

# TRINITY TIDINGS



Living faithfully + Renewing hope + Sharing God's Love

## *Time after Pentecost to Christ the King Sunday October and November 2025*



Behold, behold, I make all things new  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ, the Way

-John L. Bell

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## Greetings to Our Readers

If you are reading this newsletter from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hasbrouck Heights and are either looking for a church home or you are just interested in finding out more about what goes on at Holy Trinity, we invite you to come and worship with us, to visit our website or to call the church office. We continue to provide a virtual worship opportunity via Zoom for anyone who is unable to attend in person. Pastor Susan can be reached at the office or by email and the information you will need to contact her is in the box below. If you should call the office and get our answering machine, please be assured that your call will be returned at our first available moment. As always, we look forward to welcoming both newcomers and people we haven't seen in a while.

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

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**10:30 AM - Sunday Service  
of Holy Communion**

**If you would like to join us via Zoom for  
worship, please email Pastor Susan at  
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We welcome your suggestions and comments concerning our newsletter, its format, etc. Please email or call the church office with your comments and suggestions. To view our calendar, go to...

[holyltrinityhasbrouckheights.com/upcoming-events](http://holyltrinityhasbrouckheights.com/upcoming-events)



## Center for Food Action

Thank you to all who continue to donate non-perishable food and other items to the Center for Food Action. There is currently a high demand for first aid items, personal hygiene products, as well as diapers and baby food. If you are interested in volunteering to transport the donations to The Center for Food Action, please contact **Anastasia** in the Church office at 201-288-6889 or [htlchhnj@gmail.com](mailto:htlchhnj@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Can Tabs

Please keep saving those aluminum soda/beer tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. No, it does not buy hamburgers. It supports short-term housing for relatives of hospitalized children. There is a container in the lobby on the windowsill to collect them. To learn more about the Ronald McDonald House, please visit: [www.rmhc.org/](http://www.rmhc.org/) Many thanks for your continued support!.



## Help is needed ... An opportunity to serve—



We'd love your help in keeping our Sunday fellowship warm and welcoming. Sign up to host a coffee hour (or two!) in the coming months and provide refreshments after worship. Teaming up with a friend makes it even easier! Please contact **Dianna Mammone** or **Anastasia** in the Church office at 201-288-6889 for more details. Thank you for all you do!



*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

*Then Mary said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."*

Luke 1:38

*And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible, remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."*

Mark 14:35-36



When we pray "thy will be done" what are we praying for? If we seriously pray, "thy will be done on earth as in heaven," we are praying not for answers that increase our riches, our honor, or our fame. We are praying for answers that recognize God blesses the poor and the meek. We will pray for a decision that may not offer an easy out or an easy answer, but one that reflects an acceptance and comfort level with what is to come, as difficult as it might be. When we pray, "your will be done on earth as in heaven," we pray in the spirit of Mary the Mother of Jesus. There are many ways she could have responded but Mary did not pray for Joseph or her parents or her town to understand. She did not pray to be spared.

What does God want from us? And how will we know?

Christians believe that prayer is the answer. Not that God will write the answers across the sky, but rather when we consciously go to God to ask for God's will, we will sense when it is right. We will "know" deep within our beings that we are following the guidance we have asked God for. Mary's prayer in response to the angel's announcement and Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane are good models for us to follow. Too often we attempt to give God advice about what we would like to happen. Honestly praying for God's will and doing our best to be open to following what God wants for us is a challenge. When we have sincerely asked God for guidance and made a decision that follows God's will and does no harm, we can be fairly certain we are doing God's will. Prayer is the key.

Let us pray.

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom with love  
and help us to live the words you have taught us to pray—*

In the peace and joy of the Lord which is our strength,

*Pastor Susan*



## The Sundays in



### **Pentecost XVII, October 5—Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD**

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.



### **Pentecost XVIII, October 12**

#### ***Behold! I Make All Things New—Stewardship Week I***

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us.

The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean.

We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

### **Pentecost XIX, October 19**

#### ***Behold! I Make All Things New—Stewardship Week II***

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel this day. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 26**

#### ***Behold! I Make All Things New—Commitment Sunday, Stewardship Week III***

#### ***Celebrating Holy Trinity's 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. The promises bound to us in baptism.

With faith we give generously of our time, talent and resources because

Christ has made us nothing less than holy, bold and free!

***Wear red to celebrate our anniversary and the mission of the Church.***

***Join us for lunch to celebrate Holy Trinity's 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
in the multipurpose room immediately following worship on Sunday, October 26.***





# The Sundays of

**2025**

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 2** Remembrance of All the Saints

In Holy Baptism, God makes saints out of sinners. In Holy Communion, God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship, today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath, we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in the gospel for this day. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.



## **Pentecost XXII, November 9**

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up on the Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

## **Pentecost XXIII, November 16**

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”



## **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, November 23**

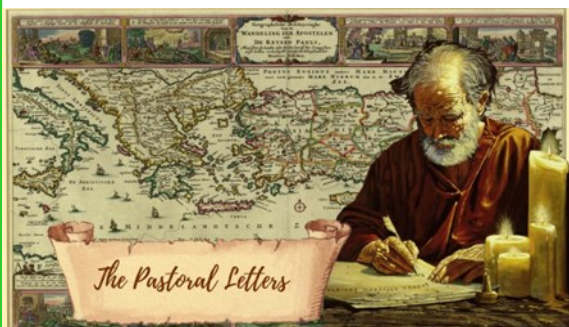
Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death, Jesus opens the door to paradise.

## **ADVENT I, November 30**

**Advent Lessons and Carols**

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

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## **Fighting the Good Fight, Keeping the Faith** **A Bible study on 1 and 2 Timothy & Titus** **Thursdays at 2:30 PM on Zoom** **October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6**

What is the place of human leadership in the church and in the world? Since Christians are quite serious in believing that God creates and guides, heals and saves, corrects and blesses, calls

and judges, human leadership takes second place. It must not elbow its way to the front, it must not bossily take over. Ego-centered, ego-prominent leadership opposes the priority of God's leadership. According to Pastor Eugene Peterson, author of the biblical translation, *The Message*, the best leadership in spiritual communities formed in the name of Jesus does not call attention to itself, yet does not sacrifice anything in the way of conviction, and firmness. In the letters to two young associates—Timothy in Ephesus and Titus in Crete—we see Paul encouraging and guiding the development of just such leadership. What he had learned so thoroughly himself, he was now passing on and showing them, in turn, how to develop a similar leadership in local congregations. Paul teaches all of us how to fight the good fight and keep the faith, especially during difficult times.

For more information or to get the Zoom link, contact Pastor Susan at [htlchpastor@gmail.com](mailto:htlchpastor@gmail.com).

## **"Doing it Writel"**

**A memoir writing class for everyone at any age**

**Sundays, 3 PM to 5 PM**

**October 5 through November 16**

**Led by Karen Herr**



**Have you ever thought about writing your life story, either by putting pen to paper, or opening your laptop and letting the memories flow?**

Writing down your own life story is a great way to preserve your family and personal memories and create a living record that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Memoirs aren't just for the famous – though, sure, those are fun! But everyone's life is meaningful, especially to those we love and that love us. Even if you don't think you've led a terribly interesting life, chances are, once you start writing it all down, you'll be surprised by how eventful it's been. Just imagine if your own parents or grandparents had been able to sit down and write everything that they'd been through. Wouldn't you be interested in hearing about their lives and what they had to say about them?

**For help in getting started with your own memoir, join us Sundays from 3-5 PM, beginning October 5.**

**This class is open to all – everyone at any age and with any (or zero!) writing background.**

**Lesson materials will be provided.**

**The \$10 registration fee covers the cost of hand-outs and other materials.**

**Please bring whatever writing tools you prefer (notepads and pens or laptop).**

To register, contact Pastor Susan at [htlchhpastor@gmail.com](mailto:htlchhpastor@gmail.com)

For more information email Karen Herr at [kwriteralways@gmail.com](mailto:kwriteralways@gmail.com)



## **CHRISTMAS AT SEA—**

**During October and November WELCA will again be collecting items for the gift bags distributed to Seafarers on Christmas Eve. Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide more than 20 bags last year to this ELCA supported ministry!**



We at Holy Trinity have been participating in the Christmas at Sea program sponsored by Seafarers International for a number of years. At times it becomes like a comfortable old shirt and we forget why and for whom we are doing this.

The ministry was founded in NYC in 1873 by the Swedish Lutheran Church and remains the only Lutheran response to the needs of seafarers. Programs for immigrants, including housing, are also a part of their mission. Most of the seafarers work on container ships. They come from low wage countries and may be ineligible for shore leave because they lack visas. Seafarers International chaplains go on board the ships. They offer spiritual care, social advocacy, simple acts of kindness such as shopping, phone access to call home, and most of all a listening ear. Christmas at Sea is one of their most important programs. It's a nice outreach to the stranger, mindful that it is not only for Christians. We welcome the stranger and show them we care. Ninety percent of what we consume comes from container ships on the backs of people with low wages who go unrecognized for the sacrifices they make.

I recently read a piece by a Christmas at Sea volunteer at a church in Pennsylvania. It highlighted how, as is so often the case, we can receive even more than we give. Imagine this scenario: You're out shopping for groceries and items for your satchel. You head to Walmart or Target. You head over to the clothing department to find a sweatshirt. You find one in your favorite color, \$14.99 on sale, for a shopping win. You wonder if it is the favorite color of the person who will open it on Christmas. You find a thermal hat and imagine a person smiling as they put it on, knowing it will keep them warm. Now you're in the candy section. You can smell the chocolate and find your way to your favorite kind because you want whoever gets their hands on this bag to know how amazing that chocolate really is. At home you write a personal note on a card, wishing your seafarer warmth and peace. Maybe you share that the candy is your favorite and hope he likes it. Know that your words will lift the heart of someone needing to feel cared for and not alone. Truly it is in giving that we receive!

**We will be collecting items in the lobby until Sunday, November 16. Feel free to contribute all of the items for a full satchel or just a few. WELCA will assemble the bags for delivery in time for Christmas.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SIZES REQUESTED FOR THIS YEAR HAVE CHANGED—**  
**New items only, please**

**Each bag contains the following:**

- 1 Sweatshirt (hooded or unhooded) MEDIUM**
- 3 Pairs of socks (thermal or gym)**
- 1 Tee shirt MEDIUM**
- 1 Knit winter cap**
- 1 Can of nuts or large chocolate bar**
- A Christmas Card with a personal note**

**Remember that sharing the Joy of Christmas, even in small ways, not only changes those we touch, but it changes us as well. Christmas Blessings!!**



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**STEWARDSHIP** *short . . . A commitment to giving*

***We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Paul, The First Letter to the Thessalonians (1:2-3)***

There is no greater joy than in saying thank you. As a pastor, I cannot say it enough. And as a congregation, we cannot say it enough—to God and to one another. It is so essential and life-giving to highlight the ways we see and witness God's people serving God and others, to lift up the stories of lives being changed through God's love and grace made real by the people with worship and serve alongside. That sense of gratitude is contagious, and it's amazing what happens when it is lived out honestly and openly. It's the kind of abundance which one might see as the crowds witnessed when Jesus fed thousands with a few loaves and a couple of fish.

So with all this in mind and the wonderful words of thanksgiving from the Apostle Paul ringing in my ears, thank you for all that you do! Thank you for sharing God's love and for holding the Christ-light for me and for others, for being the presence of God in the world.

Thank you, Holy Trinity, for being good stewards of your time, talent and treasure. I am grateful to walk alongside you all as we continue as partners in the gospel helping our neighbors to live by faith, renew hope and share the love of God in Christ for all.

Thank you and I thank God for you!

*Pastor Susan*

Don't forget, you can make a donation today by visiting:  
<http://holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com/home/donate>







## **Grace-Full Dollars October and November 2025**

Now is the time when we need one another.

Now is the time to live and act as faithful people of God.

### **Grace-Full Dollars is a program of our Stewardship Ministry Team.**

They invite all of us to give whatever we are able in support of the mission of a local service organization. You may send a check made out to Holy Trinity with the name of the monthly organization on the memo line.

Or you can give online by going to our website:

<http://holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com/home/donate>

and designate on the "other" line the organization that you wish to earmark your gift for.

## **October is Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County Month**



Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County joins with other affiliates of this international organization to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness, to provide affordable homes for hardworking families in Bergen County. To find out more about Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, please visit:

<https://www.habitatbergen.org>

## **November is Operation K9 Beethoven Month**

Operation K9 Beethoven helps veterans "one paw at a time" by rescuing, training and providing veterans with PTSD with service dogs. To date, they have placed 25 rescue dogs with veterans in need.

To learn more, please visit <https://operationk9beethoven.com/about-us>



### ***Your Grace-full dollars at work . . .***

We sent a check for \$350 to Buddies of NJ and \$562 to Camp Ma-He-Tu.



## EXAM SURVIVAL BAGS

Exam time for our college students is near, and we want to let them know that their Holy Trinity family hasn't forgotten them, that they are in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish each of them well. We have about six college students at this time. We invite you to contribute.

Below is a list of suggested items:

- Raisins / Craisins
- Beef jerky
- Chewing gum / Hershey's Kisses
- Hot chocolate
- Nuts or trail mix
- Granola / Protein Bars
- Cookies
- Peanut butter (individual serving cups)
- Jelly
- Individual packs of popcorn or crackers
- Individual mac and cheese or tuna packets
- Instant soup cups / Ramen noodles
- Warm, cozy socks
- Fidget items or stress balls



Please leave your contributions in the bin in the Lobby marked "Exam Survival bags" until November 16.

Monetary donations are also helpful and will be used to purchase additional items. They may be left in the mailbox with a note designating your contribution "Exam Survival Bags".

Please see **Judy Danilchick** or **Marge Heeren** with any questions or suggestions.

**Thank you for all you do!**



## A choir is forming to celebrate the 105th Anniversary of Holy Trinity!

The choir will rehearse each Sunday in October, beginning October 5, from 11:30 am-12 noon, and will perform on Reformation Sunday, October 26.

Join us—and bring a friend who likes to sing!

Open to all!

## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday was a success!

On Sunday, September 14, we were able to collect 12 full bags of groceries and two \$25 gift cards for ShopRite which were donated to the Center for Food Action in Hackensack.



Thank you to all who generously donated.



## Happy Birthday!

### October-November

Rich Fanslau  
Kathleen Foster  
Joe Obiso  
Ruth Bunge  
Judy Bressan  
Charlie Niestempski  
Gene Danilchick  
Vinnie De Cicco  
Lillian Potorti  
James Smith  
Laura Hickey  
Emily Cupo  
Bennett Mammone  
Jennifer Varga  
Arnie Ulrich  
Bert Heeren  
Judy Danilchick



## Thank You!

- **Pastor Susan says a big thank you for the birthday cake and singing at coffee fellowship on September 21st. Also, thank you for making Maddie feel so welcome. She loves coming to church with us.**
- Thank you to **John Heflich** for arranging to have a plumber come and fix a bathroom leak and for being onsite during our fire inspection visit.
- Thank you to **Bert Heeren** for delivering the weekly food pantry donations to the Center for Food Action.
- Thank you to all who continue to graciously volunteer their time and talents to make Holy Trinity a wonderful place to worship!

## Welcome Neighborhood Friends!

The **Blessing of the Animals** took place on Sunday, September 28. It was lovely to see some of our neighbors and their pet family members too!

## October-November Anniversaries

Gary & Laurie Varga  
Arnie & Michelle Ulrich  
Ricky & Andrea Otazu  
Christopher & Kathy Lang  
Dan & Angela Kuzmenka  
Joe & Karen Obiso  
Ray & Karen Lindberg  
Pastor Susan & Joe Colaneri  
Gene & Judy Danilchick  
Katie Colaneri & Corey Steeley  
Christopher & Janice Cupo  
James & Phyllis Smith



## Hasbrouck Heights Town Day

On Saturday, September 27, Holy Trinity participated in the Annual Hasbrouck Heights Town Day held at Woodland Park. Thank you to **Marge Heeren** and **Anastasia Kaminski** for volunteering their time to meet and greet the local residents.

