



Trinity Tidings

Faith, Family, Friendship
September 2023 Newsletter



Worship Begins at 10:30AM on September 10th

We now offer three options for worship on Sundays:

1. Worship at church in the sanctuary.
2. Worship at church using the drive-in option(100.1)
3. Worship at home.



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From the Pastor's Study...September

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

TRANSITIONS

The early leaves are beginning to change. The trees do not seem to be bothered by the fact that we still have temperatures in the mid to high 90's during the day, they are not waiting for the cooler weather of fall to begin to change. In the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, we read, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." Whether the temperature is high or low, the trees know that their season for shedding leaves is coming, and they are getting ready for it.

We also have our times and our seasons, and change will come whether we like it or not. Change will come to us individually and corporately, and we can dread it or resist it, or we can embrace it and rejoice in it. Without change, there will be no growth. Over the next few weeks and months, Trinity Lutheran Church will be in transition, moving from one denomination to another. Worship time will change, and the procedures of the larger church body will be different. Even though we may feel anxiety over change, there is for us one constant that we can rely on: Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever, as the author of the Book of Hebrews tells us.

We have wonderful hymnody that reminds us of the constancy of God. In Hymn #771 in the blue hymnal, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", we sing:

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

In Hymn #778 in the blue hymnal, "O Christ the Same", we sing:

*O Christ the same, through all our story's pages—
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
Unchanging still amid the passing years.*

And in one of my very favorite hymns, #272 in the green LBW, "Abide with Me, we sing":

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

No matter what changes we may experience day to day in our lives, our Father God does not change, Christ our Savior and Lord does not change, and the Holy Spirit that comes to us in our baptism does not change. The blessed Trinity abides with us through our loves and our hopes, our failures and our fears, unchanged and unchanging throughout eternity.

I will miss being with you but I know how steadfast you are in your faith, and I believe that will not change. You may find new avenues of service and pursue new ministries, but your love of God will not fail as you trust him to lead and guide you in whatever you do. May Trinity Lutheran Church continue to walk with God in faithful service to our living, unchanging Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marty



Church Happenings

Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

Trinity Luther Church has joined LCMC. From an LCMC article: LCMC was formed in 2000 keeping in mind four statements all leading toward the Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20.

- We are Free in Christ: The local church is the front line of ministry and is responsible to carry out the Great Commission and the work of ministry. We do not have a “permission giving” officer, a ”national office”, or a compilation of rules.
- Accountable to One Another: We are in the work of ministry together.
- Rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions...God’s Word is our only authority as we seek to carry out this life and witness and make decisions as to how to live. We believe the Lutheran Confessions to be a faithful witness to the truth of Scripture and are reliable principles by which to guide the continued development of this association.
- ...Working together to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

More information can be found on the LCMC website at www.lcmc.net

A note from Jennifer Duran:

Greetings,

On the morning of August 29, 2022, in the course of 20 minutes, I found out that I no longer had a job and that my dad had died. I was devastated, I was grieving two losses and if it weren't for my family and my church family, I don't know how I would have gotten through it. The past year gave me time to reflect, collect myself, and reevaluate what I should do. Being a funeral director for 30 years was what I had been called to do but then I found Trinity Lutheran is who I felt called to serve. I missed the church that we had before supply pastors and schedule changes. I wanted Advent and Lenten services, I wanted fellowship and after much discussion, prayer, doubt, and more discussion and prayer, I felt that I could do what God had put on my heart. I'm learning, looking to take classes, and being mentored by Pastor Mike. In addition to leading worship services, I will be visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and members at home when needed. My hope and prayer is to give Trinity stability and go where God leads us. Pray for me, be patient with me, and know that I do all this out of love.

Love to you all, Jennifer Duran

September Council Meeting:

The council meeting will be held on a Sunday September 10th at 11:30 PM at the church.

T.W.I.G.S.

Ladies will meet on September 22, at Baabals, 188 St. John Road, Fletcher NC 28732, at 11:30

M.U.G.S.

Men's breakfast will meet again in the Fall at the Mills River Diner

Tore's Home

Please remember the residents of Tore's Home during this with a card or note. We are making a difference in their lives!

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North American Lutheran
Church (NALC)

Church Council Members:
President: Jennifer Duran
Vice President: Michele Snyder
Secretary: Yvonne Forsyth
Treasurer: Larry Snyder
Janis Henderson

Next Council Meeting:
Sunday, Sept 10th @ 11:30 PM

I said a prayer for you today....



Resident Tore's Home, Tom, Nancy, Wayne, Kathy, Darrell, Kristin, Melissa, Colten, Chris, Tommy, Pastor Mike, Jenny, Chip, Meredith, Macy, Geary

Our Call Committee
Police Officers
First Responders

Health Care Professionals
Military Personnel
Fire & Rescue Workers

Lord of Grace, we pray for all those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those on the prayer list of our Congregation, and for all those we name before you now. In your loving kindness meet their needs, we pray. HEAR US, O LORD...

Prayer Warrior Team



Who Can You Call On For HELP?

Trinity has a team of Prayer Warriors that will intercede on your behalf to lift physical or spiritual needs to God. When things seem the darkest or most urgent, we are here to help. "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13)

Please notify the Pastor if you or someone you know is in need of prayer. It can be added to our prayer list, kept private, or we can start the prayer chain for immediate needs.

Pastor email: PastorattrinityLC@gmail.com

We're
Searching for
Volunteers



We have a convenient option for online giving on our church's website. It is an easy way to make financial contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. If you would like to use this new option to donate to church, please go to the church website at <https://www.trinitylutherannc.org/donate>. There is no cost to you or the church for using this service. Donations can also be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 497, East Flat Rock, NC 28726. Tithes & Offerings.

Birthday's and Anniversaries:

September Birthday's: Larry Snyder (13), Wayne Forsythe (6)

September Anniversaries: Don & Tricia Arthur (13), Mike & Dorothy Greenauer (23)

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