



The Trinitarian

Our **Mission** is to **Worship... Learn... Serve...**
Our **Vision** is to **Seek, Serve, and Accept All.**

October 2019

Dear People of God,

Even though it doesn't feel much like it, autumn has officially begun. The month of October also signals that the green season after Pentecost is beginning to wind down. The month also brings us the Lutheran festival of Reformation (it's not widely observed in other traditions) which in many ways is the beginning of our cherished Lutheran tradition.

On the last Sunday of October, the 27th, we will worship in a single service as we celebrate Reformation and the Rite of Confirmation for four of our youth. Henry, Colin, Linnea, and Vincent will be confirmed that day and it will be our pleasure to witness their affirmation of baptism and celebrate this milestone in their Christian journey.

In a way, the Reformation is still unfolding. In life, everything changes - weather, language, science, music, health, etc - and the church, if it is faithful, evolves as well. Or, as I like to say, the church (and not just congregations) is always in transition.

Thanks be to God we have a Lord who goes before us and welcomes us into whatever future we find ourselves. As Martin Luther's great hymn "A Mighty Fortress" concludes:

*were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
the kingdom's ours forever!*

Blessings,
Pastor Kern

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 6, 13, 20



Worship	8:15 & 10:45 am
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Adult Ed	9:30 a.m.



Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations.

I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of Hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 46:10-11

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Great Success!

God's Work, Our Hands Day is a day celebrated by the ELCA the Sunday after Labor Day each year. This means that many of our Lutheran friends spend the day in service to their neighbors, both near, and far.

This year, Trinity collected school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to send to refugee camps all over the world. This is my personal version of the parable of the five loaves and two fish. We filled 200 backpacks with everything that a student needs to learn in a refugee camp. This includes 4 spiral bound notebooks, 5 pencils, 5 ballpoint pens, a box of crayons, a ruler, an eraser, and a pencil sharpener. Each year, we always have extra things to donate. The overage will go to Interfaith Works for folks who need school supplies throughout the year.

I have the privilege each year of taking the kits to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD. I am always amazed at the generosity of our friends. There are quilts, flood kits, school kits, baby kits, and sewing kits everywhere. I'm convinced that the Holy Spirit smells like soap. The warehouse smells like Dove soap from the personal care kits.

Will 200 school kits change a whole refugee camp? No. Will all of us working together to get thousands of school kits change a whole refugee camp? Yes.

Anita



Trinity Singers

Do you love to sing? Think about joining the Trinity Singers! Our first Choir rehearsal is Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. We sing during Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m. and rehearse Sundays after church.

Council Summary, August 20, 2019

The Agenda mainly consisted of the four Goal Reports given by Greg F, Sarah G, Jerry B, and Sarah M.

- Goal 1: Trinity on firm financial ground
- Goal 2: Invest in staff and provide clear expectations for responsibilities and performance
- Goal 3: Revise Trinity's constitution
- Goal 4: Mission and Vision

Each presentation was received and accepted and the respective committees urged to move forward.

A Motion was Approved that the September through December Council Meetings be moved to the third Tuesday of each month so as to offer more time for Report preparation. This will be on a trial basis for the remainder of the year.

God's Work Our Hands

Volunteer to help widen the circle of compassion and make a dent in poverty

The Social Ministry Team has organized a volunteer opportunity at A Wider Circle (AWC) on **Sunday, October 13, from 1-3pm**. During our last visit to A Wider Circle this summer, our Trinity team got to see the newly expanded warehouse, showroom and education space. More space means more to sort, lift and organize. **All** ages are welcome to volunteer.

If you cannot join us, we will also be collecting gently used household goods, professional clothing and clothing for children under size 5 to donate to AWC. A Wider Circle also provides cleaning and paper goods to families furnishing their apartments. Please consider providing detergents and other cleaning products or paper goods. If you have items to donate please bring them to Trinity on Sunday, October 13, and we will save you the trip!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or visit AWC's website.

Trinity is Bigger than a Building,
Margaret F

October Coat Drive



Through Sunday, October 13, Trinity is collecting new and gently-used coats, fleeces, gloves, mittens, hats scarves and other winter gear for those in need.

Drivers Wanted



The social ministry committee is looking for a driver to deliver the items from our coat drive to the LSS office in Hyattsville, MD, during business hours any time from October 14 to 18. If you can help, please contact Kathy T.

Calling Cooks and Bakers

On **Sunday, December 15**, Trinity will serve a meal for 35 at the Interfaith Works Women's Center in Rockville. We will need help from members of our congregation to prepare and serve the meal:

- Cooks to prepare a mashed potato casserole (recipe provided)
- Bakers to make pumpkin and apple pies
- 3-4 people to serve the meal that evening (6:00 - 7:30 PM)
- People to contribute other food items (see the sign-up sheet in the social hall)

Please contact Lynn B or Kathy T with questions.



The Mission Endowment

The Mission Endowment Team will meet next on Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for Mission Endowment Awards will be accepted beginning December 1.

Coming in November Personal Care Kits for LWR

On Sunday, December 1, - Thanksgiving weekend - during the Sunday school hour, we will prepare 144 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR delivers the kits to people around the world who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence or who are struggling with the long-term effects of poverty.



Each kit contains a bath towel, 2 bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, and 1 nail clipper. Because LWR requires the items to meet certain specifications, the social ministry committee will purchase all the necessary items but asks members to make cash donations toward this effort if they are able. Checks can be made out to Trinity with "Personal Care Kits" in the memo line.

Please contact Anita S or Kathy T with questions or suggestions.

Youth News

Tilden Project – October 4 – We will be gathering youth from Tilden MS for a service project. We will begin around 12:45 pm (after school) and end at 3:00. Please let Anita know if you are available to help.

Kids Morning Out – October 5 – Come on over to Trinity at 9:30 for snacks, games, and a whole bunch of fun. We will finish up at 12 noon.

Blessing of the Animals – October 6 – 5 pm – Bring your dog, cat, chicken, hedgehog, snake, turtle and hamster for a brief service and a blessing!

Other Upcoming Events:

October 6 – Bible Sunday & Blessing of the Animals

October 13 – Youth Group (6th – 12th Grade)

October 27 – Confirmation Sunday, 10 am Worship

November 10 – Youth Group/Stewardship Sunday

December 1 – Intergenerational Sunday School

If Only I Could Have Been There

By Douglas J. L.
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When I ponder the travails You endured
 with lasting love and steadfast grace,
 Your holy blood shed that mankind's transgressions
 would eternally efface,
 The most glorious King that will ever grace
 this fragile earth,
 Laying down your Life to provide us a majestic rebirth,
 The torment and ignominy
 You sustained along the way,
 Bestowing a sublime gift no mortal can ever repay,
 Are beyond what my mind and soul can comprehend,
 Stirring my spirit and causing my heart to rend,
 If only I were there, could I have salved your wounds
 or assuaged your pain?
 Rebuking mocking soldiers to ease the suffering
 You did sustain?
 Could I have wept that you might behold
 how loved You were by me?
 My king of kings dying without mercy upon Calvary?
 Would I have had the courage to uplift You
 in Your hour of direst need?
 Declaring Your divinity to those seeking
 to eradicate Your creed?
 Would I have prayed with Your family and disciples
 that Your Father comfort You?
 As Your lungs filled with water
 and pain from asphyxiation relentlessly grew?
 Precious Savior, You laid down Your faultless life
 that we might live,
 By faith in You and forgiveness our own sins
 God will forgive,
 Though I know not what deeds I would have dared
 perform that dark and somber crucifixion day,
 I am forever grateful Your death and resurrection
 provided us a better way.

Coming Soon!
Heavenly Handbells new CD
"The Sound of Christmas"

October Birthdays

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| 01. Reid D | 13. Sarah G |
| 01. Anna V | 13. Julie N |
| 02. Fred S | 17. Benjamin N |
| 03. Shirley O | 17. Jon S |
| 04. Kristin A | 20. David K |
| 04. Gregory M | 21. David F |
| 08. Matthew C | 22. Joyce D |
| 08. Gabriel D | 24. Marilyn C |
| 09. Adelyn C | 24. Kathy T |
| 10. Marilyn G | 25. Ani S G |
| 10. Linnea S | 26. Jane F |
| 12. Anne D | 27. Torsten D |
| | 31. Robert D |

October Baptismal Days

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| 01. Kristina S | 20. Jeanine B |
| 02. Brenden H | 21. Rebecca P |
| 05. Connor D | 21. Martha R |
| 07. Anjali A | 22. Gregory M |
| 07. Len S | 23. Theodore R |
| 09. Henry C | 23. Fred S |
| 12. Robert D | 25. James F |
| 12. Emma G | 25. Steven F |
| 14. Peter S | 30. Dahlia C |
| 17. Sunhee P | 30. Sophia D |
| 19. Shirley O | 30. Mary D |

Deaths:

- Opal (Meyer) C +August 20, 2019
 (relative of Jerry B)
- Clara Isabel R V +Aug 20, 2019
 (friend of Len S)

Rides to Church

Have you missed Trinity events because you lacked transportation? Trinity has missed you too and the following members of the congregation would like to provide you with a ride to Trinity events:

- 20886 Carol B**
- 20850 Margaret F**
- 20854 Peggy & Dick J**
- 20854 Miriam M**
- 20853 Nancy N**

Zip codes are provided to aid in finding a driver close to you. Do not hesitate to call. If you would like volunteer to drive, call Dick J.

Gifts of Hope – together we make a difference

Thank you for supporting Gifts of Hope during our 2018 Advent campaign in which we raised \$119,038.00 from online giving and from



congregation members across the Synod, including \$5,005.00 from members of Trinity. These funds have been distributed to our 19 beneficiary organizations

to support their work in our community. Thanks to the volunteers who present this alternative gift-giving option to your congregation.

Your support helps the elderly, adults, and children served by our ten social-service organizations, four ministries, three international synods, and two church camps. These agencies work with people in and recently released from prison, those who want to improve their lives, those who need help with transportation, housing, school supplies, job-readiness, clothing, food, medications, wellness, and relief from homelessness. Your support helps those who are discerning God's call and answering that call. Your support helps kids go to camp and enjoy activities with other children. Your support helps people outside our borders: creating businesses, at children's orphanages, providing pastoral support, and aiding church building repair.

Our gifts are available year-round—not just during the Christmas season—via our website: giftsofhopedc.org. We are a faith community helping each other and making our community stronger. Thank you for providing hope for today and hope for tomorrow.

Carolyn Sowinski, Director



REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 27, 2019

Keep Moving

As we commemorate the Protestant Reformation, it is fitting that today's gospel reflects a core understanding that grew out of the wrestling of the reformers. Martin Luther's life and ministry were changed when the apostle Paul's writings came alive for him. Being saved by grace through faith and not works was a revelation and gift for Luther. In Paul's reflections, such as today's second reading (Rom. 3:19-28), Luther came to understand the true nature of Christian freedom. John's gospel locates this freedom in knowing Jesus and in the work Jesus does to make people free. The Son making us free is indeed a gift.

God's people sought comfort in their status as descendants of Abraham, forgetting the years of slavery in Egypt and the new covenants God later gave to Moses and Jeremiah. These new steps in relationship with God became part of the people's old story, and they lost sight of how much change had happened as they journeyed in God's grace.

We commemorate the Reformation as a time when the freedom found in knowing Jesus and his saving work was discovered anew. Five hundred years later it is easy for the newness of this message to be part of our old story. It is easy to look past how much has changed in our own lives and the life we share as the church. Our present experience can feel like a reflection of what has always been.

Jesus describes his word as the path to truth and encourages his disciples to "continue in my word" (John 8:31). To continue may be understood as remaining the same, but continuing in the word of Jesus means walking a path of transformation. This transformation grows out of repentance and forgiveness, life and death. It is a gift from Jesus. To continue in God's word is a call for the church to keep moving and to embrace the reform Jesus is creating in and among us each and every day.

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Remember in Your Prayers

the church

our synod & bishops:

Bishops Elizabeth Eaton, Leila Ortiz

our missionaries: Stephen Deal, Marta Giron
(Central America)

our congregation: Trinity Church

the nations: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, El Salvador,
Guatemala, Haiti, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia,
Libya, Mexico, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia,
Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, United States, Venezuela,
Yemen, Zimbabwe



Assisting in Our Worship – October 2019

		Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27 (10 AM only)	
Acolytes	8:15 10:45	TBA Vincent M	Matthew B Linnea S	TBD Colin G	Anusha A	Acolytes
Assisting Ministers	8:15 10:45	Tad D Miriam M	Jerry B Leslie C	Bill B Sabrina R	Nalini A	Assisting Ministers
Children's Church	8:15 10:45	Margaret F Jane R	TBD Nicholas C	Margaret F David C	TBD	Children's Church
Greeters	8:15 10:45	Tom M Linnea A	Jane R, Eric S Pam B	Matthew & Tamara C Christine B, Jane	Nancy & Thor N Peggy J	Greeters
Lector	8:15 10:45	Sarah M Robyn K	Jerry B David C	Keith C David K	Jonah W Miriam M	Lector
Ushers	8:15 10:45	Ross A, Mike J Angela B, Paul D	Bill & Diana B David C, Henry C	Ross A, Joan E Angela B, Patricia S	Thor & Nancy N Dick & Peggy J	Ushers
Coffee Hour	8:15 10:45	Tad & Vi D TBD	Margaret F TBD	Keith & Lily C Len S, Ani SG	Sunday School families	Coffee Hour
Altar Custodians	8:15 10:45	Carol B Kathy H	Carol B Kathy H	Carol B Kathy H	Carol B Kathy H	Altar Custodians
Tellers		Tom M, Petra T	Annie A, Mina	Greg & Margaret F	Dick & Peggy J	Tellers

For the complete, up-to-date calendar of events, please see our current online calendar at
www.trinityelca.org/calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">October 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October is Outreach and Evangelism month</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 1 1:45pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (10) 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Training (11) 7:30pm Stewardship Team (Lib) Friday, October 4 12:45pm Tilden Project Saturday, October 5 9:30am Kids Morning Out</p>
<p>Sunday, October 6 Lectionary 27 / 17 Pentecost Coffee Hour Potluck (names M-Z) Bible Sunday; LSS Coat Drive 8:15am Holy Communion 9:30am Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:45am Holy Communion 12:15pm Trinity Singers choir rehearsal 5:00pm Blessing of the Animals</p>	<p>Monday, October 7 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor) Tuesday, October 8 1:45pm Staff Meeting Wednesday, October 9 1:00pm Trinity Men's Group (off-site)</p>
<p>Sunday, October 13 Lectionary 28 / 18 Pentecost LSS Coat Drive FINAL DAY! 8:15am Holy Communion 9:30am Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:45am Holy Communion 12:00pm Christian Ed meeting 12:15pm Trinity Singers choir rehearsal 1-3pm Volunteer at A Wider Circle 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>Monday, October 14 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor) Tuesday, October 15 Trinitarian November Newsletter Deadline 1:45pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Training (11) 7:30pm Congregation Council (10)</p>
<p>Sunday, October 20 Lectionary 29 / 19 Pentecost 8:15am Holy Communion 9:30am Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:45am Holy Communion 12:15pm Get the Word Out E-Team (11) 12:15pm Trinity Singers choir rehearsal 1:45pm Bethesda H&R (GTWO/E-Team)</p>	<p>Monday, October 21 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor) Tuesday, October 22 1:45pm Staff Meeting Saturday, October 26 9:00am Stephen Ministry Training (11) 10:00am Chrismon Workshop (SH)</p>
<p>Sunday, October 27 Lectionary 30 / 20 Pentecost Reformation Sunday Confirmation 10:00am Combined Service Holy Communion 11:15am Coffee Hour 12:15pm Trinity Singers choir rehearsal</p>	<p>Monday, October 28 9:15am Trinitarian mailing 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor) Tuesday, October 29 1:45pm Staff Meeting 7:30pm Mutual Ministry (11) Wednesday, October 30 7:30pm Mission Endowment (11) Thursday, October 31 Reformation Day</p>

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The Trinitarian deadline
is the 15th of the prior month.

Sunday bulletin deadline
is 9:00 am Tuesday.



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