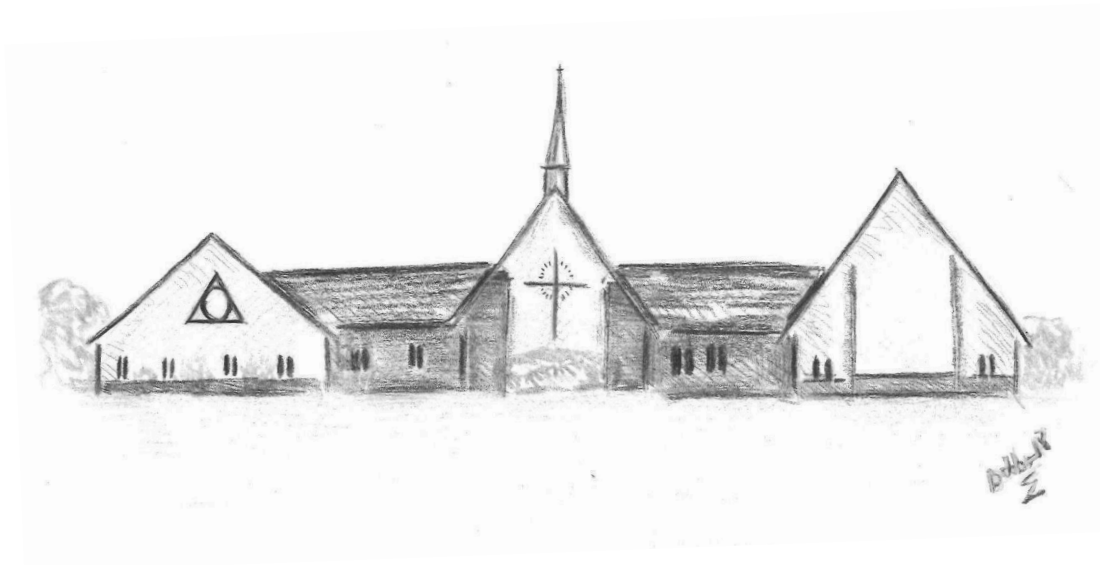


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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 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 # 13 ELW 879

VERSES 1-4

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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 **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you,
and to treasure what is precious in your sight, 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

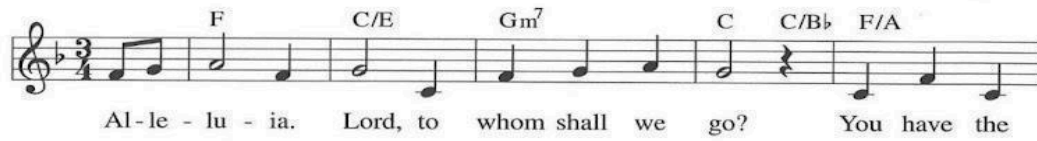
Psalm 49:1-12

- L ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
- C ² **you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
- L ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- C ⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- L ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- C ⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
- L ⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- C ⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
- L ⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
- C ¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- L ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
- C ¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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

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

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

ELW 512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is as follows:

Staff 1: Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Staff 2: Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

Staff 3: When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

Staff 4: warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Staff 5: Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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 Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

L Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

L Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

L Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known.

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 & Richie

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

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

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

C God of grace,
hear our prayer.

L Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. 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

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

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

Chords: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7, Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb

- P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

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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.

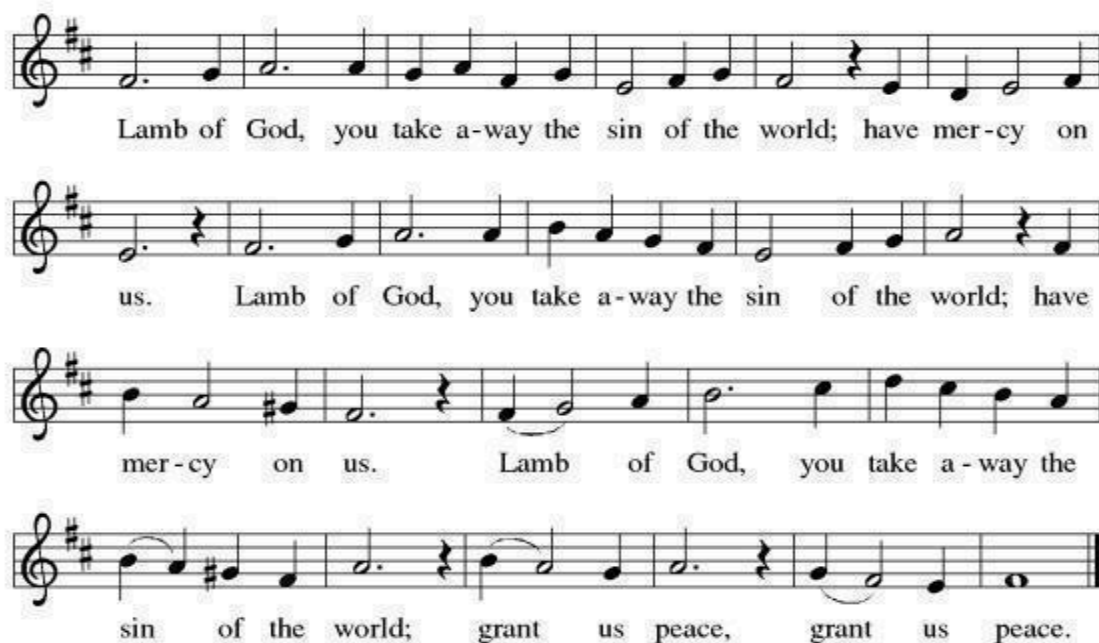
LORD'S PRAYER

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

TOP 20 # 12 ELW 412

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of her husband Rich's 65th birthday by Ann Dungan.



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.
- Ladies, please join the Juliets for lunch on Wednesday August 6th at noon at Mango Tree Bistro. The restaurant is located at 2717 W Main St, Norristown, PA 19403 (Park Ridge Shopping Center). Call or text Anne Meibohm at 484-213-0597 to RSVP.
- Just a reminder that pledges are due by August 3rd for Trinity's Pave the Way Parking Lot Paving Campaign. See Dave Stone for more information.
- Join us on Tuesday, August 5th at 11am in the narthex as we navigate the unique relationship between Marcellus (a Pacific octopus) and Tova (the woman who cleans the aquarium where he is captive). Shelby VanPelt wrote "Remarkably Bright Creatures" our book for August.
- 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.
- 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 at the collection bins in the narthex. Thank you!
- Thank you for making the Country Fair such a success. The money from the Country Fair has been tallied and the final total profit is \$7,699.84! Woo Hoo!! The total income included sales on Friday and Saturday of food, attic treasures, books, basket raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, donations for t-shirts, bake sale, money earned at the 3 Dine and Donate events, TCNSK and church member donations all totaling \$10,739.97. We also received Thrivent grants totaling \$500. Our expenses, things like the cost of the petting zoo, DJ, inflatables, new signs and advertising totaled \$3,040.13. The profits will be distributed as follows: \$750 to Gemma and \$250 held to cover some costs of the picnic in September for the Gemma Kids; \$250 to the Soup Kitchen, and \$250 to the Greentree Lutheran church who provided the tables for us to use this year. We started with \$1,500 in the fund & after returning \$1,500 for start-up for next year & leaving \$250 for the Gemma picnic in the Country Fair fund, the remainder of the profits, \$6,242.76 goes directly to the operating expenses of Trinity. Thank you for helping us to achieve this level of fundraising success!
- 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 8/3	
Guest Musician	Ashley Heister
Lector	Brenda Aslin
Greeter	Anne Meibohm
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Peter Schell
Ushers	Lori Peltier & Lynn Chialastri
Coffee Hour	Karl Schafer & Lynn Chialastri
Building Opener	Karl Schafer
Altar Guild	Priscilla Myers
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves
Serving Sunday 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
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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 3

10:00 AM – Worship

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Food Drive

Monday, August 4

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

6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics

7:00 PM – Trinity Christian Book Club – Empire Diner

Tuesday, August 5

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

11:00 AM – TAG Book Club - Narthex

Wednesday, August 6

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

12:00 PM – Juliet's Luncheon – Mango Tree Bistro

6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics

7:00 PM -Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, August 7

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 8

Saturday, August 9

8:00 AM - Car Club

Upcoming Events at Trinity

Tuesday, August 12 – 12:00 PM

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making

Sunday, August 31 – 10:00 AM

Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 28 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm

American Dance Wheels Performance