# The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost August 31, 2025

#### One service



# Welcome to All Worshippers Today

No matter where you come from or what you're going through,

No matter what you believe or what you doubt,

No matter whom you love;

You are welcomed to this place

To be met by a God who knows you by name,

Who knows your heart and mind,

And who wants to have a relationship with **YOU!** 

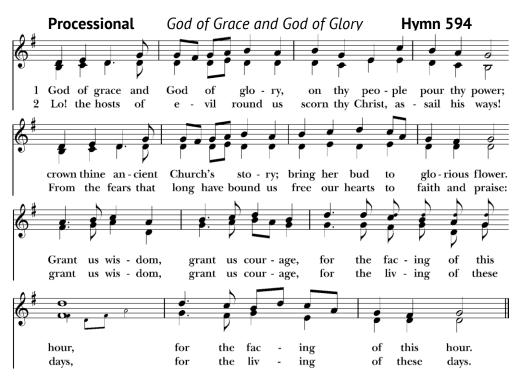
# **Church of the Holy Trinity**

www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com

#### Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests

We are excited to offer a fully staffed Nursery for our smallest guests. Feel free to entrust your children up to age 4 to our nursery staff. Then pick them up after the service.

#### Prelude & Welcome



Summer Sunday Chapel: We invite children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to follow the cross out to the children's chapel room after the processional. They will rejoin us at the announcement time for communion.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

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*.

The Gloria Hymn S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

**BCP 233** 

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah 2:4-13

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 5Thus 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? <sup>6</sup>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?" <sup>7</sup>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. 8The 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. <sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. <sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care: see if there has ever been such a thing.

11Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.
12Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,
13for 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81 responsively by whole verse BCP 704

<sup>1</sup>Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

<sup>11</sup>"But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

<sup>12</sup>So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

<sup>13</sup>O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

<sup>14</sup>Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

<sup>15</sup>Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

<sup>16</sup>I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

#### A Reading from a letter to the Hebrews

13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

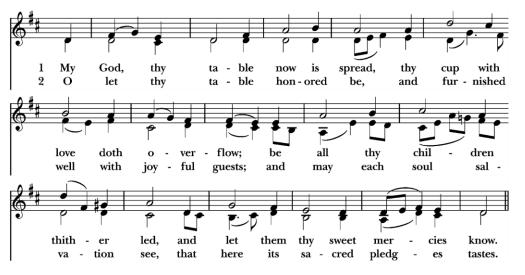
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



#### Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"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; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For all who

exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>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 or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Rev. John Long

Nicene Creed All stand. BCP 358

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 worshiped 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

**BCP 387** 

- V. Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
- R. That we all may be one.
- V. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- R. That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
- R. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
- V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
- *R.* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- V. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- R. That our works may find favor in your sight.
- V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
- *R.* That they may be delivered from their distress.

- V. Give to the departed eternal rest;
- R. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- V. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
- R. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- V. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

  In the silence people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

**Confession of Sin** Please kneel as you are able. **BCP p. 360** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Peace** (please greet each other)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## **Announcements & Blessings**

**Offertory** All Creatures of our God and King Susan Zwickle

# The Great Thanksgiving

**BCP 361** 

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus (sung)

Hymn S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. The people stand, sit, or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

All Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. Follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. If you would like communion brought to you, please inform the ushers.

If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, please come forward and a priest will bless you and/or your kids.

Offering plates are placed at the front on each side so we might bring our gifts as we come forward.



Wine and wafer packets are available. Simply take one from the tray, and then discard the packaging in the designated area when you return to your pew.



To instead receive a wafer, place your hands in front of you, slightly overlapping. The priest will place a wafer in your palm.



Two options exist for receiving wine.

If you wish to use the common cup, reach out and guide the large chalice to your mouth.



If you wish to dip your wafer in the wine, hold it in front of you, and then dip your wafer in the small chalice.

# The Closing Prayer

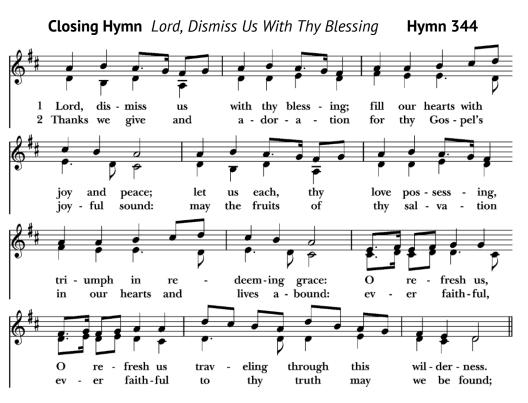
**BCP 366** 

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

# The Blessing



#### Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!* 

#### **Postlude**

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Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for our dedicated Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers by Jane Janesch.

Bless them all.

## **Serving Today**

<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Chalice	
Sue Everett	Bob Hillyer	Altar Guild
TBA	John Schomerus	Nancy Stara
	TBA	Sue Carraher
Lectors	Rev. Dr. Clay Lein	
Mary Lu Long	Rev. Verneda Kelly	Coffee Shepherd
Don Rabbe	Rev John Long	John Schomerus

# Check the Box that Applies to You!

- I'd like to be more connected to others.
- □ Deeper friendships matter to me.
- I don't have time for big time commitments.
- ☐ The people at Church seem nice enough.

If you checked any of these boxes, then you might want to consider Holy Trinity Dinner Circles. Dinner Circles are a group of 6-8 adults who meet for a meal together FOUR times over the next FIVE months. (That's between September 2025 and February 2026.)



All you need to do is register today and we'll connect you with a group. One of the group will be responsible for checking schedules and kicking it all off. Dinner (or lunch) can happen anywhere that works for the group.

In the process you'll get "more connected," "deeper friendships," no "big commitments," and dinner with some "nice people."

Sign up in church, or email <a href="mailto:Sbeverett51@gmail.com">Sbeverett51@gmail.com</a>



# LPS Emergency Pantry at Bryan Community

Sign up is located on the NEW Community Ministry table in the South Entrance

# Parent's Night Out - September 12th 6-9pm

This month it's "Beyond the Pool." We'll have games and activities with the kids. And give you the night off.

**Ages:** 3yrs thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cost: \$10/child, Max of \$20/family

**Times:** 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Register by 9/10 at: <a href="https://www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com">www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com</a>



# Sunday School for ALL Kicks off September 7, 2025!



# And For Adults.... Sign Up for His Story Today

### Then Let's Dig Deeper into His Story Together

**His Story** is a one-year guided journey through the Bible in chronological order. Together, we will read selected highlights averaging about 35 verses a day. They will trace the story of



the Bible from beginning to end in the order it all happened.

### Sign up today:

- Via email to Sue Everett at <u>SBEverett51@gmail.com</u>
- On our Website at <u>www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com</u>
- Or on one of the sign-up sheets at the back of the church

**Weekly Email:** Each Monday we'll send you an email with the information you need for that week. It will include a listing of the passages we'll all be reading that week. It will some background information to help you put it into perspective and some video resources to dive deeper into that week's story.

**Sunday Morning Discussion Group:** Each Sunday, from 9:15 to 10:15 am, you are invited to drop into the Memorial Room for a Small Group discussion about what's going on and how does that fit into our lives today.

**More Resources:** To get the big picture and see how it all fits together, we are offering a full-color notebook binder filled with charts, maps, outlines and summaries. It is a complete reference library in one volume. (Cost = \$10)

So, please join the rest of us at Holy Trinity as we take this journey and discover **His Story!** 

# September Activities for Children and Youth:

Fri Sep 12 Parents Night Out 6-9pm

Sat Sep 13 Youth Game Day 11am-2pm

Wed Sep 17 Youth Group Study 7-8:30pm

Sun Sep 21 3rd Sunday Family Worship 10:30am

Youth Group Lunch 11:30-1









# Come Play Bridge September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

All levels of Bridge players are welcome on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact

Nancy Machmer at (618 704 4231) or <a href="mailto:namach2020@gmail.com">namach2020@gmail.com</a> to sign up.



# Daughters of the King September 17, 2025, 4pm

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 4pm-5pm in the Memorial Room

To all Daughters of the King and any interested ladies, contact MaryLu Long 402-429-1021 with any questions.

Seniors Coffee Hour September 22, 2025 @ 2pm in the Memorial Room

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 2:00pm we'll enjoy coffee, snacks, fellowship and a chance to learn more about the world around us.

For more information contact Rev. Verneda 402-310-5854



# New Member Lunch September 21 @ 11:30

We've had so many new people join us

here at Holy Trinity in the last couple of years. We want to celebrate you and help connect you with what's going on in your church.

We'll meet other people, get to hear stories of what God is doing, and talk about how we can help you connect into your church.

Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:sbeverett51@gmail.com">sbeverett51@gmail.com</a>

# Chalice Bearers, Greeters and Ushers Needed for Sunday Worship

Please consider joining the team of volunteers that make Sunday mornings happen. You'll be helping others and enriching your own worship experience. Training will be provided.



Ushers and greeters are the first people encountered when you enter the church for services. They are the face of Holy Trinity in a very tangible way.

If you feel called to serve in these ways at the 8:00 or 10:30 am services please do let us know by emailing Nicole at <a href="https://hotspaces.com">HolyTrinity10@Yahoo.com</a>



# The West Entrance is Officially Under Construction!

Please use the south entrance, by the circle driveway or east entrance by the kitchen when entering the building.

Parking is available on the south and east side.

# Justice in Action is Listening Again!

In 2022 we helped start a new, interfaith coalition with 25 other faith communities. It's called "Justice in Action."



Over that time we've conducted hundreds of listening sessions and heard about the things that matter to you. Together, we took those inputs and mobilized concrete actions around three Justice areas. Those focal points are:

Affordable Housing
Adult Pre-Trial Diversion
Mental Health Resource Navigation program

These programs are just the beginning of what we, as part of Justice in Action, can see changed for good in our community.

But where do we need to act next? What issue keeps you awake at night? Or where do you feel we need to focus to make Lincoln BETTER?

Please help us by making your VOICE heard! Join us for one of these House Meetings and share what you think.

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm – Memorial Room (No RSVP required)

**Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am** – Memorial Room w/coffee & donuts (No RSVP required)

**Sunday, Oct. 19 @ 2:00 pm** – Memorial Room (No RSVP required)

Need a prayer? Text or call the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain (531) 280-8515 or Email <a href="mailto:holytrinityprayer10@gmail.com">holytrinityprayer10@gmail.com</a> to ask for immediate prayers or become involved in our prayer chain.

Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain will include them on our list for a total of two weeks. Please help keep us updated.

This week we pray for: Shannon; Don; Sara; Mike & Cheri; Carrie C; Amy; Alessa; Devyn; Jim; Paul, Ward, Lynn, Kevin; Pat H.; Sergio; JoAnn, Deana, Natalie, Mary T., Lindsey; Kacie and her small children; John C.; Amy; Sabrina; John B & family; Wade; George; Joseph; Bob B; Tami; Lucy, Aaron; Charlene; Marlene P.; Josh; Opal S.; Shawn; Richie F; Ann H.; Dow C.; Donna; Jackie H; Christopher; Tom H; Madison.

#### In Thanksgiving we pray for August Birthdays

- 4 Lincoln McCully, 5 Emily Reese, 8 Paula Noble, 9 Vicki White
- 10 Jane Janesch, 10 Zachariah Reese, 13 Michael Cover,
- 13 Marlene Perkins, 17 Marlys Jones, 18 Eugenia Bornemeier,
- 22 Anne Gasper, 24 Gregory Bernt, 26 Ed Love,
- 27 Jenny Winter.

### This This Week at Holy Trinity

#### Sun Aug 31, 2025

10am Holy Eucharist (S) 10am Online Livestream Service 10am Summer Sunday Chapel (CC) 11am Pot Luck 1:30pm Dinka Language Worship 1:30pm Sudanese Sunday School

# Mon Sep 1, 2025 Labor Day Offices Closed

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 6pm EFM (PH)

#### Tue Sep 2, 2025

12pm AA (U) 6:30pm Community Bells (BR) 8pm Tues AA (U)

#### Wed Sep 3, 2025

6am Adult Bells (BR) 9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 12pm Al Anon (MR)

#### Thu Sep 4, 2025

12pm Thursday AA (U)

#### Fri Sep 5, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

#### Sat Sep 6, 2025

(6:30pm UNL Home FB Game)

#### Sun Sep 7, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am Adult Sunday School Starts
9:15am Sunday School Starts
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Online Livestream Service
10:30am Summer Sunday Chapel
1:30pm Dinka Language
Communion

PH-Parish Hall
S-Sanctuary
MR-Memorial Room
CC-Children's Chapel
LGR-Large Group Room (downstairs)
CR- Choir Room (downstairs)
U-Undercroft/Downstairs
BR-Bell Room

Find the updated calendar of events

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church |
Calendar



The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein, Rector
The Rev. Verneda Kelly, Pastoral Care Coordinator
The Rev. John Long, II, Deacon
Loretta Love, Music Director & Organist
Nancy Youngman, Hand Bell Choir Director
Nicole Sherer, Parish Administrator
Darby Davidson, Children & Youth Ministry Director
Jane Janesch, Children's Ministry Lead
Jill Lein, Children's Ministry Lead
Sue Everett, Ministry Coordinator
Harve Evans, Sexton
Garang Deng, A/V Coordinator
Rebecca Schultz, Finance Administrator
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