

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.

September 2025



Vicar's Article

The 2025 Academic year has arrived across the Treasure Valley and the Pacific Northwest, and with it we enter our regular program season at Trinity. On Saturday September 6th come join us for a Kickoff Weekend BBQ at 6 PM and

then join us for Potluck Breakfast at 8:30 AM Sunday September 7th for a chance to meet-and-greet with this year's teachers. We will be starting K-6th Grade Sunday School, Teen Sunday School, and Adult Bible Study so everyone is invited. Amanda and Sierra are excited to make the Sunday School class all about the kids. The Teen group will also have a chance to connect with regular cluster Confirmation Events starting in October so make sure you get involved or tell your teen. The Adult Class will focus on Sunday's Gospel or the letters of Paul and throughout the year use each season's lens to unlock the readings.

As everyone gets back into their regular liturgical groove, we will start seeing opportunities to look forward and speak out as we move towards advent and the culmination of our Year of Gratitude, while anticipating the future of this community we love and share. Take the time to remember what makes Trinity your liturgical home. What brings you back each Sunday and energizes you for the work of the week to come? Remember to thank those who help make that space for you here at Trinity, thank God for the gifts of the spirit, and give yourself Grace for the gifts you bring with you to share here and for yourself. Trinity only happens with all of us working together with Jesus

through faith by the grace that gives us the sure hope of the resurrection and gift of eternal life and agape love for all. All are welcome here, and Trinity is a gift worth giving, and giving thanks for, this Fall.

Vicar Aaron Carr (He/Him)



NEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE: God's Work, Our Hands Project happens on Saturday,

September 20th. Church in Community is seeking volunteers to help cook, pack, distribute and deliver meals to people in need in our community. This project is run by an all-volunteer non-profit group called Kitchen Collective 2C. We will prepare the food in Trinity's kitchen, then take the meals to Lloyd Square to distribute. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, thank you!

SEPTEMBER NOISY OFFERING – On Sunday the 28th is to show appreciation to our neighbors at West learning Center. Money raised will be used to purchase snacks for the teachers and staff at the three alternative schools that are housed at WLC. Union is grades 6-12; Nampa Academy is grades 9-12, and RISE. Watch for the card to sign in the Narthex thanking the staff for working with Nampa's youth.

AUGUST NOISY OFFERING on August 31st was for The Shoe that Grows. Over 1.5 billion people suffer from soil transmitted diseases worldwide. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to

disease & parasites that cause illness and even death. Since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow the donated shoes within a year, leaving them exposed to illness and disease. That is where The Shoe that Grows can change things. The shoes are made of durable materials that last a child for 5 years and the cost is only \$20 a pair. The Shoe that Grows is based right here in downtown Nampa!

JULY NOISY OFFERING on Sunday July 27th was changed to the Pastor's Emergency fund. This change came as a result of a growing need in our community, a need which is bordering on extreme and emptied the fund. This Noisy Offering brought in \$2034.12! Wow, how AMAZING! This will greatly impact the Vicar's ability to help those in need in our community. Thank you, THANK YOU!

TOILETRIES NEEDED

We have had a wonderful amount of hygiene donations in the last month. Many hygiene kits were assembled with those donations AND the pantry is filling up and staying stocked. As a reminder: These toiletry items are being used in our food pantry and are always needed and appreciated. Items to give include shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place items in the designated box in the Narthex. Thank you!

DONATIONS BY VERSE

Keep an eye open for a verse or prayer in the Sunday bulletins that mentions a food item. Please bring the food items mentioned for that month. September food pantry request comes from the prayers of the people on Sunday September 7th. The prayers say, "God of Abundance, You bring grains from the earth and fruits of the vine." The food items to bring in are canned fruits and vegetables and jelly.

PASTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2025

Cluster: Coordinating with Diane McGeoch to plan Sunday, October 5th Trinity Hosting Cluster Confirmation class including walking Trinity New Hope.

Committees: I met with Gospel & Growth, Christian Ed, and Stewardship committees since our last meeting.

Congregational Activities: Church Campout July 25th – 27th. Trinity Game Night August 1st.

Personal: Still working with Chiropractor/Physical therapy after July 3rd car crash. My Mother and her father and sister came up for what will likely be his last trip to McCall. Grandpa Ted Johnson was born

and baptized in Nampa and his extended family herds sheep from McCall to Fruitland.

Synod: Stewardship Training August 14th. Meeting with the Candidacy Committee on Friday August 22, and with Phil Misner to catch up on Wednesday Aug 18th.

Tuesday Study Group: I lead the Tuesday study group through Psalms. We continue Psalms of Thanks.

Worship: We moved into Setting 10 In August and will move into "This is the feast" in October. The goal for General Season this year is to get me used to the three most common settings, 4, 10, and "This is the Feast". In our worship space our tree keeps growing, now with where we express gratitude for finding God at work in our lives.

Visits: Visited Trent Grover. Regular shut-in visits. Visted "Andy" from Ontario.

GIFT POLICY

Most of us are accustomed to giving to Trinity by putting some cash or a check in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Some of us arrange for our offerings to be sent directly from our paychecks or IRAs.; some of us use the QR code to send money from our smart phones. So, the concept of giving "money" makes sense to us. However, there are other ways to give--many of which we rarely think about. Things like stocks and bonds, real estate, copyrights, patents, jewelry; the list seems endless, but (in reality) it isn't. Why? Because some gifts are easy to receive and others, for a small nonprofit like a church, may be more difficult to deal with. With that issue in mind, 5 years ago Trinity created its "gift acceptance policy". This was reviewed and updated in 2022 and 2024. You can find a copy posted on the hallway bulletin board and also on the church website, in the "Give" tab under "Ways You Can Give". Take a few minutes to look at this policy and think about creative new ways to support your church!

2025 CAMP OUT

This year was another successful outing. The weather was perfect, there was no wildfire smoke, there were deer in the meadows and huckleberries on the slopes. We had 29 people attend, including 2 guests. Way too much good food was consumed. So many intergenerational conversations and activities occurred. We worshiped around the campfire and the thunder/lightning/windstorm waited to hit us until 10 minutes after the final "amen". In addition to all the healthy snacks transported to the Donnelly Public Library earlier in the year, we collected \$610 for the library's building

fund (watch for foundations to be poured soon!) Our thanks again to Steve and Julie Ward for preparing a place for us to gather and for generously sharing their mountain property with us.

GRATITUDE

At the church Camp Out in July, we had a Gratitude Jar. People were asked "what are YOU grateful for?" They wrote their answers down on pieces of paper (many shapes) and placed them in the jar. This was so much fun that we decided to give the whole congregation the opportunity to be included. On September 14th and 21st we will give you pieces of paper that YOU can use to identify what you are grateful for, and you will put them in the offering plate. Watch to see what happens later in the month. Please be thinking about your own gratitude journey and what you will write for our Gratitude Jar.

RALLY WEEKEND BARBECUE

We are all invited to gather on the church lawn on Saturday, September 6th at 6:00 pm for a "Kick off the Fall" barbecue. The burgers, hotdogs, condiments, water, plates and utensils are being furnished by Stewardship Team. We are asking attendees to bring lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert to share. During the summer, as is typical, many of us have been traveling or camping over the weekends; it feels like ages since we have seen each other, much less had the opportunity to catch up on each other's lives. So, watch the BSU/Eastern WA football game on Friday night; do a little yard work on Saturday morning, then show up at Trinity Saturday night to start the fall season off with your church family.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

It's now 2 months until the October 20th deadline for submitting your entries to this year's Advent devotional booklet! This may seem like a lot of time, but you know how busy the fall can get. We welcome submissions from Trinity's current and former members, and friends of the congregation. Long or short; comical or inspirational; personal or theological; expressing gratitude or admitting weakness. What is God nudging you to say this year? Our many thanks to Mary Braudrick for providing the artwork for our booklet, and to each of you who will submit your devotion to Edith Hannett, Tami Robinson or Penelope Smith.

PET BLESSING

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi falls on October 4th, which is a Saturday and the day of Boise State's football game against North Dakota.

Not the best time for a church event! So, we have set the date for *Trinity's annual Pet Blessing on the Lawn* for Wednesday evening, October 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. This is an ideal time to invite a friend or family member (it's outdoors; cuddly animals are involved; and there will be cookies). Bring your pet or bring photos of the pets you would like to have blessed remotely (God works that way, you know!) There will be a short service (thank you, Michala Mills, for bringing us prayers in the voices of the animals!) followed by blessings of the individual animals. We will have personalized certificates and paw-shaped cookies for both humans and dogs. Even if you are not "an animal person", this is a fun event, so please bring a lawn chair and join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you know how many people it takes to make a Sunday morning worship service happen--beyond the clergy, the office manager, and the paid musician, that is? More than you'd think. About 20 people for each Sunday, all 52 weeks of the year--plus more during Advent and Lent when we have mid-week services. And, beyond that, there are all the other ministries that happen during the other 166 hours of the week! With this in mind, the Stewardship Team will be asking both children and adults to let us know what YOU are willing and able to do in the upcoming year. Starting on October 5th, we will circulate "time and talent" aka "passions and gifts" sheets, asking you to circle what tasks we can count on you to do. Your responses will be given to the various teams tasked with organizing the Trinity ministries (Worship and Music; Property; Hospitality, etc.). Between now and 10/5, please be thinking about what you can do to keep us moving along!

9/11 REMEMBRANCE PATRIOT DAY

This holiday is observed each year to commemorate the lives lost in the 2001 terrorist attacks of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It serves as a day of remembrance for the nearly 3000 victims and honors the bravery of those who risked their lives during the tragic event. Where were you? What do you remember? How did this impact you?

PEACE DAY

Officially known as the International Day of Peace, it is observed annually on September 21. Established by the United Nations in 1981, this day is dedicated to promoting world peace and the absence of violence. It serves as a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all

differences and contribute to building a culture of peace.



**TUESDAY STUDY GROUP
PSALMS on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** Since February 11th this group

has been focusing 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 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 July - August
2024/2025**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
07/07	42	07/06	34
07/14	47	07/13	34
07/21	46	07/20	29
07/28	41	07/27	12
08/04	45	08/03	28
08/11	46	08/10	43
08/18	49	08/17	(N/A)
08/25	46	08/24	35
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**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)

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS**

Audit: Karen Bair (26), Cathy Winwood (25), Emily Bentley (27)
Endowment: Jeff Henderson (25), Edith Hannett (26), Julie Ward (27)
Memorial: Kallie Ziemer (25), Joyce Becht (26), Peggy Miller (27)
Nominating: Sierra Armbrust, Larry Mills, Sharon Jones, Pat Benoit
Mutual Ministry: Carl Radke, Jerry Armbrust, Bryce Quarve
Synod Assembly Voting Members: Jerry Armbrust & Cathy Winwood
Luther Heights Reps: Janet Metzger & Cathy Winwood



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that donated to August's Noisy Offering.

Thank you to everyone who made the Church Campout possible! Thank the Wards for being our gracious hosts.

Thank you, Penelope Smith, for all the planning, logistics, and energy you spend making everyone's stay relaxing.

Thank you, Kim Mills, for bringing all our worship supplies for Saturday's Travel liturgy.

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton	(Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)
Andrew Hanson	(Celiac – Karson Hanson)
Monica Perez	(friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Francis Frisbee	(recovering from surgery – Amanda Hanson)
Angel Bray	(Cancer is dormant – Margretta's granddaughter)
Vicki	(exhibiting terrible temper – Janie Stubson)
Eileen Warner	(Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke's Mom)
Karen Bair	(doing well, thanks for all the prayers!)
Linda Larson	(in treatment for lymphoma – Mary Braudrick)
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)
Linda Dombeck	(health issues – Mary Braudrick)
Gail Leininger	(recovering from shoulder surgery – Mary Helen)
Trent Glover	(recovering from a fall and surgery)
Mark	(recovering from knee surgery – Janie Stubson)

For Andrew	(from Elizabeth Schnabel)
For Berger Family	(mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)
For Klayton Hanson	(from Karson Hanson)
For Diana	(searching for employment – Elizabeth Schnabel)
For Chris & Cooper Koons	(hoping for good test results – Anita Koons)
For Jeff	(Son awaiting test results – Elwood & Fran Webb)
For Family of Amy Bal	(died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)
For Sharon Jones's family	(mourning loss of Sharon Jones)
For Family of Di Seba	(mourning loss of Diana Seba)
For Doug	(looking for employment – son of Tami Robinson)

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.

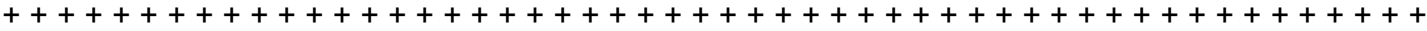
Trinity Servants For September 2025

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

	September 07 Pentecost 13	September 14 Holy Cross Day	September 21 Pentecost 15	September 28 Pentecost 16	October 05 Pentecost 17
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Karissa Armbrust	Pat Benoit	Pat Benoit	Karissa Armbrust	
<u>Crucifer</u>	Cedar Hilger	Aldwin Kellar	Steve VanAtter	Alexa Ward	
<u>Acolyte</u>	Aggie Klahn	Abigail Radke	Elizabeth Schnabel	Zander Radke	
<u>Reader</u>	Kristina Radke	Margretta Spady	Amanda Hanson	Tami Robinson	
<u>Children's Message</u>	Karissa Armbrust	Vicar Aaron	Steve VanAtter	Vicar Aaron	
<u>Music</u>	Bryce Leifeste	Karissa Armbrust	Bryce Leifeste	Bryce Leifeste	
<u>Audio/Streaming</u>	David Sheriff & Bryce Quarve	David Sheriff & Andrew Hanson	Andrew Hanson & Sarah Henthorn	Larry Mills & Sarah Henthorn	
<u>Greeters</u>	Radke Family	Steve & Julie Ward	Karen Bair & Penelope Smith	Hanson Family	
<u>Ushers</u>	The VanAtters	Elizabeth Schnabel & Penelope Smith	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	Jeff & Nancy Henderson	
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Beth Rasgorshek	Lloyd & Judy Kellar	The Benois	Kim Mills & Leninger	
<u>Offering Counters</u>	TBD	TBD	Cedar Hilger & Sierra Armbrust	Lloyd Kellar & Andrew Hanson	
<u>Fellowship</u>	Kristina Radke	TBD	TBD	Ardelle O'Bryan & Judy Kellar	
<u>Flowers</u>	The VanAtters	The VanAtters	Hannett	The VanAtters	
<u>Sunday School</u>					
<u>Wine</u> The VanAtters	<u>Eternal Candle</u> The VanAtters	<u>Communion Bread</u> Penelope Smith	<u>Church Cleaning</u> The VanAtters		

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar for **September 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1. Office Closed Labor Day	2. Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	3. Office 8:00 – Noon	4. Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	5. Office Closed	6. Office Closed 6pm Rally BBQ
7. Pentecost 13 8:30 am Potluck Breakfast 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time Grandparents Day	8. Office 8:00 – Noon	9. Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	10. Office 8:00 – Noon	11. Office 8:00 – Noon 6 pm Learning Peace meeting 6:30 pm Al-Anon Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance)	12. Office Closed	13. Office Closed
14. Holy Cross Day 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	15. Office 8:00 – Noon	16. Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group 7 pm Church Council	17. Office 8:00 – Noon	18. Office 8:00 – Noon 2pm Gospel & Growth meeting 6:30 pm Al-Anon	19. Office Closed	20. Office Closed
21. Pentecost 15 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time 12-3 pm D&D Session Peace Day	22. Office 8:00 – Noon 9:00 am Epistle Articles Due	23. Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	24. Office 8:00 – Noon	25. Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	26. Office Closed	27. Office Closed
28. Pentecost 16 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion (Noisy Offering) 11 am Fellowship Time	29. Office 8:00 – Noon	30. Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	1. Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30-8 pm Pet Blessing	2. Office 8:00 – Noon 6:30 pm Al-Anon	3. Office Closed	4. Office Closed
5. Pentecost 17 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	6. Office 8:00 – Noon	7. Office 8:00 – Noon Noon - Al-Anon 1-3 pm Study Group	8. Office 8:00 – Noon	9. Office 8:00 – Noon 6 pm Learning Peace meeting 6:30 pm Al-Anon	10. Office Closed	11. Office Closed



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