

**September 9-10, 2023**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**WELCOME TO TRINITY!** We are very happy that you are here to worship with us today. Trinity Lutheran Church and Nursery School believes that we are called to be "ALWAYS GROWING IN CHRIST" and we want to do everything possible to help you grow. We pray that the Gospel you hear today will take root in your life and do just that, grow.

**THE LORD'S TABLE:** We believe that the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. If you believe likewise, please join us at the altar when it is time to celebrate this holy meal. Even if you do not believe as we do, we still welcome all adults and children to come forward at Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor. Just decline the wafer at Holy Communion and Pastor will give you a blessing. Please note, the centering of the tray of individual cups is non-alcoholic wine.

**Budget Offerings**

Rec'd last week: \$4058.00 **July** E-Offering: \$4204.50 Avg weekly deficit: \$500.00  
We need \$5 more per week, per household, to meet our budget goals for 2023.

**Attendance** Saturday 12, communed 12; Sunday 82 communed 72

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In thankfulness and praise from Donna Stubbs

**NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The sermon is titled "Forgiveness: It's Not An Option," and the hymn of the day is "Come Down, O Love Divine" (LSB 501). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Introit	Ps. 143:1-2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9	<i>My Soul Thirsts for You</i>
Old Testament	Genesis 50:15-21	<i>God's Good Purposes</i>
Epistle	Romans 14:1-12	<i>Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another</i>
Gospel (sermon text)	Matthew 18:21-35	<i>The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant</i>

**HYMN OF THE DAY and CLOSING HYMN** were both written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), an English Congregationalist pastor, theologian, and logician. Watts wrote over 750 hymns, including such favorites as "Joy to the World," "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Watts is recognized as the "Godfather of English Hymnody."

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP** There will be a Potluck this month for the **Wednesday Fellowship Group** will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th** immediately following Pastor Allyn's Bible Study. If interested, please sign up in the Narthex next to the Usher's Closet. This month we will need assistance with set up & clean up as well. Thank you ~ Bd. of Human Care.

**LWML MITE BOXES** Don't forget to bring your filled Mite box to church on Sunday!

**ST MATTHEW PASSION** Come to the Trinity Center at 9:15 am today, to learn about this masterpiece by Bach. This work is an important contribution to sacred music from our own Lutheran tradition. For more information, contact Mary Stahlke (708-552-1271 or [mary@trinityvp.com](mailto:mary@trinityvp.com)).

**DORCAS GUILD** will meet on **Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30pm**. All ladies are invited to join us for a salad supper in the Trinity Center.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 26, OCTOBER 3, 10 @ 4:00 - 6:00 THE PROJECTS**

The Projects after-school program for middle school kids will be meeting again this fall. We'll focus on making care packages for people with cancer as well as other projects in our kitchen, craft room, and workshop. If you know of any junior high kids who are looking for something meaningful to do after school, tell them about The Projects! Also, we always welcome new mentors who like working with middle school youth. Contact Judy Bruschuk if you're interested in being a part of The Projects. 630-220-6364 or [jbruschuk@aol.com](mailto:jbruschuk@aol.com)

**GOLF OUTING** will be on **Sept. 23rd**. Please sign up for golf and/or dinner today! Gather your friends and join us to golf. We need **GOLFERS**. Looking for partners to make foursomes as well as foursomes.

**We need SPONSORSHIPS.** We are looking for 2 more hole sponsors to reach our goal of \$5000.00. Direct any questions to Margaret.

**T-SHIRTS & POLOS FOR SALE:** Get your Trinity gear in the Narthex! \$24 for t-shirts, \$30 for polos. Green and Gray colors available.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE MILITARY** Please fill out Christmas Cards in the Operation Barnabas Room to send to our active men and women in the military in October. They will be sent to the chaplains to give out. Leave them on the table. Thank you from Chaplain Heroes.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Altar flowers are needed beginning **October 8th**. Please clearly mark your envelope "Altar Flowers" with your donation of \$30.00.



**THOSE WHO SERVE September 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**Keyboard / Organ:** 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead    **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke  
**Vocalists:**            **8:00** Heidi Alvarez                    **10:30** Greg Billing  
**Lay Assistants:**        **8:00** Darren Taylor  
                                 **10:30** Kate Ilcken & Jodie Esposito  
**Acolytes:**                **8:00** Jacob Bruschuk & Cruz Collins        **10:30** David Sullivan  
**Ushers:**                    **4:30** Craig Musa  
                                 **8:00** Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel  
                                 **10:30-** Gary Buehre, Rich Kumnick, Barbara Wolski  
**Greeters:**                **8:00** Celeste Golz                    **10:30** Bob & Diane Devermann  
**Altar Guild**                Marilyn Felz & Cindy Weber

**THOSE WHO SERVE September 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**Keyboard / Organ:** 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead    **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke  
**Vocalists:**                **8:00** Kate Ilcken                        **10:30** Jonathan Stahlke  
**Lay Assistants:**        **8:00** Donna Stubbs                    **10:30** John Dorn & Greg Billing  
**Acolytes:**                **8:00** Hank Pavlovsky                **10:30** Caleb Ilcken / Garrett May  
**Ushers:**                    **4:30** Bert Dale        **8:00** Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock  
                                 **10:30** Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore  
**Greeters:**                **8:00** Cliff & Olinda Sperry    **10:30** Nancy Rex  
**Altar Guild**                Marilyn Felz & Cindy Weber