

Activities and Opportunities

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Welcome to worship at Trinity, a place of love, grace, and belonging where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated. If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

All Saints' Sunday. Today is All Saint's Sunday, the memorial day of the Christian calendar, offers an opportunity to remember those who are now part of the Church Triumphant. All Saints' Sunday emphasizes the resurrection hope so central to our faith. Trinity remembers Juliana Weeks, Bob Berlam, Jeff Greene, Ed Herren, Dan Boda, Harold Crout, Susan Park, and Eliza Stockman.

Contributions. Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to or given electronically by going trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



Children's Worship Opportunity. Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, all children are invited to leave the worship space after the children's sermon to go to either the Assembly Room (located underneath the Sanctuary) or to the Multipurpose Room (located in the Activities Building close to the Gym) depending on the location of worship to enjoy a story related to the scripture texts, games, interactive activities, and a craft before returning to the worship space during the Sharing of the Peace and in time to participate in the congregation's celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

Hymnals are available on the bleachers in the Gym for anyone who would enjoy having access to the music to the hymns sung in worship.

Women's Bible Study Group. The group meets monthly for fellowship and Bible study. All women of the congregation are invited to attend on Tuesday, November 5, at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is discussing the book *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. Contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. The group will gather next Sunday, November 10 at The Farehouse, 250 Mill Street, Taylors. Angie McCormack will be hosting the group. Please reach out to Angie at 864-630-4026 to reserve your space at lunch.

GOAL Assembly. All are invited to attend the GOAL Justice Community Problems Assembly on Thursday, November 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Springfield Baptist Church, 600 East McBee a venue. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Parking is available at Springfield Baptism Church, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Christ Church, Episcopal. At this gathering officers will be elected and the justice issues for this year will be determined. Come and support Trinity's collaborative effort to make Greenville a more fair, equitable, and just community for all. Questions may be directed to Cathy O'Neill at cathycate51@gmail.com or at 706-4610248.

Second Sunday Food Drive. Next Sunday, November 10 from 9:30 to 10:00 am a volunteer will be stationed at the Red Canopy door to accept donations. In need is canned meats, toilet paper, canned vegetables, dried bens (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), pasta sauce, canned fruit, and rice (2lb bag).



All Saints Sunday is a time for our family of faith to gather in worship to remember the saints who have gone before us. As is tradition at Trinity, members who joined the Church Triumphant since All Saints Sunday 2024 will be remembered with a processional banner.

A Saints table will be placed in the Gym to allow worshippers to bring photos of their beloved family, friends, and pets whom they have loved, lost, and continue to mourn. Photos may be dropped off at the Church Office or brought to worship that Sunday morning. Worshippers are encouraged to label photos so that others may connect the pictured saint to a Trinity member. For example: "Carla Smith's Mother."

A Book of the Saints is being compiled for our family of faith to list the names of loved ones we have lost during the past year. These names will be read aloud during worship on All Saints Sunday. Worshippers are encouraged to add names to the book before or after worship each Sunday in October.

Nursery for infants and toddlers. A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

Faith Formation is held each Sunday at 9:00 am. Adults of all ages are invited to gather in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building and enjoy coffee and conversation as the group discusses current issues using the *Brewed Theology* series. This discussion based series looks at a variety of topics through the lens of the Christian faith and Lutheran theology. Teachers vary and topics include immigration, fake news, divided times, money, wealth and generosity, and the church and politics. The class ends in time for worship each Sunday.

Big Ideas in the Small Catechism. Patrick Preacher will lead an adult education class exploring Luther's Small Catechism as a basis for a Lutheran perspective on the faith. Topics will include The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, and The Lord's Prayer. There are two sessions to this class. Attending both is encouraged, but not required. Session 1 will be offered on Monday, November 11 with a choice of 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. Session 2 will be offered on Monday, November 18 with a choice of 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. The group will meet in Rooms 12 & 13. Please contact Patrick Preacher via text at 864-483-2590 to register for the class.

Exploring the Faith with Pastor Parham. After worship November 10, Trinity's youth will gather in the Multipurpose Room for lunch followed by time with Pastor Jim exploring our biggest questions about the Christian faith. Bring your questions, and the group will explore them together. Some of us may have always wondered why we say what we say in the Apostles' Creed, or if some of those crazy miracle stories in the Bible are really true, or whether we can believe in the truth of both science and Christian faith. Reach out to Pastor Parham with questions at icparham@trinitylutheran.ws.

Prepare to Prepare

an Advent Educational Event for pre-schoolers, children, youth, and their families

Sunday, November 17 at 11:30 am following worship

Lunch, crafts, mini lessons, and activities will be included to help everyone prepare for the Advent Season

Please register by emailing Pastor Crowell at <u>sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws</u> or Patrick Preacher at <u>pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws</u>.

November Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 3
All Saints Sunday
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, November 10
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Baby Celebration for the Somerville Family to follow

Thursday, November 14
Queer-Led worship and Homecoming
6:30 in the Gym
Meal to follow in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, November 17
Worship 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Thursday, November 21 Transgender Memorial Service 6:30 in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 24
Reign of Christ Sunday
Worship 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Community Thanksgiving Meal in the Gym to follow

Please join the Trinity Family for a celebration in honor of

Chris, Leah, and Addy Sommerville as they anticipate the arrival of a baby boy

Sunday, November 10, 2024 following worship in the Gym

To celebrate the Sommerville family at this special time in their lives, please consider bringing disposable diapers and baby wipes that will be donated to a local women's shelter in their honor.