

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.

Pastor Crowell and Angie McCormack are away today attending the Wild Goose Festival in Harmony, NC.

Patrick Preacher is away today beginning a week of classes at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA.

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.

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

Queer-Led Worship. On Thursday, September 4 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. Absolutely all people, queer and allies alike, are welcome to worship. This service will be live-streamed. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the 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.

Adult Faith Formation. All adults are invited to attend an ever growing and changing educational opportunity at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in rooms 12 and 13 that includes a variety of topics and facilitators. The class finishes the lesson and discussion in time to attend worship at 10:00 am. Attending remotely via Zoom is also a possibility. A schedule of topics and facilitators is as follows:

September 7	<i>Decoding Christian Denominations</i>	David Potts
September 14	<i>Holy God, Holy Bible, Holy Humor</i>	Melissa Kolb
September 21	<i>Addiction: Recovery, Healing, and Spirituality</i>	Michael Crouch
September 28	<i>The unseen pain for children in foster care and our compassionate response as Christians</i>	David White (from Fostering Great Ideas)

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.

Mahjong Group. A group of Trinity members and friends gather each Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Assembly Room to spend time together and play Mahjong. It's a non-competitive group with folks willing to teach others to play the game. Questions may be directed via text to Penny Bostain at 864-630-8798 or Lani Ludian at 864-419-9574.

Trinity preschool children (infant to K5) and their siblings are invited to gather on Sunday, September 7 in the children's classroom in the Pence Building following worship. The group will enjoy lunch together followed by a story, a song, a craft, and playground time if the weather cooperates. The theme of the day is Growing with God. A parent or caring adult is encouraged to attend along with children. Reach out to Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws for more information or to share a food allergy or dietary concern.

Fiber Arts Group. Those who enjoy (or want to learn) crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, sewing, latch hooking, or some other fiber-based craft not listed here are invited to come together for a time of crafting and community. Really, all crafts that travel well are welcome! Attendees should bring supplies to craft. The group will meet on Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan at 314-605-2605 with questions.

New Member Class. Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? More about what it means to be Lutheran? Are you considering becoming a member of this community of faith? Pastor Crowell and Patrick Preacher will teach a class on two consecutive Sundays, September 21 and September 28, on Lutheran Faith and Theology. These gatherings will be held after worship on each of these Sundays and will include lunch in the Multipurpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults in Rooms 12 and 13. Childcare for infants, preschoolers, and elementary-aged children will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, October 19 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in becoming part of this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group. A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00–8:00 am in the Parlor. Calvin Harmon leads and facilitates this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning includes a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Upcoming meeting dates include September 10 and October 8.

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 on Sunday, September 7 following worship at *Corona's Mexican Restaurant*, 2119 Wade Hampton Blvd. Please reach out to Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 to reserve your space at lunch.

September Worship Schedule

Thursday, September 4
Queer-led Worship in the Gym at 6:30 pm
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, September 7
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, September 14
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, September 21
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, September 28
Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn



Stewardship Celebration Sunday

*Investing in Trinity:
A Community of Belonging Living Out
the Inclusive Gospel*

Please save the date to join Trinity
family and friends to celebrate the
2025 Stewardship Invitation
in worship.

**Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 am
in the Sanctuary**

A celebratory catered community meal
in the Gym
will follow worship.