



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

## LECTIONARY 15

### JULY 14, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

## 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.

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*"Introitus" from Nine Pieces for Organ*

Gordon Young



*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 1091 - Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and  
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and  
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the

stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -  
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,  
heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of

tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and  
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the  
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is

love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (Oh,)  
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,)  
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (Oh,)

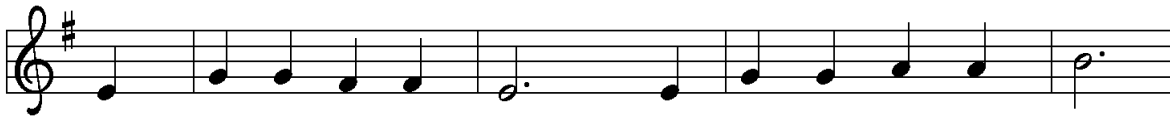
God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!  
Both young and old, come and join in the song!  
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

The musical score consists of seven systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses of the hymn. The first system contains the first three lines of the first verse. The second system contains the first three lines of the second verse. The third system contains the first three lines of the third verse. The fourth system contains the first three lines of the fourth verse. The fifth system contains the first three lines of the fifth verse. The sixth system contains the first three lines of the sixth verse. The seventh system contains the first three lines of the seventh verse.

## 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, from you come all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works.

Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,  
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;  
and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,  
may live in peace and quietness,  
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:** Amos 7:7-15

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God’s word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king’s court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The psalm is read responsively.*

I will hear what God the LORD will speak:  
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:  
But let them not turn again to folly.  
**Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him;**  
**That glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together;  
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
**Truth shall spring out of the earth;**  
**And righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good;  
And our land shall yield her increase.  
**Righteousness shall go before him;**  
**And shall set us in the way of his steps.**

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:3-14

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ.  
Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **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.

## **GOSPEL:** Mark 6:14-29

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

## **SERMON**

Please stand in body or spirit.

## HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 786 - O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608



## **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**

*“Sarabande” from Oboe Concerto No. 3 in G Minor*

George Frederic Handel/Ed. and arr. by S. Drummond Wolfe

*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,

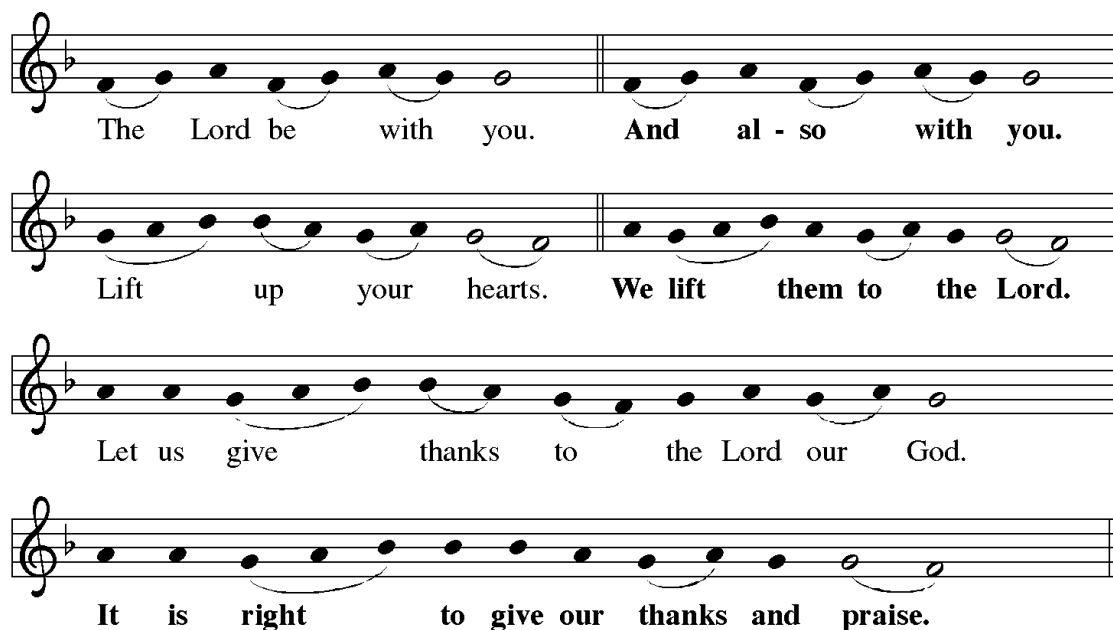
and strengthen us in this meal.

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.

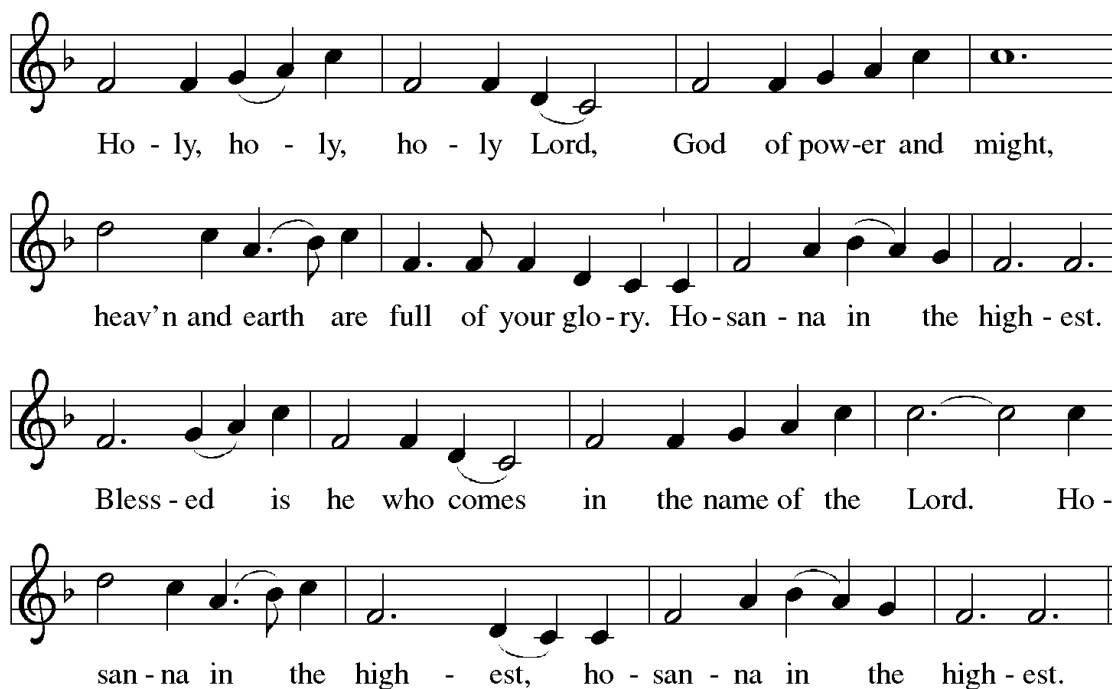
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God,  
that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son,  
uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants  
for the ministry of word and sacrament, especially for Tom and Fred  
and we pray that they may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed.  
Grant that we, with them, may joyfully serve you all our days  
and finally rejoice in your glory;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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 710 - Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
Text © 1989 William Whitla.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Christoph Bach

*Please join us for coffee and baked goods in the Hintz Room immediately following worship  
as Pr. Fred Opalinski celebrates his 50th anniversary of ordination and  
Pr. Tom Reinsel celebrates his 60th anniversary.*

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## Sunday, July 14, 2024 - Lectionary 15

### Leaders in Today's Liturgy

**Presiding and Preaching:** Pr. Hans E. Becklin

**Assisting Minister:** Russ Diesinger

**Minister of Music:** Karen S. Eddinger

**Lector:** Hannah Long

**Communion Assistant:** Hannah Long

**Greeter:** Allison Kalbach

**Ushers:** Dave & Sue Shellong

**Media Team:** Amy Bornhofen, Jacinda Motley and Grace Norton-Ritz

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

**Today's altar flowers** are sponsored by Nancy Rehr in loving memory of her husband, Bruce

**We thank** Cheryl & Charlie Moody for choosing this week's hymns.

### Immediate Prayer Requests

Dan Smith, Darryl Jeffries, Dick Horst, and Christopher Brooks

### Ongoing Prayer Requests

Linda Motley, Ralph Reeves, Chris Drayer, George Phelps, Harry Feinauer, Jerry Holleran, Deborah Lawton (aunt of Jessica Manning), Bette Ashton (Christine Motley's grandmother), John Bornhofen, Celia Constantino (friend of Jane Zobian), 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), and Craig Poole

### Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Mae Sunderland; Dar Unger; Ralph & Vickie Unruh; David, Pamela, Sophia & William VanFossen; and Joanne Wagner; Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce Wandrey; the Common Ground Recovery Community, Pr. Tom Scornavacchi and Pr. Jayme Babczak; and Robeson Lutheran Church in Plowville and Pr. Michael Ware

Attendance July 7: 55

## Broadcast Schedule for this week on Comcast Channel 190

### Sundays

6:00 PM World Views:  
Contemporary Quaker Tradition  
6:30 PM Music From Trinity:  
Albright Chamber Singers  
(Part 1)  
7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

### Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service  
5:00 PM Music From Trinity:  
Albright Chamber Singers  
(Part 1)  
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

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.)

## Celebrate Pr. Opalinski and Pr. Reinsel!

This year, Pr. Fred Opalinski celebrates his 50th anniversary of ordination and Pr. Tom Reinsel celebrates his 60th anniversary. Today we mark this anniversary with a special rite and baked goods after worship!

## **This Week's Calendar**

### **Sunday, July 14**

**Celebration for Pr. Opalinski and  
Pr. Reinsel**

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

### **Tuesday, July 16**

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

5:45 PM: Property Work Night

### **Thursday, July 18**

4:00 PM: Property Committee Meeting

### **Monday, July 15**

**Family Promise Hosting Week #2**

### **Sunday, July 21**

**Reconciling in Christ Sunday**

**Reading Pride Celebration**

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

## **Prepare for Worship July 21**

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## **Courtyard Café is returning to Trinity! July 24, August 28, and September 25**

We will again be hosting Courtyard Café this summer. As in past years, there are opportunities for members to support this ministry by providing food and helping as volunteers on the day of the cafe. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your help in this wonderful ministry.

- Nancy Everson and Vickie Unruh

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**Church office hours** are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday

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