TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 ~ 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

The Rev. Kurt C. Wiesner, *Preaching & Presiding*

Trinity's Mission: *to follow Christ through the ministries of worship, education, and service.*
Trinity's Vision: *to be a major Christian presence in the Highland Lakes area, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We're delighted to have you with us today! Please fill out a Visitors' Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

If you're new to the Episcopal service, people generally (but are not required) to:

- Stand to sing hymns, say the creeds, and hear the Gospel.
- Sit for readings, the sermon, and music.
- Stand or kneel for prayer.

Our 10:30 AM service includes music; the earlier service is spoken.

We're glad you're here and hope you'll join us again.

To learn more about Trinity and the Episcopal tradition, please speak with the Reverend.



Our congregation welcomes children in worship.

We believe every sound and movement is part of our shared praise—each child's joyful noise blesses us all!

If you need to step out with your child during the service, a space is set aside in the foyer—but please feel free to return when ready.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Prelude

✠ The Processional *O day of radiant gladness* *Hymnal 48*

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, living God.

✠ **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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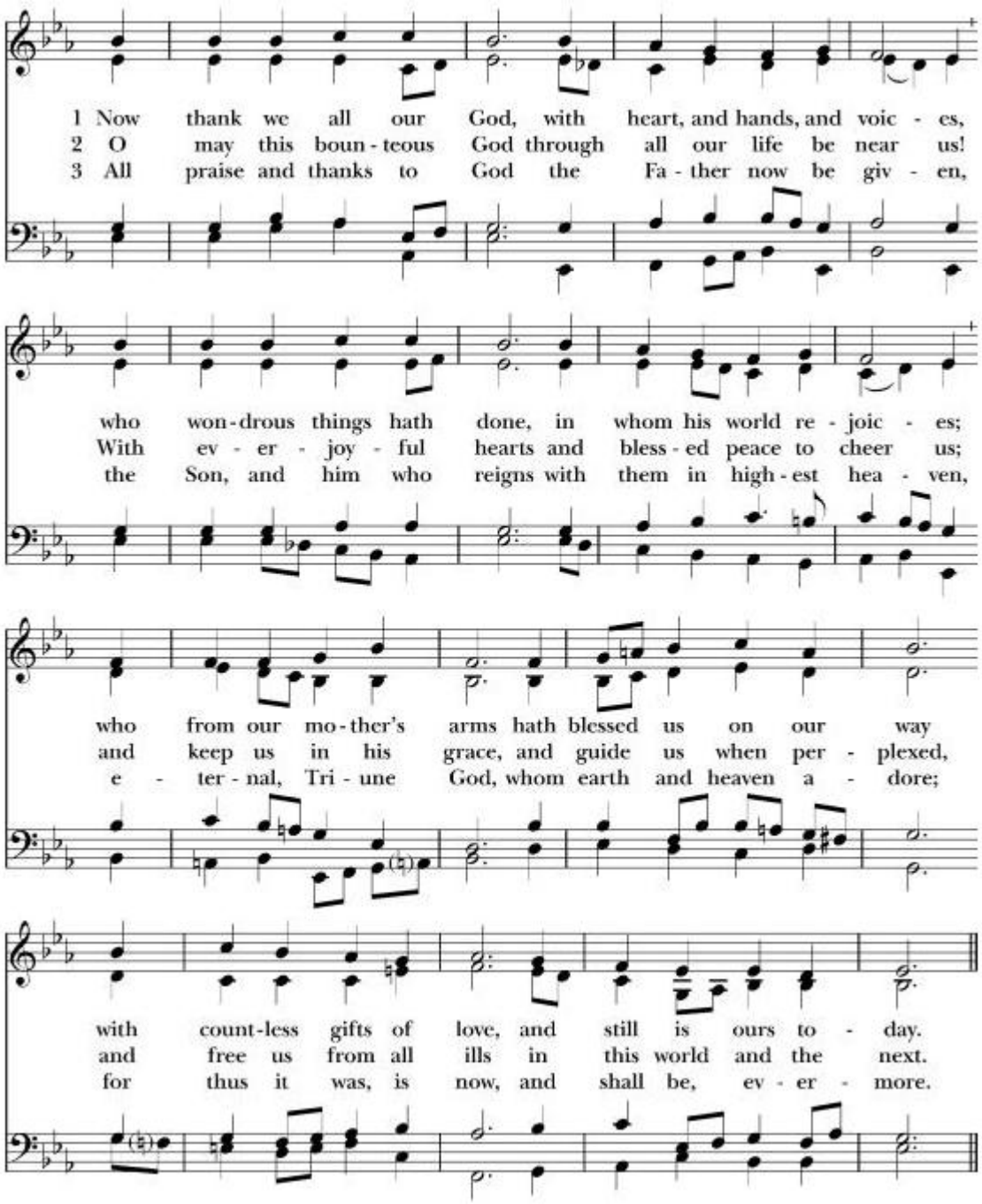
✠ **Hymn of Praise** *Now thank we all our God* *Hymnal 397*



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

✠ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading *Isaiah 55:10–13*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

✠ The Psalm 65:1-14 *(The People say the Psalm)*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

**You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.**

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

**You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.**

**You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.**

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.**

The Second Reading *Romans 8:1–11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God**.

The Sequence Hymn *God is love, let heaven adore him* *Hymnal 379*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *The Rev. Kurt Wiesner*

The Nicene Creed

✠ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People — Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

✠ **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

✠ **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

✠ **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

✠ **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

✠ **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers;

✠ **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

✠ **For your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays:

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, all first responders, and all who labor for justice and peace in the world.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

✠ **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

✠ **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

✠ **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements and Prayer for a Birthday and other milestones

✠ **Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Offertory—8:15am

All things come of thee, O Lord,

✠ **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Offertory—10:30am

✠The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3
Enriching Our Worship

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you**.

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

✠ The Sanctus

8:15 AM (spoken) 10:30 AM *(sung)* Hymnal S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

✠ **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
✠ **Rising, you restored our life.**
✠ **Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

✠ **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,	**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,**
hallowed be thy Name,	**santificado sea tu Nombre,**
thy kingdom come,	**venga tu reino,**
thy will be done,	**hágase tu voluntad,**
on earth as it is in heaven.	**en la tierra como en el cielo.**
Give us this day our daily bread.	**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**
And forgive us our trespasses,	**Perdona nuestras ofensas,**
as we forgive those who	**como también nosotros perdonamos**
trespass against us.	**a los que nos ofenden.**
And lead us not into	**No nos dejes caer en tentación**
temptation,	**y líbranos del mal.**
but deliver us from evil.	**Porque tuyo es el reino,**
For thine is the kingdom,	**tuyo es el poder,**
and the power, and the glory,	**y tuya es la gloria,**
for ever and ever.	**ahora y por siempre.**
Amen.	**Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. Those worshiping virtually are invited to say the following prayer while communion is being distributed to the in-person gathering :

✠ Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. Loving you above all things, we long to be united to you in love. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Adapted from St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

✠ The Communion Hymns

Blessed Jesus, at thy word *Hymnal 440*
Lord make us servants of your peace *Hymnal 593*

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

✠ **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

✠ The Recessional *There's a wideness in God's mercy* *Hymnal 470*

The Dismissal

The Priest announces the dismissal, after which the People respond:

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

The altar flowers are dedicated to
the Glory of God and in
Celebration of 54th Anniversary
by Bob & Nannette Watkins

Ministers in the Lord's Service

	8:15am	10:30am
Preacher & Presider	**Rev. Kurt Wiesner**	**Rev. Kurt Wiesner**
Organist		**Georgia Parsons**
Acolyte	**David Hinton**	**Bernadette Ellis**
Lector	**Peggy Russell**	**Kathi Walker**
Chalice Bearer		**Phil Cavness**
		Lee Parmeter
Vestry Host	**Beverly Bowen**	**Beverly Bowen**
Ushers	**Michael Gay**	**Basil Bigbie**
		David Waldo
		Nannette Watkins
Altar Guild	**Jean Burton**	**Suzanne Bigbie**
		Celia Manlove
AV-video		**Bob Watkins**
AV-audio		**Dave Ellis**

Trinity News

2nd Quarter Giving Statements

Second Quarter Giving Statements were **emailed on Tuesday, June 30** (with a few sent in regular mail). Please be on the lookout for your statement. If you do not receive it or notice any errors, please contact the office. Thank you for your faithful giving and support!

Bishop Ryan Visit August 23rd
Confirmation/Reception Opportunity

The Rt. Rev. Kay Ryan will preside and preach for Trinity's annual Bishop visit.

Are you interested in formally/liturgically becoming an Episcopalian? Please ask Rev. Kurt about the nature of the opportunity and to plan for the service.

Forward Day by Day—
Daily Devotions for Disciples

Looking for daily inspiration and spiritual growth? ***Forward Day by Day*** is a perfect companion to deepen your faith and stay grounded in God's word. With short, thoughtful reflections and scripture, it offers a meaningful pause in your day. Start each day with clarity, peace, and a renewed sense of purpose.

The **next issue** of both regular & large print booklets for **Aug/Sep/Oct** are now **available** in Narthex and office. Pick up your copy today and experience the power of daily devotion!

Also available **FREE** online: https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/home

Let's stay informed and in touch!

Altar Flowers Sign-Up

Sponsor altar flowers for Sunday worship in memory or honor of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or in thanksgiving. Your dedication will be included in the bulletin.

Several 2026 Sundays are still available—sign up soon to reserve a date that is meaningful to you! The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

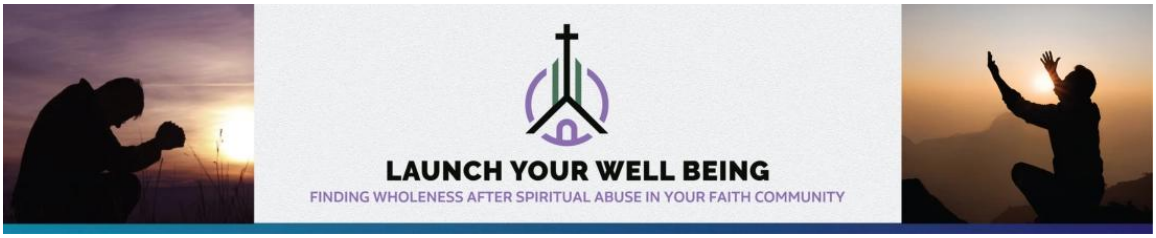
Thank you for supporting this ministry of beauty and remembrance.

Follow Rev. Dorothy Gremillion's Blog:
Launch Your Well Being

The Rev. Dorothy Gremillion invites you to explore her online ministry, **Launch Your Well Being**, created especially for those who have experienced spiritual abuse within their faith community. Through thoughtful reflections and practical encouragement, the blog offers hope and healing for those seeking a path toward wholeness.

Motto: *Finding Wholeness after Spiritual Abuse in Your Faith Community.*

To read her weekly blog, visit " launchyourwellbeing.com " and sign up. It's free.



Online Giving Now Includes Google Pay

We are pleased to announce that **Google Pay is now** available on Trinity's Online Giving page. Simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera and follow the prompts to make your gift quickly and securely. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Trinity.

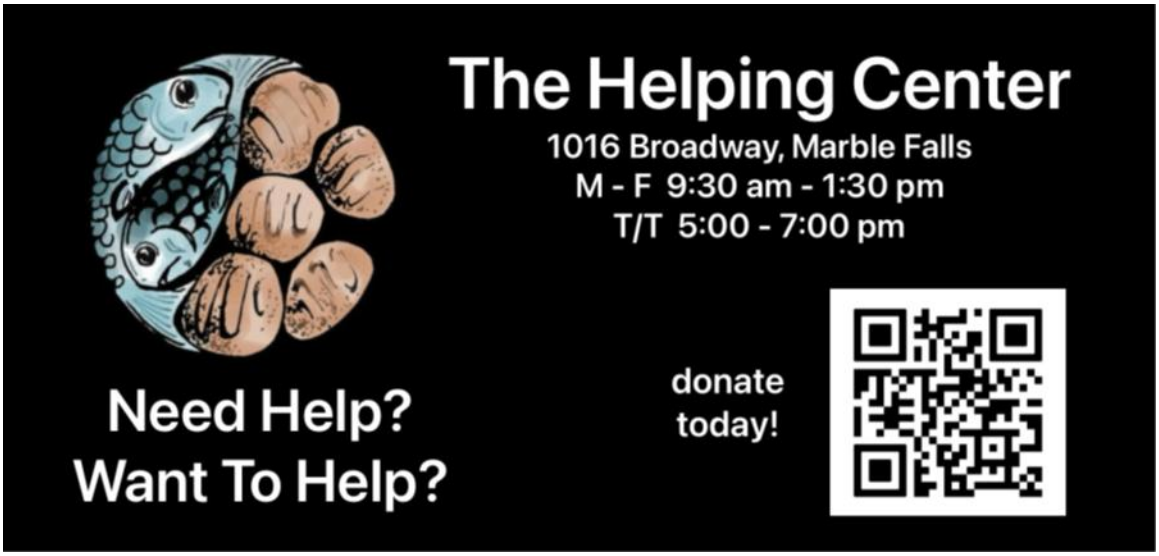
Sunday Sweets Sign-Up

Our Sunday Sweets calendar is looking a little bare, and we need your help! Providing treats for fellowship time is a simple but important ministry that helps create a warm, welcoming atmosphere where members and visitors can connect after worship.

Many dates are still open, and without volunteers, we may not be able to offer refreshments on some Sundays. Whether it's cookies, donuts, coffee cake, or another favorite treat, every contribution makes a difference. Signing up for just one Sunday is a wonderful way to share in the hospitality of our church family.

Treats may be dropped off in the office by Thursday at 2:00 p.m. or brought to the kitchen by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Please take a moment to check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and choose an available date. Thank you for helping make fellowship time a welcoming and meaningful part of our Sunday mornings!



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 12

8:15am Spoken Eucharist Service
10:30am Eucharist Service with music

Monday, July 13

1:30pm Foundation Quarterly Meeting
4:15pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

9:00am Worship in the Courtyard (Morning Prayer)

Wednesday, July 15

9:00am Men's Bible Study

Next Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 19 ~ Food Pantry Sunday

8:15am Spoken Eucharist Service
10:30am Eucharist Service with music

Tuesday, July 21

9:00am Worship in the Courtyard (Morning Prayer)

Wednesday, July 22

9:00am Men's Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Monday, August 10

4:15pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

9:30am Daughters of the King Meeting

Thursday, August 13

3:00am Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 16 – Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 23 – Bishop Ryan's Annual Visit

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