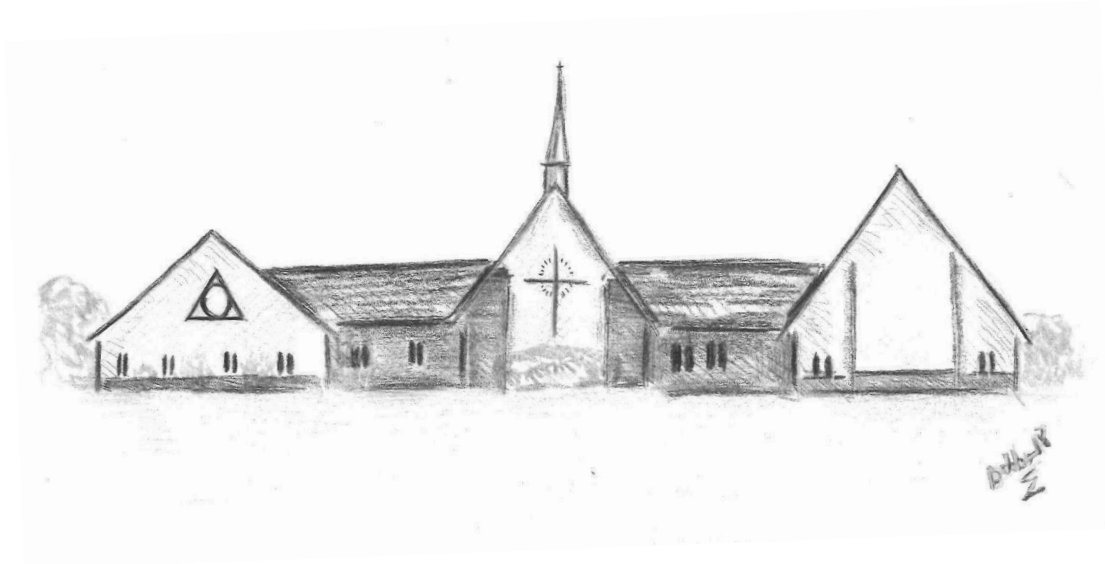


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 2025



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

W&P 157

Wind of the Spirit



Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath-ing in the
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: WIND OF THE SPIRIT, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND see FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

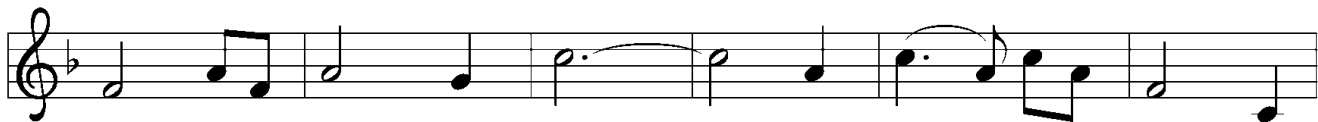
TOP 20 # 11

ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C **Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

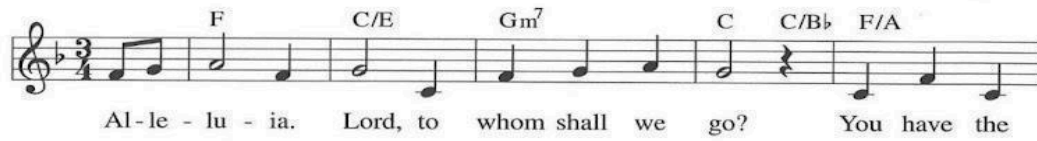
Psalm 33:12-22

- L Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- C ¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**
- L ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
- C ¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**
- L ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- C ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- L ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- C ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- L ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- C ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- L ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

ACS 949

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

L Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Susan, Bob, Ginny, Joan, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Charles, Bill, Steve, Mike, Margie, Tom, Nate, Richie, Al, Sharon, Dorothy, Melissa, Carol, Lynne, Leslie & Georgia

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.
Meg, Vadi & Oyoko

In gratitude for God's abundance.

Lisa

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

The musical score for "Peace" is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 70. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the first line of the melody and lyrics, with chords Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, and Bb7 indicated above the notes. The second staff contains the second line of the melody and lyrics, with chords Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, and first/second endings (1. Bb, 2. Eb Bb) indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -".

♩ = 70

B \flat E \flat F⁷ B \flat E \flat F B \flat B \flat ⁷

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 B \flat E \flat F⁷ B \flat Gm Gm/E \flat F 1. B \flat 2. E \flat B \flat

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

- P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

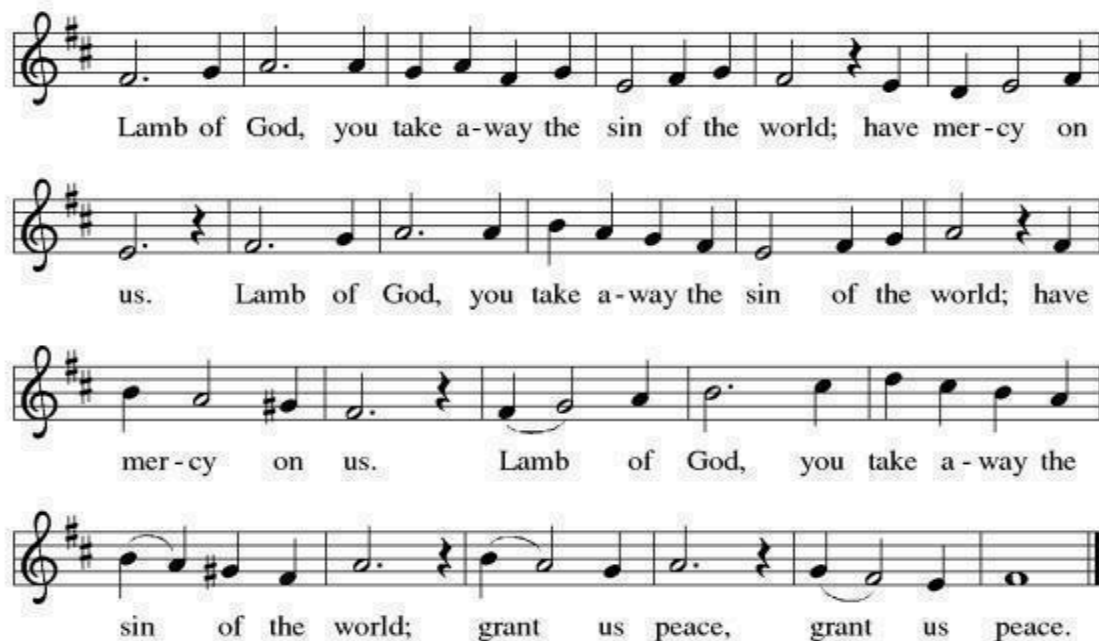
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

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TRUST, GUIDANCE

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- Volunteers are needed to set up & clean up for Coffee Hour on August 17 & 31. If you can help sign up on the board in the narthex.
- Join us on Tuesday at noon to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for our hungry neighbors. Please bring bread & peanut butter.
- School Supplies! Daily Bread food pantry is asking for school supplies by 8/15 for the kids of the families they serve. In particular they are requesting medium and large backpacks; 1" binders and dividers for binders; packs of loose-leaf paper; highlighters in any colors except yellow; sharpie markers of any color; colored pencils in packs of 24; and pencil cases for binders. These donations can be dropped off at the food drive on Sundays until 8/15.
- THANK YOU! Christmas in July was a huge success, and the Daily Bread food pantry was grateful! Every Sunday you were generous by donating a large supply of food and personal care items and in fact the donations hit an all-time high in the amount donated on the last Sunday in July! Thank you so much for your compassion and charity.
- GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS: We are planning another day of service on Sunday 9/7 after worship. We will be packing blessing bags for those who attend the Norristown soup kitchen and having another fun picnic for the Gemma kids! We need volunteers for both activities. Please let Marilou Doughty know if you are able to help in any way. Blessing bags can be made while sitting or standing. The Gemma picnic will again include the petting zoo, activities and lunch. If you have an idea for a fun activity for the kids please let us know!
- Blessing Bag Supplies Needed: Travel size shampoo, conditioner, and lotion is needed to help fill our blessing bags in September. Toothpaste, toothbrushes and small combs are also needed. Donations can be placed in the collection bins in the narthex. Thank you!
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



Serving Today 8/10	
Lector	Hannah Nelson-Poteet
Greeter	Francesca Burnett
Communion Assistants	Bob Graves & Paul Myers
Ushers	Leslie Askonas & Rick Cole
Coffee Hour	Ann Dungan/Kristin Stoeber
Building Opener	Bob Graves
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves
Serving Sunday 8/17	
Lector	Craig Moyer
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Alma Nowmos & Judy Flanigan
Ushers	Linda Stone & Lori Peltier
Coffee Hour	Set Up & Clean Up Needed
Building Opener	Alma Nowmos
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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 10

10:00 AM – Worship

11:00 AM- Library Committee Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Food Drive

Monday, August 11

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Church Office Open

6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics

7:00 PM Worship and Music Meeting

Tuesday, August 12

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

12:00 PM -Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making

6:30 PM -Finance Meeting

Wednesday, August 13

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

8:00 AM -TCNSK Teacher Meeting

6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics

7:00 PM -Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, August 14

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open

1:00 PM -TAG Cards & Games

7:00 - 7:45 - Bell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary

7:45 - 8:30 - Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

8:00 AM - Car Club

Upcoming Events at Trinity

Sunday, August 31 – 10:00 AM

Hymn Sing

Tuesday, September 2 & Wednesday, September 3

TCNSK Classes Resume

Sunday, September 28 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm

American Dance Wheels Performance