity of God's creation together, we work to proclaim Jesus' reign in our city and community through worship, prayer, teaching, feeding the hungry, advocating for racial equity, speaking out against injustice, and caring for God's creation.

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