



Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 31, 2025
12th Week after Pentecost
Outdoor Service

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

Arr. Leila Viss

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: **Amen.**

Eleanor Farjeon

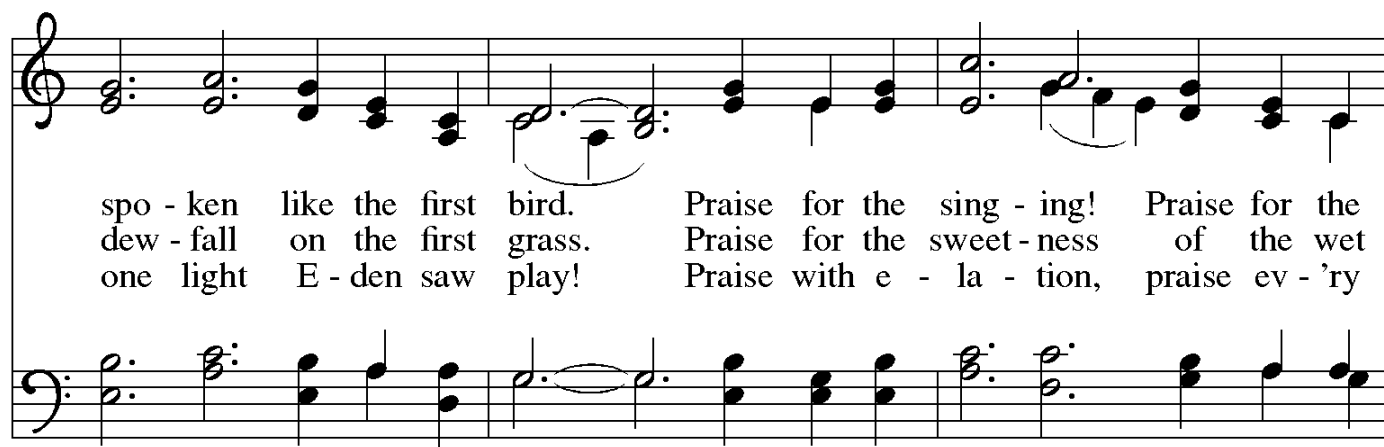
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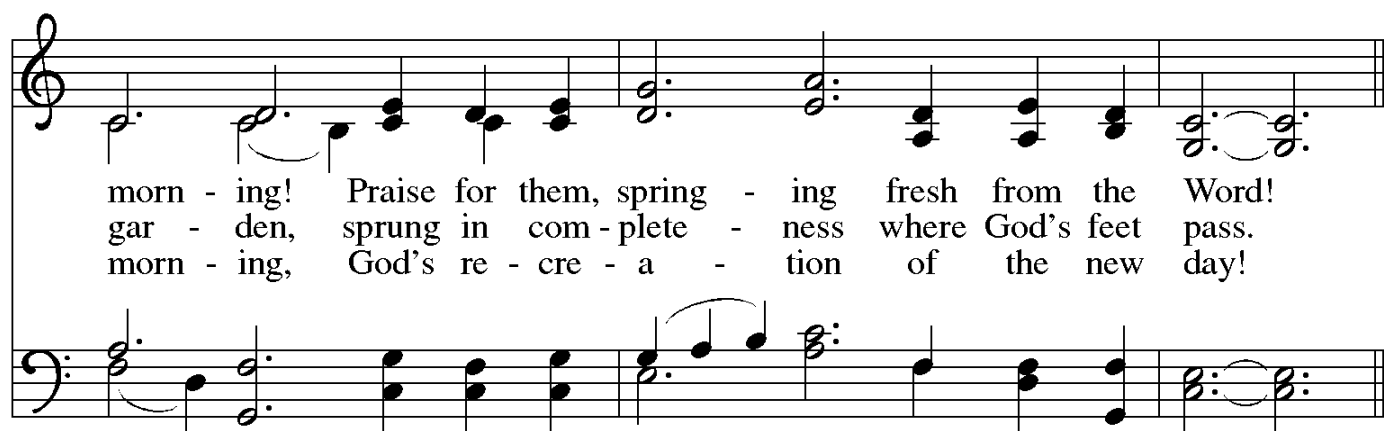
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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KID'S SERMON & OFFERING

READING

JEREMIAH 2:4-13

L: A reading from Jeremiah 2

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? ⁶ They did not say, "Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸ The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. ⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the LORD, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

L: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor,

the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Christ.

SERMON

Vicki Volbrecht

HYMN OF DAY

“Borning Cry”

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John C. Ylvisaker

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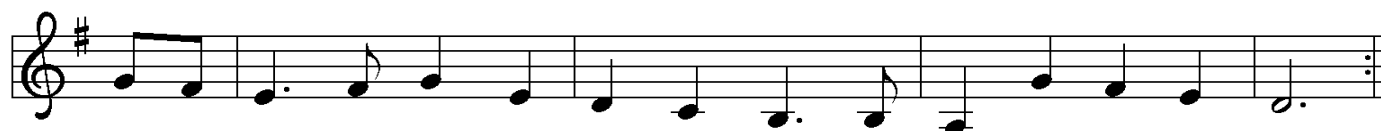
- 1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
- 2 “When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



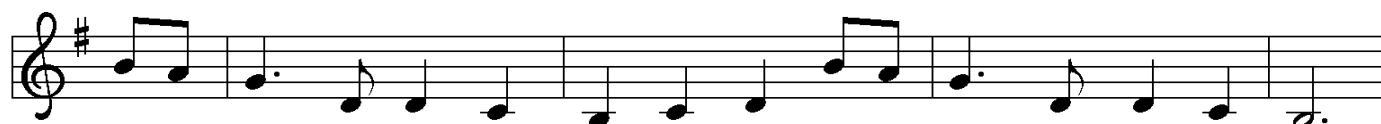
I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



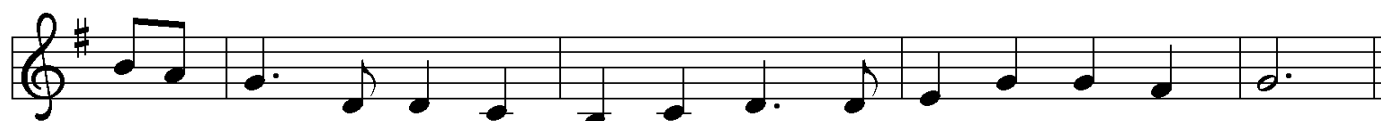
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.”
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



- 4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and
 the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Hear us, O God,
C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for
the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts
C: We lift them up to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

"Sing Hallelujah"

Linda Stassen
arr. Mark Hayes

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

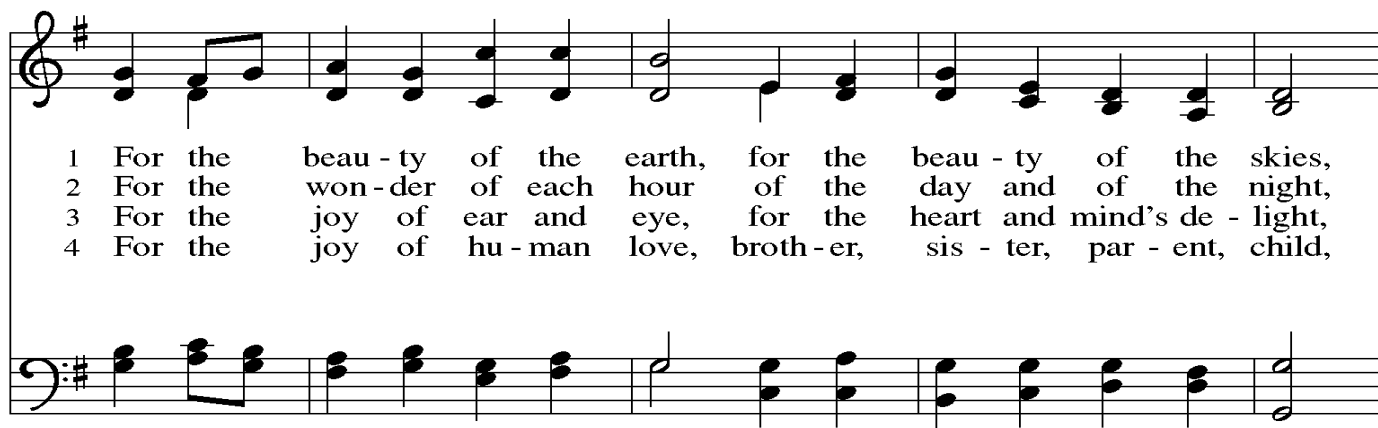
SENDING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

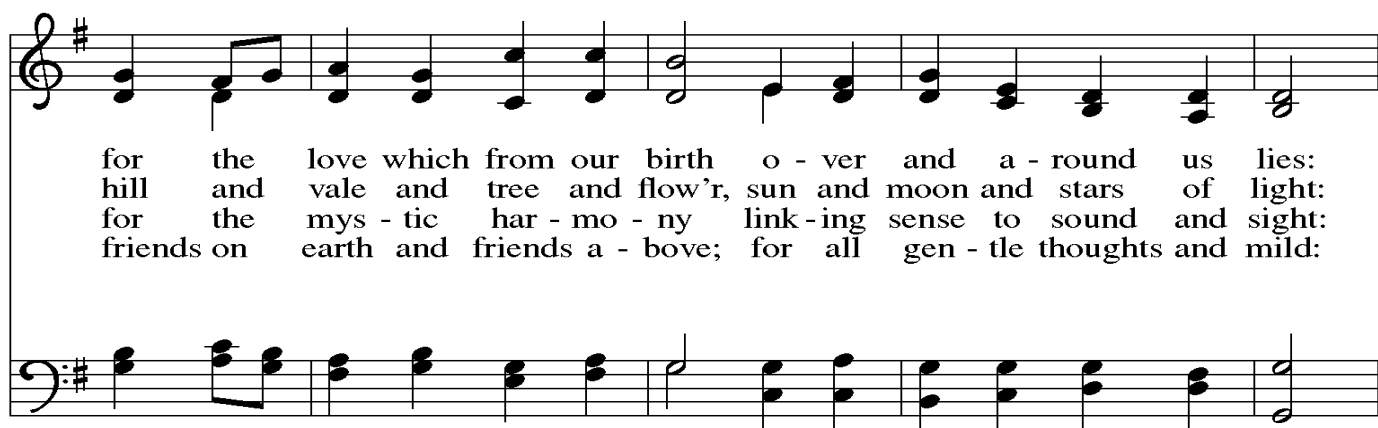
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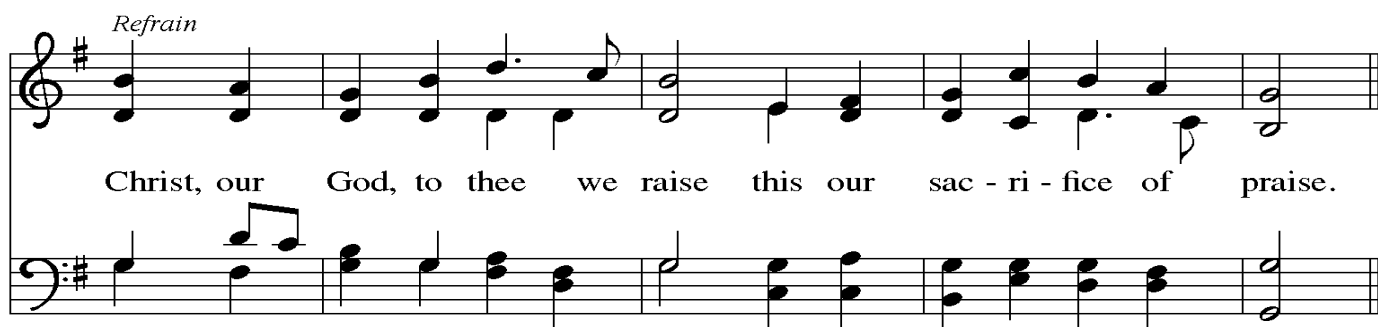


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"I'll Fly Away"

arr. Mark Hayes
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Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Prayer List

Members

Jean Purath

Kathy Gauger

Dale Gorsky

Sara Mullarkey

Steve Cobb

Patty Telleen

Shirley Garvin

Cooper Hopkins

Mary Ann Armstrong

Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Susan McColl, friend of Vicki & Jim Volbrecht

David Horton, brother of Sara Mullarkey

Jim Belak, son-in-law of Barbara Baggs

David Tomaschow, brother-in-law of Amy Jo Martinson

Barbara Pardo, mother of Cheryl Dolan

Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey

Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart

Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben

Carlos Alers, friend of Sara & Peter Mullarkey

Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann

Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (September 1) Labor Day
Offices Closed

Tuesday (September 2)
7:30a Men's Breakfast @ Breakfast Club
5:30p Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2/Zoom
6:15p 301FP Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2/Zoom

Wednesday (September 3)
9-2p TLC Preschool
6:30p Chancel Choir

Thursday (September 4)
9a Bible Study-Room 2
11a 301FP Clergy Mtg-Fireside

Friday (September 5)
9-2p TLC Preschool
10 am Quilting Group

Saturday (September 6)
5 pm Worship

Sunday (September 7) Rally Day!
Stewardship campaign begins!
9a Adult Forum-Room 2
9a Confirmation-Room 8
9a Sunday School-Room 3
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

In Ministry Today

Presiding: Rev. Rich Fennig
Preaching: Vicki Volbrecht
Worship Assistant: Gerry Olsen
Welcome Table Host: Steph Dugger
Fellowship Host: Ron & Cheryl Smith
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Prayer Writer: Ronda Simmons
Communion Team: Liz & Paul Johnson
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Sunday, September 14 @ 3pm
Free Organ Concert showcasing our
301 Musicians!

Saturday, September 27
October Fest from 6-9pm for
Habitat for Humanity

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.



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