

# The Epistle

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Our Mission Statement

*Trinity Lutheran Church is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.*

## June 2025



### Vicar's Article

This month we transition from Easter, giving thanks for Christ's resurrection, into Pentecost, celebrating the Holy Spirit working through us. Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon the

Apostles like fire from the heavens and gave them the gift of tongues, reversing the curse of the tower of Babel, this Pentecost the Holy Spirit descends among us here. Where the Holy Spirit will lead us we will not know until we open our hearts, give thanks and follow. What we do know is that the resurrected Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God the Creator are one. On Trinity Sunday we will ground our namesake identity as we start our journey into the season of Pentecost. We continue our intentional exploration of Gratitude. What has the Holy Spirit, the spirit of God working through love and calling us into action, given you to be grateful for. Who in our community here at Trinity could you thank for their gifts of the spirit? Take time to give thanks for what the Holy Spirit has led you to and through. Take time to thank those who make the presence of the Holy Spirit palpable in our lives, so they know that they are a gift.

Vicar Aaron Carr (He/Him)



### NEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**LOOKING FOR** a God's work, our hands project for September. If you have any

ideas, please talk with Cedar, Julie Haugen, Steve or Renee VanAtter!

**APRIL'S NOISY OFFERING** on Sunday 04/27/2025 raised \$329.64! This money goes to Learning Peace Camp for Kids, and the amount brought in will send 3 children to the Camp this month. Thanks to everyone for their generosity!

**MAY NOISY OFFERING** on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> was for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI serves all the Treasure Valley and offers online & in person classes & support groups to people with mental illness and their families. They also promote advocacy and public awareness about mental illness. In Idaho--according to KFF.org--as of February 1-13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 30.2% of adults reported having symptoms of anxiety and/or a depressive disorder; and, in 2021, 20.1% of children ages 12-17 had major depressive episodes in the past year. World Population Review reports that Idaho ranks 6<sup>th</sup> nationally for suicides committed per 100,000 people as of 2022, standing at 444 total that year. May was national Mental Health Awareness month, and a great time to help around your community and learn more about an ever-changing disease.

**JUNE NOISY OFFERING** on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> is for school supplies for Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Supplies needed for this school year

are: rulers, blunt end scissors, fat pencils & crayons (for preschoolers), pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, calculators, glue, dry erase markers (pen sized) and folders.

Did you notice that backpacks and three-ring binders are NOT on the list? There were so many donated last year that it is not a need this year! Also, in case you missed the earlier message, the noisy offering for Duck Valley schools is a month early this year, as they are starting their school year earlier than last. (Sorry, there may not be any school supply sales happening.) There will be boxes in the narthex to drop off donations or they can be given on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much for everyone's continued support!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** – 2025 is the 80-year anniversary of loving our neighbor for Lutheran World Relief. This all started in 1945. Please check out [LWR.ORG/80](http://LWR.ORG/80) for more information. Thanks! Church in Community

**ANNUAL TRINITY CAMPOUT 2025** - is scheduled for **July 25 - 27** at the Ward property near Donnelly. Save the date! Whether you have an RV, tent, or plan to sleep in a hammock - or at your own place in Valley County - or in a local motel - or just plan to drive up for the day. You are welcome to join us for as much of the event as fits your schedule. Each year, people invite friends and family who do not attend Trinity; we love having guests.

**LEARNING PEACE:** This is a busy time of year for us we are ramping up our fundraising and getting ready for camp.

**FUNDRAISING:** Thank you to everyone that donated to April's Noisy Offering and Idaho Gives this year. Every donation makes a difference to a child in our community.

**CAMP:** Peace Camp is June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> this year. As director of Learning Peace, I would love to see as many of our Trinity kids and teenagers at camp this year.

- Jessica Carr

**LOVE OFFERING** -- Our thanks to Lloyd and Judy Kellar for transporting the 6 huge boxes of healthy snacks to the Donnelly Public Library. The librarians were amazed and so very grateful - and you can look at the "thank

you card" that the children signed and sent to us, including their thanks for the "snakes". In a world of unnoticed efforts to make a better world for the children, (one child at a time), we are so glad that God led YOU to support the work of the staff and volunteers at this valiant little library - and to fill the tummies of the kids for months to come. We are truly a congregation that looks outside of our own walls.

### **RALLY DAY WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 5-7**

Our Christian Education and Youth Team is planning some amazing things for Rally Day (Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>). But Stewardship wants to be part of the "it's time for us to start gathering for the Fall" action. We are in the *early* stages of planning an all-congregation (plus invite your friends) barbecue on the church lawn. So, **SAVE THE DATES** and (since you will have just spent the prior weekend celebrating the end of summer) plan to join your church family to celebrate the beginning of fall. The meat, buns and condiments will be furnished. All you need to bring is yourselves, some lawn chairs, and a side dish. We'll let you know whether it will be Friday night or Saturday night - if you have a strong preference, let us know!

### **ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET**

We have just 5 months until the deadline for this year's Advent Daily Devotional booklet. With that deadline looming, it's time to start writing your entry! Well, seriously, this is mostly a hint to those who have more free time in the summer and tend to write their entries early -- but NOW is a good time to start thinking about what God might want you to say. Something about your "star word"? A story about how somebody made a big difference in your life? Something God has taught you recently?

### **2025 – TRINITY'S YEAR OF GRATITUDE**

"Gratitude flows from the recognition that all that is, is a divine gift born out of love and freely given to us so that we may offer thanks and share it with others. The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains and guides us, the more we recognize that multitude of fruits that come forth from that love. They are fruits of the Spirit, such as joy,

peace, kindness, goodness and gentleness. When we encounter any of these fruits, we always experience them as gifts.” Henri Nouwen

**GRATITUDE LENDING LIBRARY**

In keeping with our 2025 theme of gratitude, please visit a NEW little library in the narthex bookshelf. We have 5 books on gratitude that we'd love to have you borrow, read, and return. Follow the instructions on the little clipboard and enjoy! Here's what we have to offer (at the moment - we plan to add more selections as the year continues)

**Hi Greeters!** I think we are all aware that Sharon Jones was one of our most welcoming members. She was an expert at noticing new faces that came through our doors and making sure that they received a word of welcome and a friendship bag. We (Gospel & Growth) want to try something new going forward. We are asking you to be both watchful and willing as you greet people on Sunday mornings. Gospel & Growth will make sure that we have friendship bags ready to go but are asking the Greeters each Sunday to give one to those new people you meet. If you have questions or suggestions, please talk to Edith Hannett, Tami Robinson, or Penelope Smith. Thank you!

songs, songs of Zion, and temple liturgies); and Community/Wisdom Psalms. If you have an interest in the psalms, or an interest in a study group - this would be a good time to join us. If your schedule has you out of town frequently, this would be an ideal topic for you - each week's lesson is self-contained, and you won't feel lost if you miss a week or two. Please consider joining us in the Koinonia (blue) room on Tuesdays between 1:00 - 3:00 pm as we trek through the psalms together.



**Statistical Comparison for March-April 2024/2025**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
04/07	46	04/06	54
04/14	38	04/13	47
04/21	43	04/20	83
04/28	38	04/27	45
05/05	38	05/04	51
05/12	57	05/11	45
05/19	57	05/18	52
05/26	32	05/25	41



**TUESDAY STUDY GROUP PSALMS on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** The Tuesday Study Group has finished our exploration of other religions

and how Christians can interact and interact with them. On **February 11<sup>th</sup>** we began our new focus on the psalms. Each participant brings his/her own favorite translation of the Bible (perhaps Vicar Aaron will bring his Hebrew version?!) and we study the different genre of the psalms. It is generally accepted that they group into the following categories: Lament (of the community and of individuals); Specialized Lament (penitential and imprecatory); Thanksgiving (of the community and the individual); Specialized Thanksgiving (salvation history and songs of trust); Hymnic Psalms (hymns and doxologies); Liturgical Psalms for Public Worship (covenant songs, royal/enthronement



**OFFICERS/COMMITTEE LIAISONS 2025**



- President** Larry Mills (25)
- Vice-President** Bryce Quarve (26)
- Secretary** Sierra Armbrust (25)
- Treasurer and Accounts Payable Coordinator** Karissa Armbrust (renewable)
- Financial Secretary** Kristina Radke (renewable)
- COUNCIL TEAM ASSIGNMENTS**
- Christian Education/Youth:** Sierra Armbrust (25)
- Church in Community:** Cedar Hilger (27)
- Communication:** Lloyd Kellar (26)
- Gospel and Growth:** Sierra Armbrust (25)
- Hospitality:** Edith Hannett (27)
- Property:** Darrell Miller (25)
- Stewardship:** Phil Cronk (26)
- Trinity New Hope:** Andrew Hanson (27)
- Worship & Music:** Larry Mills (25)
- Mutual Ministry:** Bryce Quarve (26)



## IN OUR PRAYERS

**For healing:** Colton (Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)  
Amy Ball (The Radke Family cousin -- pneumonia)  
Sharon Jones' nieces (Alzheimer's)  
Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)  
Francis Frisbee (recovering from surgery – Amanda Hanson)  
Angel Bray (Margreta Spady's granddaughter – cancer)  
Abby (Fran & Elwood's granddaughter – seizures)  
Eileen Warner (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke's Mom)  
Karen Bair (Biopsy on tumor on upper left lung, June 10th)  
Jessica Carr (Recovering from car crash)  
Tina Zielinski (Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller)  
Cody (Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley)  
Addie (Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood)  
Rita (Renee's sister -- Renee VanAtter)  
John Hergert (recovering from heart surgery – Penelope Smith)  
Linda Dombeck (heart issues – Mary Braudrick)

**For Andrew** (from Elizabeth Schnabel)  
**For Berger Family** (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)  
**For Klayton Hanson** (from Karson Hanson)  
**For Dan Baldwin** (from Jessica & Aaron Carr)  
**For Diana** (searching for employment – Elizabeth Schnabel)  
**For Chris & Cooper Koons** (hoping for good test results – Anita Koons)  
**For Ward Family** (mourning loss of Sylvia Ward)  
**For Jeff** (Son awaiting test results – Elwood & Fran Webb)  
**For Family of Amy Bal** (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)  
**For Colton family & friends** (mourning loss of Travis Colton – Kellar family)  
**For Sharon Jones's family** (mourning loss of Sharon Jones)  
**For Kellar Family** (mourning loss of James R. Kellar, Lloyd's brother)  
**For Family of Di Seba** (mourning loss of Diana Seba)

### **People in the Armed Services:**

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)  
John C. Collins II (Helen Collins' grandson – Navy SEAL)  
Bill MacDonald (Navy)  
Amanda Love (Cathy Winwood's Niece – Army)

*Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list unless you let the office know otherwise.*

# Trinity Servants For June 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church Servant Assignments (please find your own replacement and notify office if you can't serve.)

	<b>June 01</b> Easter 7	<b>June 08</b> Pentecost	<b>June 15</b> Holy Trinity	<b>June 22</b> Pentecost 2	<b>June 29</b> Pentecost 3
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>	Bryce Quarve	Steve VanAtter	Steve VanAtter	Pat Benoit	Karissa Armbrust
<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>	Alexa Ward	Giada Armbrust	Jason Mills	Cedar Hilger	Aldwin Kellar
<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	Aldwin Kellar	Karson Hanson	Aggie Klahn	Abigail Radke	Elizabeth Schnabel
<b><u>Reader</u></b>	Kristina Radke	Margretta Spadey	Tami Robinson	Sierra Armbrust	Janie Stubson
<b><u>Children's Message</u></b>	Steve VanAtter	Vicar Aaron	Larry Mills	Vicar Aaron	Karissa Armbrust
<b><u>Music</u></b>	Karissa Armbrust	Bryce Leifeste	Karissa Armbrust	Bryce Leifeste	Karissa Armbrust
<b><u>Audio/Streaming</u></b>	David Sheriff & TBD	Jason Mills v & David Sheriff	Jason Mills & Andrew Hanson	Sarah Henthorn & Andrew Hanson	Sarah Henthorn & Bryce Quarve
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Darrel & Peggy Miller	Pat & Donna Benoit	Edith Hannett & Michala Mills	Radke Family	Karen Bair & Penelope Smith
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	Steve & Julie Ward	Tami Robinson & Michala Mills	Steve & Renee VanAtter	Darrel & Peggy Miller
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>	Peggy Miller & Leiningers	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Kim Mills	The Benois	Kristina Radke & Leiningers
<b><u>Offering Counters</u></b>	Cedar Hilger & Sierra Armbrust	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Bryce Quarve & Andrew Hanson
<b><u>Fellowship</u></b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Ardelle O'Bryan & Judy Kellar	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b><u>Flowers</u></b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Mary Braudrick	Becht
<b><u>Wine</u></b> Haugen	<b><u>Eternal Candle</u></b> Haugen	<b><u>Communion</u></b> <b><u>Bread</u></b> Tami Robinson	<b><u>Church Cleaning</u></b> TBD		

## Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar for June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Easter 7</b>  <b>Vicar Aaron out of office</b>	<b>2</b> Office 8:00 -- Noon  <b>Vicar Aaron out of office</b>	<b>3</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  <b>Vicar Aaron out of office</b>	<b>4</b> Office 8:00 -- Noon  <b>Vicar Aaron out of office</b>	<b>5</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  6:30 pm Al-Anon	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b> Office Closed
<b>8 Day of Pentecost</b>  10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	<b>9</b> Office 8:00 – Noon	<b>10</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	<b>11</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  6:30 pm Music Meeting	<b>12</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  2 pm Gospel & Growth  6:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Al-Anon	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b> Office Closed
<b>15 Holy Trinity</b>  10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	<b>16</b> Office 8:00 – Noon	<b>17</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group  7 pm Church Council	<b>18</b> Office 8:00 – Noon	<b>19</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  6:30 pm Al-Anon	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b> Office Closed
<b>22 Pentecost 2</b>  10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	<b>23</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  <b>9:00 am Epistle Articles Due</b>  <b>Learning Peace Camp</b>	<b>24</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group  <b>Learning Peace Camp</b>	<b>25</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  <b>Learning Peace Camp</b>	<b>26</b> Office 8:00 – Noon  6:30 pm Al-Anon  <b>Learning Peace Camp</b>	<b>27</b> Office Closed  2:00 pm Diana Seba Memorial service	<b>28</b> Office Closed
<b>29 Pentecost 3</b>  10 am Worship and Communion (Noisy Offering) 11 am Fellowship Time	<b>30</b> Office 8:00 – Noon					

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# THE 2025 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CAMPOUT

**WHEN - Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**WHERE** – Steve and Julie Ward’s place, **12732 Smoky Drive**, Donnelly, ID. Take Hwy 55 north past Cascade. As you near Donnelly, turn left/west onto Loomis Lane. Cross the old highway. Continue on Loomis, then turn left/south on Spring Valley, then right/west on Lake Trail (which winds around). Turn left/south on Cascade Dr, then left/east on Wildwood Dr, then right/south on Smoky Drive.

**LOST? Call Julie’s cell 208-870-9800**

## DETAILS

**Food/Meals** – Friday supper – on your own

Friday night – 8:30 pm – ice cream sundaes **potluck** (bring a topping to share)

Saturday morning coffee – 7:00 am forward

Saturday Brunch – 8:00 am – **potluck** plus BYO plates/utensils

Saturday lunch – on your own

Saturday evening – 4:30 pm – Social Time - **potluck** wine, snacks & appetizers

Saturday dinner – 6:30 pm – burgers & dogs provided; **bring a side dish or dessert**

Sunday morning coffee – 7:00 am forward – and breakfast on your own

**Lodging** - Please let Steve Ward know the length of your RV so he can develop a plot plan with the most logical positioning for each rig. There is a small cabin with refrigerator/freezer space and a cook top, but no oven. Its restroom/shower can be used by tent campers and those not camping onsite (those staying in a motel or having their own homes in Valley County.)

**Activities** – \*\*starting at 8:30 pm Friday night, we will gather & eat ice cream.

\*\*9:30 am – 4:30 pm Saturday is “free time”. There will be games and time to sit in the shade and talk. During that time, you can go to the north end of Cascade Lake for fishing, swimming, rafting/canoeing, etc. Or ride bikes. Or visit nearby Gold Fork Hot Springs. Or hike or ride ATVs. And McCall is just 13 miles north. Or take a nap. Your call!

**Worship** – around the campfire - after dinner Saturday around 8:00 pm, so let those dirty dishes wait!

**Miscellaneous** –

1) Remember those other essentials such as flashlights, hats, sunscreen, bug spray, lawn chairs, plates/utensils/cups, etc.

2) This is not an official campground, so.....

\*\*we can string extension cords for electricity – Wards have some, but bring yours also

\*\*there are no water hook ups, so bring your own water, particularly for drinking (if you don’t enjoy the taste of iron in your water)

\*\*there’s a place to dump your holding tank