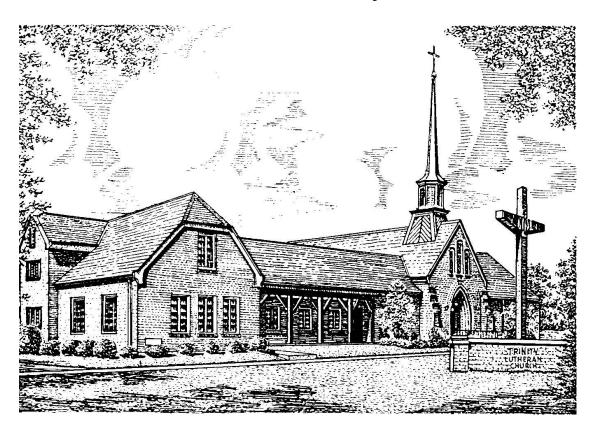
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WiFi Password - HelloFriend

Good Morning! We welcome you today as a part of God's family here at Trinity! We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Visitors – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests -We ask that you please fill out the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Flo and Richard Ball, Suri Capehart, Janet Eddy, Chuck Edsall, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Terry Ingmire, Jan Knickelbein, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Bob Matthews, Mary Ann Medlin, Brenda Pendry, Viola Person, Bob and Carol Petrie, Samuel Robinson, Pastor Timothy Utton, Linda Vernick, Marc Vernick and Sarah Von Moll,

HOLY COMMUNION – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His** very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. He invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all their sin and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not vet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and vet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor before communing.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. During distribution, the Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in the center of the tray contain a grape juice option. Please let the pastor know if you need a Gluten Free wafer.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

Today's Worship Participants Errol Jennings and Anne Starke

Ushers Lector Communion Assistant Host/Hostess

Participants for Next Sunday

Ted Smith and Errol Jennings Boyd Sylvester Roger Medlin xxxxx

Cathy George

Janice Gwin

John Knickelbein

Lector Communion Assistant

Ushers

Host/Hostess

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Divine Service Setting Four

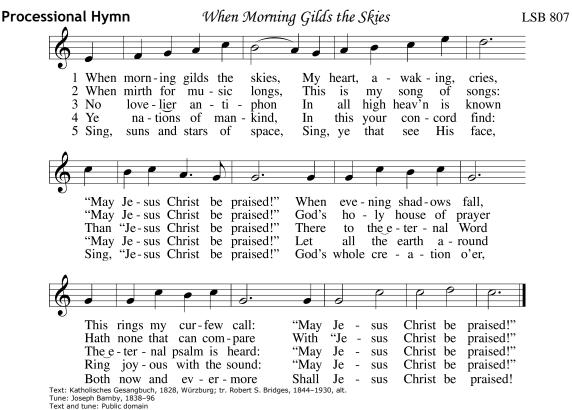
Organ Prelude

Improvisation, No. 1

George Oldroyd

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Stand and face the Processional Cross* (rear of the Church)



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

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How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

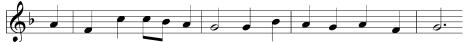


- 1 To God on high be glo ry And peace to all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

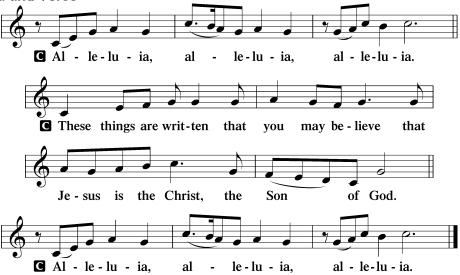
Epistle Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us Hymn of the Day You Your 1 Lord of glo have bought With ry, us hearts, dear 2 Grant us Lord, to give You Glad ly, 3 Won - drous hon or You have giv en To our 4 Lord of glo You With ry, have bought us Your life - blood the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the as With free - ly of Your own. the sun - shine of Your char - i - ty hum - blest Your mys - te In own rious life - blood the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the as lost That ri - fice; ones tre - men - dous sac Melt stone good ness our thank - less hearts of "You Me." sen tence, have done it all to That lost ones tre - men - dous sac ri - fice. And with that free ly Bless have giv ings en Till our cold and self ish na tures, Warmed by it That Can be, O gra cious Mas ter. You Give faith You bold ly, Hope, us to trust to count - less as the sand To the un - thank ful length be - lieve That more You, at hap deign for alms Say -Your to sue, ing by You; stay our souls on But, oh, best of and the vil With Your un - spar ing hand. own and more bless ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive. "Give and need have giv'n to you"? poor у, as all With love our love Your grac -Your re - new. es, Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt. Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87

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Sermon

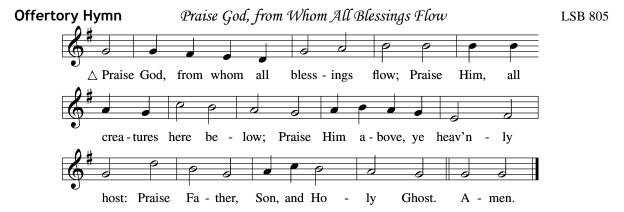
Offering Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew. (Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.)

Anthem

Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)
Suzanne Wolvin, soprano

Mozart

Stand



Prayer of the Church

- P Lord, in your mercy...
- Chear our prayer.

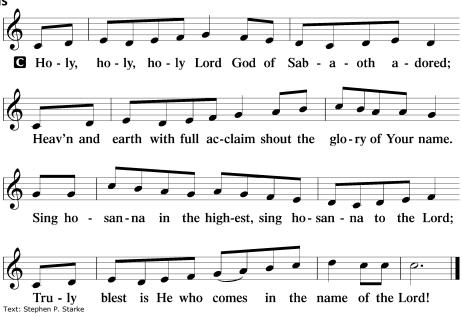
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

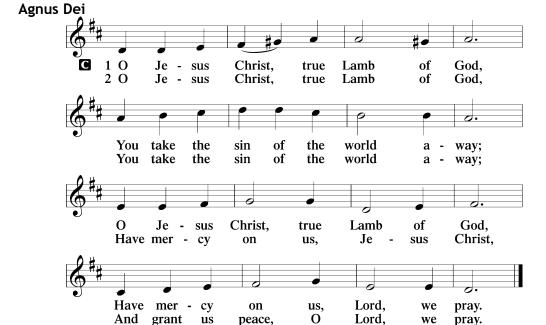
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

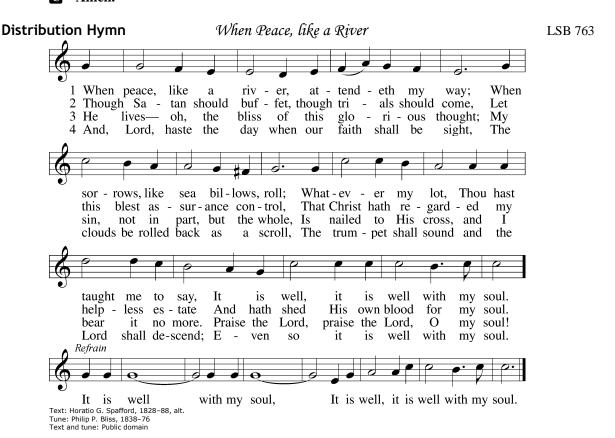
Distribution

The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

The Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.



Distribution Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725



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Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

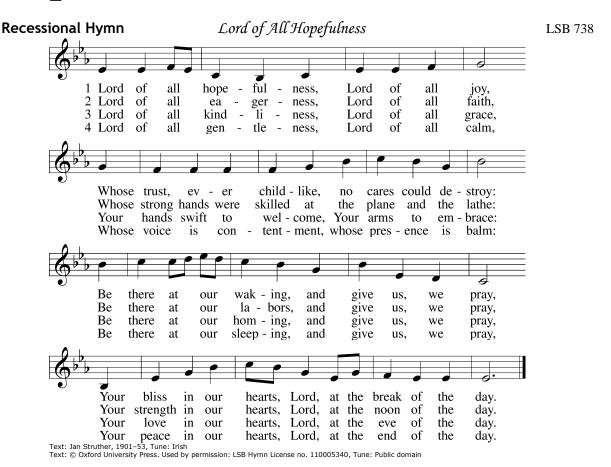
- P Let us pray.
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
- C Amen.



Sharing the Peace of Christ

- **P** Go in peace and serve the LORD.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Organ Postlude

Trumpet Rondo

Fenton Groden

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Our worship service is live-streamed every Sunday. We would like to set up a team to share the responsibility of managing the computer that controls the camera and sound for the service. If you have some computer skills and would like to be part of this rotating team, please speak with Bud Hubert.

TLC is looking for a volunteer to assume the role of Bookkeeper for 2024. You do not need to have an understanding of accounting or finance, but do need to have some computer skills and willingness to learn. This requires working directly with the Treasurer and Church Secretary (both pretty good people!!) and a time commitment of about 2 hours per week. Please let David Petri or Lynn Hubert know if you are interested.

TRINITARIAN articles are due by September 15th for the October/November/December issue. You may either drop them in the church office or email them to tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1st. In preparation for that Sunday, we would like your help in supporting our MITES.

- Mite Boxes are used to collect money for missions.
- Twenty-five percent of the mite offering is sent to LWML for mission grants and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for your district's mission grants.
- Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions.

If you would like to contribute, please pick up a MITE Box and/or place your donations in the large Mite Box in the Welcome Center.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October - December are now available. You may pick one up from the Narthex as you exit this morning.

An Operation Barnabas event for Sunday, October 8th, for Clergy Appreciation Day is being planned. Volunteers, thoughts and prayers for a memorable event in honor of those who have so ably steered us through these long months. If you would like to help with this event, please speak with Errol Jennings or Bud Hubert.

Pastoral Visits - Chaplain Prince will resume making Pastoral visits to anyone who would request that he visit with them at their home. These visits will begin again in SEPTEMBER and go through OCTOBER. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Center, or you may call the Church Office at 757-489-2551 to find out times available.

New Member Class/Confirmation - Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity? Are you starting 8th grade and want to be confirmed? Please let the Church Office know at 757-489-2551.

Hospital visitation - If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 757-489-2551.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 10 th	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
· -	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Church Council Meeting	Following Worship
Monday, September 11 th	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 12 th	Riverpoint Civic League Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday, September 14 th	Ladies Bible Study	11:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
Friday, September 15 th	TRINITARIAN deadline	
Sunday, September 17 th	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am

Scriptures for September 17th

Genesis 50:15-21 ~ Romans 14:1-12 ~ Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 3, 2023 Worship Attendance - 83 General Offerings - \$6,436.17



PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE CHURCH MOUSE!

Due to the little critters that like to snack after hours, **we ask that you do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary**. You may eat or drink in the Cry Room, where crumbs can be contained and cleaned, while you can still observe the Worship Service.