



Activities and Opportunities

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Today's Baptism

Clayton Calvin and Dovie Rae Beason Dykes children of JL and Andy Dykes

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.

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 the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



Children's Worship Activity. Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex 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.

Communion. In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available. The addition of grape juice enables God's beloveds for whom alcohol is problematic to participate more fully. Grape juice is in the smaller section of the chalice.

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 am 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.

Adult Faith Formation: A new series begins today, January 26. Taught by Penny Bostain, *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* will explore foundations of Lutheranism, including theology and history, in ways that are informative and interactive. Participants may choose to purchase the book by searching the title, *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* on Amazon, but this is not required for full participation. A study guide will be provided.

Children's Faith Formation Relaunch. Children's Faith Formation began this morning at 9:00 - 9:50 am with three classes divided by age ranging from infant to grade 5. Children's Faith Formation will continue through Sunday May 11 with the following Sundays as weeks off: February 16, March 23, and April 20. The curriculum is interactive, fun, and rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith. If you are interested in serving as a teacher or teaching assistant, please contact Jeff Rehm.

Festival of Queer Books. Trinity will host Greenville's first ever Festival of Queer Books on Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 am to noon in the Activities Building. With public schools and libraries limiting access to books representing queer families, this is an important step in providing queer youth, children, and families access to books about characters and themes they can relate to. In collaboration with other LGBTQIA+ affirming organizations, the day will have something for everyone - a bounce house, a silent disco, read-alouds, and of course FREE BOOKS! Each family will leave with a selection of books about LGBTQIA+ and/or other marginalized peoples. The focus of the day is on children's picture books in an effort to make literacy accessible for all ages. Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws if interested in being a part of this exciting event.

Queer-led Worship: Taize Around the Cross. On Thursday, February 6, worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gym. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws if interested. This service will be live-streamed.

Everyone is invited to gather for a
Congregational Baptismal Celebration

today, January 26, 2025
11:30 am
in the Multipurpose Room

A taco bar lunch will be provided
as well as activities to remember and celebrate
God's naming and claiming us as God's beloved, precious, baptized children.

