

Trinity Tidings

Thursday 12. July 2018

Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ;
serving others, growing in faith, living in hope, and reaching out in love.



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*A Reconciling in Christ
and
a Stephen Ministry
congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America*

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

15. July

Holy Communion 10:00 am – One Service Only

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



JULY

AUGUST

and
LABOR
DAY
Weekend



ONE
SERVICE
AT
10:00 AM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Assisting Us in the Sunday Liturgy

	10:00 am
Acolyte	Linnea S
Assisting Minister	Nathan L
Children's Church	Margaret F
Greeters	Donna & Steve S
Lector	Jim K
Ushers	Joan E and Mike J
Coffee Hour	Lynn & Bud B
Altar Custodians	Carol B
Bulletin Assembly	Diana M
Tellers	Annie A and Mina



Summer School Supply Collection

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. You can give the school supplies so the parents can provide the meal.

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8th Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 15)

15. July 2018

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Strange Mercy

First the back story. Zechariah was speechless, literally. The day the angel, Gabriel, paid a visit to deliver the absurd news that Elizabeth, his wife, "getting on in years," would have a child, he was struck speechless for doubting it. That was the first link in a chain of dramatic events. Months passed. The baby was born. On the day of ritual circumcision everyone expected he would be named Zechariah, after his father. Not so! The new father, still unable to speak, scribbled the name John on a tablet. Amazingly, his tongue flew loose with a prophecy we still echo in song today: "You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways" (Luke 1:76). That very day a haunting question arose among the people: "What then will this child become?" (Luke 1:66).

The macabre answer King Herod's daughter gave when asked how he could reward her for dancing at his party seems a grim ending to a promising beginning: "Give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter" (Mark 6:25). There could be precious little reason to find solace in Zechariah's words, "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us" (Luke 1:78), when disciples recovered the baptizer's mutilated body and laid it in a tomb. Strange mercy. Hearing the news, Jesus withdrew to a deserted place. His disciples did too.

Any attempt to justify all that is unjustifiable sinks beneath the weight of the truth. What is evil deserves no decoration.

The gruesome execution of John at the hesitant but brutal hand of Herod foreshadows Jesus' own fate, the strange mercy of God "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79).

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Life Transitions

Dear Trinity Congregation:

It's with regret that I must let you know that I've been called to and have accepted the position of Director of Music and Organist for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island off the northeast coast of Florida. My last Sunday at Trinity is 29. July 2018 and I will be moving in August to start my new duties on 1. September 2018.


I have enjoyed my time at Trinity Lutheran North Bethesda directing the Trinity Singers and leading worship from your fine pipe organ. The choir is an enthusiastic and talented group, always up for a challenge and providing musical leadership for the worship services.



It's been such a pleasure making music with you, raising our voices in praise of our Lord.

In thanks and gratitude —
Glendon F

Godspeed and Farewell: This Sunday 15. July is Kathy L's last Sunday with us before she moves to New Jersey. Thank you, Kathy, and God bless you!

Trinity Lutheran Church	 <p>BIGGER than a Building!</p>	<p>Pledging for Mission BIGGER Than A Building! 66 families have pledged \$479,040 to our 3-year mission appeal. Total amount received for BTAB! is \$425,746.07 as of 8. July. Thank you for your generous support.</p>
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Program Booklet draft calendar is available for you to proof in the Social Hall.



Summer Collection: School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)



Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. LWR distributes school kits to places where even a few required school supplies

may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future for many children.

Beginning in July and continuing throughout the summer, Trinity will collect the school supplies listed below. On God's Work Our Hands Sunday, 9. September, Trinity will assemble the items into school kits during an Inter-generational Sunday School. Please place donations in the bins in the Social Hall.

Here are the total items needed to complete this year's goal of 140 kits:

quantity	item
560	70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8x10½"; no loose-leaf paper
140	30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side, inches on the other
140	Pencil sharpeners
140	Blunt scissors
700	Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
700	Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
140	Box of 16 or 24 crayons
140	2½" eraser

Please note: LWR asks that all kit items be new and have no religious symbols, messages, or patriotic or military symbols. Please contact Kathy T or Anita S with any questions.



Summer Music 2018

We would love to hear you during worship – during the offering or during the Communion – during Sundays in late June, plus all of July and August. Please sign up on the sheet located on the Bulletin Board near the Social Hall Kitchen.



Summer Worship – One Service! July - August and Labor Day Weekend

All July and August, and through Labor Day weekend, 2. September, Trinity will be holding one Sunday service at 10:00 am, followed by Coffee Hour at 11:15 am. This is a great opportunity to meet Trinity members who normally attend "that other" service. You'll also leave church in plenty of time to enjoy the summer sunshine!



2nd Quarter Contribution Statements are available for pickup in Social Hall.

The Word in Season for July-September daily devotionals are now available in the Social Hall.

Remember in Your Prayers

... the church
 our synod & bishops
 Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Richard Graham
 our missionaries
 Stephen Deal & Marta Giron, Cent. America
 our congregation
 Trinity Church

... the nations
 Afghanistan, Haiti, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia,
 Libya, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia,
 Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States,
 Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

... the sick and suffering
 nursing/rehabilitation center
 Philip T, *Manor Care Potomac*
 John W, *Sunrise of Rockville*
 home
 Jean B Tigist G Susan K
 Amanda M Margo W
 family and friends*
 Erik A, *friend of Bob & Marilyn C*
 Bill B, *friend of Sabrina R*
 Cindy B, *friend of Judy D*
 Elaine F, *friend of Lynn B*
 Malat K, *friend of Len S*
 Charles M, *cousin of Jim V*
 Pr. Sandra S, *former Trinity field worker*
 Joaquin S, *nephew of Len & Ana S*

**For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card.*



This Week at Trinity

Sun 15. July *Pentecost 8 / Lect 15*
 School Supply Collection for LWR
 10:00 am Holy Communion
 11:15 am Social Ministry
 11:15 am Get the Word Out/E Team (Lib)
 1:45 pm Bethesda H&R - Parish Life

Mon 16. July
 7:00 pm Heavenly Handbells (SH/Wor)

Tues 17. July
 11:15 am Staff mtg
 6:30 pm Stephen Min Supervision (10)

Next Sun 22. July *Pentecost 8 / Lect 15*
 School Supply Collection for LWR
 10:00 am Holy Communion

Looking Ahead
 29. July Youth Mission Trip
 (29. July - 3. Aug)
 26. Aug Blessing of Kindergartners and Backpacks

Birthdays	Baptismal Days
19. Henry C	20. Joshua B
20. Esther M	21. Jane F
	Miriam M

Wedding Anniversaries

15. Miriam & Karl M
 17. Sabrina R & Mark L

Birth

Peter Frank S 9. July 2018
son of Jane R & Eric S

Deaths

Fred K
 + 4. July 2018
*Funeral will be at Trinity
 Saturday 28. July at 11 am*

Rob W
 + 27. May 2018
*Funeral will be at 3 pm on Saturday 28. July
 at Christ Lutheran Church (16th St), DC*