

Activities and Opportunities

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Hospital Patient

Mary Brown - 904, St. Francis Downtown

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.

We welcome Deacon Sarah Delap Bowers as our guest preacher today.

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.

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.

Trinity Youth will walk downtown today for lunch and mini-golf at Group Therapy. Youth should meet at Angie's office, following worship. Pick up time is 1:30 pm at Group Therapy, 320 Falls Street.

Adult Faith Exploration. 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 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.

Foundation Grants. The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is receiving grant applications from September 1 to October 15. The purpose of the foundation is to enhance the outreach ministry of the congregation by making grants to community human service agencies to which the congregation relates, institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, and members of the congregation who attend an ELCA seminary or church-related educational, leadership, or service event. Grant applications may be obtained by calling the Church Office at 864-242-5702 or reaching out to Kay Cook at kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws.

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.

Love Wins is a group that meets monthly to discuss a book/podcast and to enjoy social time together. The group will rotate monthly between meeting at the church to discuss a podcast or book, and a social night out. This month the group will meet on Thursday, September 18, in the Parlor at 6:30 pm to discuss the book, *The Let Them Theory*, by Mel Robbins. Participants are asked to bring a simple snack to share. For more information, or to sign up, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws.

GOAL House Meetings

GOAL is excited to begin the fourth cycle of justice work this fall with congregational House Meetings. While the work on affordable housing and mental health continues to be important and ongoing, fresh perspectives are needed as GOAL discerns the community issues that are currently negatively impacting those on the margins. Help us continue to work to make Greenville a more just and equitable place for all by participating in one of the House Meetings to share your stories, passions, and concerns. House meetings will last about 90 minutes and will be an opportunity to build relationships with other Trinity members as justice concerns are shared. All events are held at Trinity, unless otherwise noted. Please make arrangements to attend one of the following:

Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30 pm, hosted by Tori Hilbourn and Lane Lewis at Lanes's home, 403B East Camperdown Way. Please reach out to Tori at toribice99@gmail.com or 843-250-2705 or Lane at lane.t.lewis@gmail.com or 847-284-4729 to register.

Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 pm, hosted by Cathy O'Neill in the Multipurpose Room. Please reach out to Cathy at cathycate51@gmail.com or 706-461-0248 to register.

Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 am hosted by Deirdre Hixson and Emily Kerbuski in the Parlor. Please reach out to Deirdre at dhixson0230@gmail.com or 864-906-5038 or Emily at ebkerbuski12@gmail.com or 803-394-3090 to register. Childcare will be available.

Tuesday, September 30 at 6:00 pm hosted by Kerrie Seymour in the Parlor. Please reach out to Kerrie at kerrie.seymour@gmail.com or 864-275-6913 to register.

Monday, October 6 at 6:30 pm in the parlor, hosted by Andrew and Drake McFadyen. Please reach out to Drake at k.drake.powell@gmail.com or 828-719-9955 to register.

Monday, October 13 at 5:30 PM in the parlor, hosted by Margaret Roth. Please reach out to Margaret at rothmargaret@icloud.com or 864-918-2922 to register.

Book Discussion. On Thursday, October 9 at 10:00 am please join Pastor Crowell in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building for a book discussion of Liane Moriarty's novel, *Here One Moment*. The book shifts commonly held understandings of community and connection and questions how lives would change if the future was known. It is a quick read with themes that challenge the typical ways of seeing the world and the faith. Copies are available to borrow through the Greenville County Library System or for purchase on Amazon. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Childcare will also be provided. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for this event.

September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 21
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym
Followed by *Together @ Trinity*

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.