A silhouette of a person on a cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a warm, orange-yellow gradient. The text is written in a cursive script on the right side.

*...but to us who
are being saved,
it is the power of God.*

~ 1 Corinthians 1:18

Trinity + Soulard

An open & caring, radically Christ-centered,
deeply sacramental & sometimes eclectic
ministry in the heart of Soulard.

The Holy Cross

Divine Service, Setting 1

September 13th & 14th, 2025

5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15



welcome to trinity

*No matter who you are or what you're going through;
No matter where you've been or what brought you here.
We want you to feel welcome in this House of Worship.
So relax, make yourself at home. Follow along as best you can.
And don't be afraid to ask questions.
We're really glad you're here!*

HEARING ASSISTANCE - Live Captioning is located on the TV found in-front on the south wing of the Sanctuary. Also available are personal assisted listening devices, please see an usher for a headphone.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRAYER spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

DEAR PARENTS WITH LITTLE KIDS, We know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family – with all its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - aren't just tolerated, you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. We're glad you're here!

THERE IS AN UNSTAFFED NURSERY located on the 1st floor of the Parish House found through the door located in the front of the Sanctuary. Audio from today's worship is piped in through our speaker system so you can still participate. Ask ushers for assistance.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

+ Service of Preparation +


Please Stand

Congregation Sings vv. 1, 3, 5-6; Cantor/Choir Sings vv. 2 & 4


Hymn ~ Lift High the Cross

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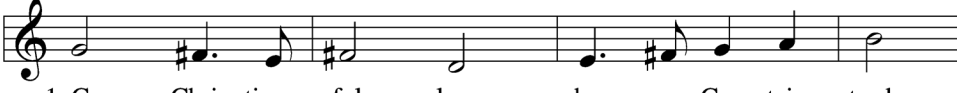
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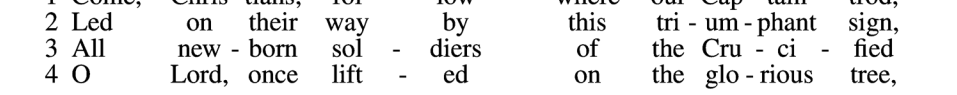
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till




all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



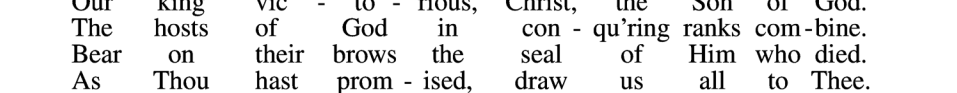
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,



2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,

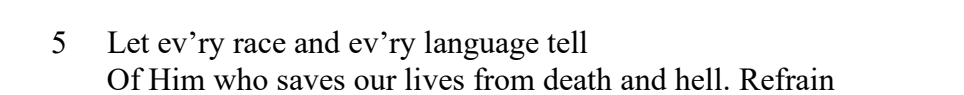


3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied tree,

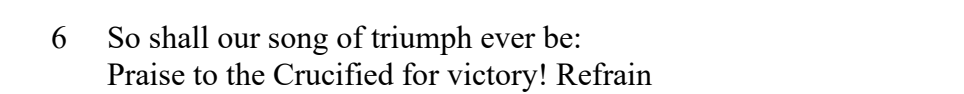


4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

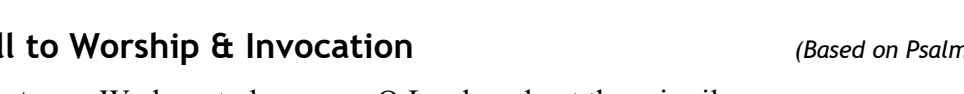
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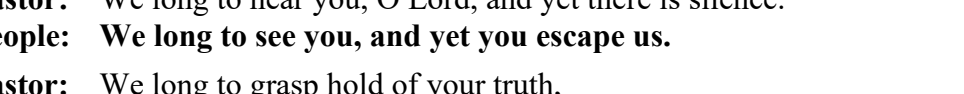
Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.



The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.



Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.



As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Call to Worship & Invocation

(Based on Psalm 22)

Pastor: We long to hear you, O Lord, and yet there is silence.

People: We long to see you, and yet you escape us.

Pastor: We long to grasp hold of your truth,

People: And we are barely holding on.

Pastor: Our ancestors wrestled as we do. They found a way to trust.

People: **We are together in the waiting, making our way toward deliverance.**

Pastor: All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness;

People: **And none are turned away.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: **When fear and worry encircle me, you pour me out like water.
My heart melts for others, and I look for ways to help.**

Turn us from our harms, and lead us to healing.

Turn us from our abuse of power, and lead us to humility.

Turn us from our shame, and give us sweetness of pleasure.

Turn us from our busy routines, and give us stillness.

Turn us from our fear, and give us courageous prayer.

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ..in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People:



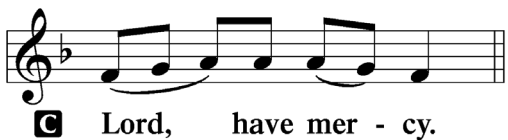
Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People:



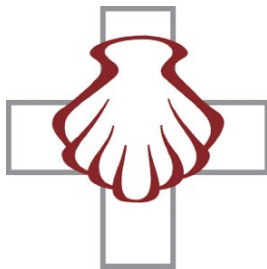
Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People:



Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People:



Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Children's Message

*Sunday School for children ages three (3) to ten (10) will be offered following the Children's Message.
Children will be brought back to the sanctuary following the Prayers of the Church.*

Choir Anthem ~ *The Tree of Life*

by K. Lee Scott

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God!

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Sung by Cantor/Choir:

Alleluia!

Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death

*and brought life and immortality through the Gospel.
Alleluia!*

Holy Gospel

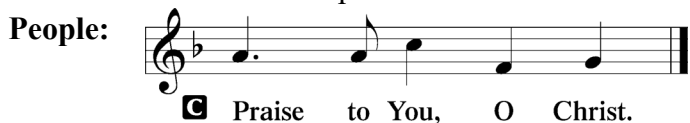
John 3:13-17

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.



No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ In the Cross of Christ I Glory (vv. 1-3)

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Message

Please Stand

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.**

Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

Offering

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- *Place your giving in the basket during offering.*
- *Text to Give, simply text "Give" to 1-877-618-0062*
- *Online giving at <https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis>.*
- *Scan the QR code*
- *Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.*



Ways to Give

Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect...

"trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"



Please Stand

Offertory

Sung by Cantor/Choir

*Do not be anxious saying "What shall we eat?"
or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"
Your Heavenly Father knows what you need.
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness
for those things shall be yours as well.*

+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament with this understanding are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please ask the pastor at the time of reception if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

Please Stand

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 
And al - so with you.

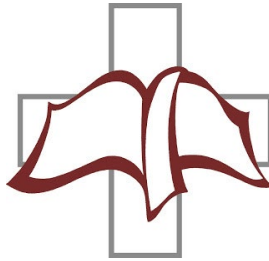
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: 
We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

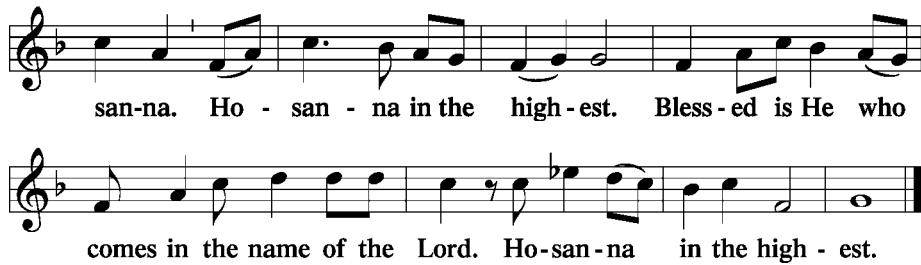
Pastor: It is truly good, right... ..evermore praising You and singing:



Sanctus


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:


Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



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.**

Words of Institution

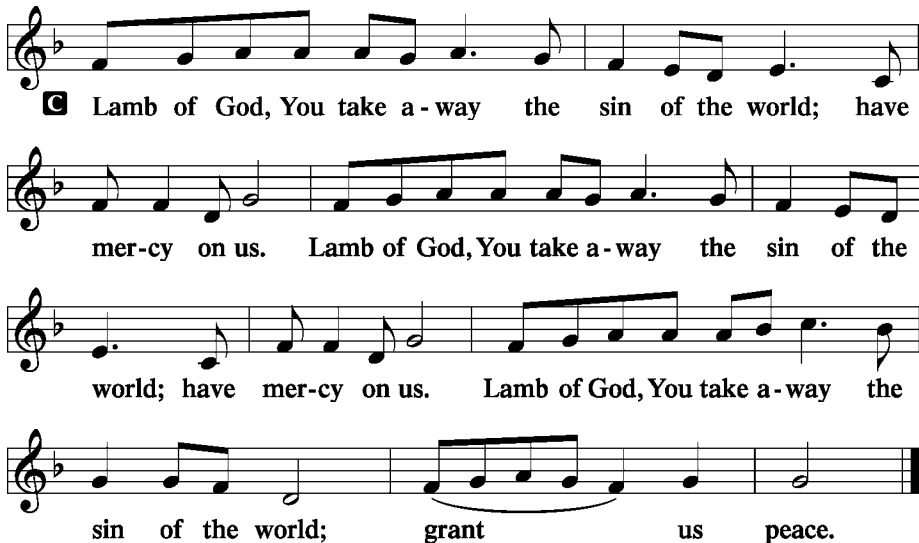
The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:



Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*



*Crosses will be blessed as part of our communion procession.
Please bring your crosses with you to receive communion,
and bring them to the pastor(s) after receiving the wine.*

Please Be Seated

Communion Hymns

My Faith looks Up to Thee

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

LSB 702

LSB 454



Post-Communion Canticle ~ *Thank the Lord*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Prayer

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

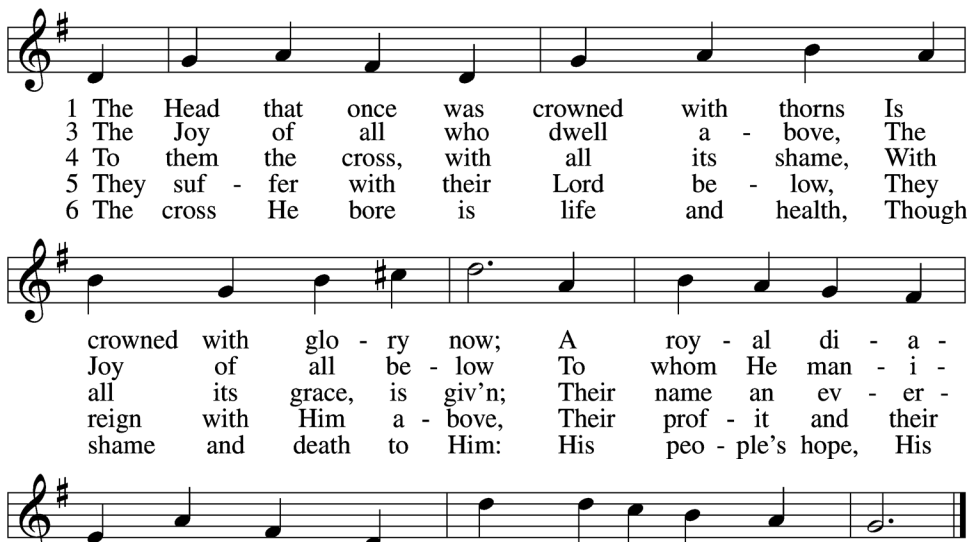
People: Amen.

Benediction



Hymn ~ *The Head that Once was Crowned* (vv. 1, 3-6)

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1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, They
 6 The cross He bore is life and health, Though

crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
 Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -
 all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -
 reign with Him a - bove, Their prof - it and their
 shame and death to Him: His peo - ple's hope, His

dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
 fests His love And grants His name to know.
 last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
 joy to know The mys - t'ry of His love.
 peo - ple's wealth, Their ev - er - last - ing theme.

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: *The People of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Trinity Lutheran Church Choir*

	<i>Saturday 5:00pm</i>	<i>Sunday 8:15am</i>	<i>Sunday 10:15am</i>
Preacher:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Presider:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Steve Albers</i>	<i>Steve Albers</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Steve Albers</i>	<i>Steve Albers</i>
Children's Message			<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Acolyte:			<i>Meara Hink</i>
Crucifer:			<i>Aaron Deterding</i>
Communion Assistant:	<i>Craig Heller</i> <i>Allen Helms</i>	<i>Kathy Leitner</i> <i>Paula Wike</i>	<i>Marti Fruend</i> <i>Paul Weinhold</i> <i>Laura Borstell</i> <i>Tom Kellermann</i>
Lector:	<i>Allen Helms</i>	<i>Taylor VanDyke</i>	<i>Russ Bettlach</i>
Cantor:	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>
Organist:	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>
Communion Prep:	<i>Dianne Davis</i>	<i>Annette Carson</i>	<i>Dorothy Brents</i>
Livestream Broadcast:			<i>Paul Koeltzow</i> <i>Hayden Koeltzow</i>
Greeter:			<i>Joyce Binder</i>
Usher:	<i>Dianne Davis</i> <i>Phil Koehr</i>	<i>Paul Wike</i> <i>Paula Wike</i> <i>Phil Koehr</i>	<i>Rosalie Wike</i> <i>Dan Leifield</i> <i>Larry Edger</i>
Sunday School Teachers:			<i>Amber Johnson</i> <i>Lydia Deterding</i>

September 13th & 14th 2025

TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We pray that your time with us is uplifting and encouraging as we follow Christ together.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here to help you connect with Christ Jesus, with our ministry, and with each other. If we can be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Saturday service: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday services: 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

WEEKEND

MONDAY-THURSDAY

Confirmation Class 9:15 a.m. on Sunday 3 rd Floor Parish House	<i>Office Hours</i> Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m. service 1 st Floor Parish House	<i>Soup Window</i> Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Groceries on Fridays!
Deacons Appreciation Lunch 11:45 a.m. 3 rd Floor Parish House	Women's Bible Study 10 a.m. on Tuesday 3 rd Floor Parish House
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary	Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 3 rd Floor Parish House
Sammie Weekend Following each service Back of the Sanctury	Handbell and Choir Rehearsals 6 & 7 p.m. respectively, Wednesday Sanctuary

KIDS' NEWS

Youth Picnic

Join the South City Circuit at Wilmore Park on Sunday, September 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, games, food, and drinks! Contact Dianne Davis or Joshua Steele for more information or details.

CONFIRMATION

Join us for Youth Confirmation class on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. on the 3rd floor of the Parish House. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is back!

This week we have Amber Johnson and Lydia Deterding teaching the story of Moses and the Burning Bush.

Starting Sunday, September 14th during the 10:15 a.m. service, right after the Children's Message, we invite all children from 3 years old through 5th grade to join us! We will be meeting in the Parish House on the 1st floor. We can't wait to see you there!

We're also looking for teachers, substitutes, and helpers - if you love sharing the gospel with kids, we'd love to have you on the team! See Dianne Davis or Paula Wike for details.

ALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to the **Wednesday Morning adult Bible Study**, led by Pastor Steve Albers. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Parish House to continue our study on the Book of Acts.

All are welcome to **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** where we will begin a new study this Sunday, September 14th at 9:15 a.m. We will be discussing the Scandalous Gospel by Peter J. Gomes and will meet in the Sanctuary next to the piano. This study is led by Alan Meyer and Sarah Kortze.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women, of all ages, are invited to join in either of our women's Bible study classes. Come grow in faith, connect with others, and engage in meaningful discussion while being part of a supportive and inspiring community.

The **Tuesday Women's Bible Study** join us **Tuesday, September 16th** at 9:45am(fellowship followed by 10:00am study time). We will continue our study of the book Woman of God by Cindy Bunch, Lesson 6 "Forgiving".

We would love to include YOU, even if you have not participated before this study. Each lesson is separate (stand-alone) and you can order the book from Amazon.

If you have any questions, please check with Jeaninne Meyer, Gail Horvath or Mary Marth.

Monday Evening Bible Study. Join us for a 4-week Bible study on the Book of Esther. Held every Monday at 6:30 pm, beginning September 29 and continuing through October 20 on the Third floor of the Parish House. Come grow in faith and fellowship together!

Questions? Contact Melissa McCrory Hatcher.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing on **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** in the choir loft. We meet every Wednesday during the "school year", and we welcome singers of all voice ranges to join us in singing God's praises. You just need to have a love for music!

Our Handbell Choir also begins rehearsing on **Wednesday at 6:00 PM** in the choir loft. Did you know we have 5 octaves of bells? That's 61 bells total! We need ideally 12-13 people to be able to use our full set, and right now we have 6-7 people. Bells are a lot of fun to ring, and if you can hit a nail into the wall with a hammer, you have the basic motion down! The rest: we can teach you!

Did you know we are hoping to get a **Children's Choir** started? We have been having music during Sunday School. As you heard in the Announcements, we are returning Sunday School to the 10:15 service after Children's Time. This will include some time for kids to learn to sing songs that can be sung in worship.

We would like to try to form a **Trinity Orchestra**. We know there are some of you who can play instruments - maybe you haven't mentioned your talent to Jeff yet? If we could put an ensemble together to play for worship occasionally, that would be a wonderful addition to our services! We don't need players who are symphony musicians - any level will do! We just need willing hearts and instruments to make it happen! Rehearsals will be determined at a mutually convenient time - perhaps between services on Sundays once the school renovation is completed? **Jeff White, our Minister of Music**, can be reached at jeffwhite@trinitystlouis.com, or at 314-803-6234 (cell). Or catch him after worship and he'd be glad to discuss any questions or concerns.

FELLOWSHIP

Church Silent Movie Night: Join us for a fun evening of fellowship at our Silent Movie Night - Saturday, **September 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Organist Benjamin Kolodziej accompanies Buster Keaton's silent comedy *The Navigator* (1924) in a musical style reminiscent of the great moving picture palaces of the 1920s in this event for all ages. Keaton, along with Harold Lloyd and Charlie Chaplin, was one of the most popular silent movie actors, known for his deadpan expressions, sardonic humor, and exciting stunts. This comedy, which was Keaton's most profitable and which he considered his best, follows a young man whose nautical adventures involve a fiancé, a derelict navy ship, and a mischievous monkey. This film is suitable for all ages.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and enjoy popcorn and refreshments as we watch a great film together.

COMMUNITY CARE

THANK YOU for supporting the Bombas Sock Project!!! Please return socks in designated bins in back of the Sanctuary.

Soup Alley Food Update: We served 1,339 meals for the month of August! With a Daily average of 52 meals. We were able to bless our guests by giving away 17 grocery bags of food and assisting six community members with their utility bills. Thank you for supporting this ministry with compassion and care! Together we are sharing Christ's love and bringing hope to those in need.

Community Care is again looking for Thrivent Action Grants to support Sammie Sundays, sweatshirts and coats. Please email Kim at kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com if you are interested or have applied for a grant. Please order M and L t-shirts through Thrivent for our Soup Alley friends.

Kim will be out on medical leave from September 10th - October 6th. Please contact Bob Kurtz for any Soup Alley questions. If other issues arise please contact the church office.



The need for t-shirts is great at this time. Shop our Amazon wish list <https://a.co/iCA08hl>. Thank you for your support of our Soup Alley neighbors. Thank you Sam, Grace, Naomi, Phil, Nicole, Russ andy and others who have contributed!

Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Friday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

- T-shirts size medium and large (doesn't need to be new)
- PB&J or Meat Sandwiches
- Mustard and mayo packets
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.

PRAY

Birthdays ~ September 13th-September 19th

Ryder	Belanger	Sep 13
Rosemary	Goodwin	Sep 13
Jennifer	Arnold	Sep 15,
Isabella	Taylor	Sep 17
John	Bartels	Sep 18
Bill	Glover	Sep 18
Trey	Fisk	Sep 19
Don	Strohmeyer	Sep 19

Parish Community

The Heidorn Family

The Heller Family

The Helling Family

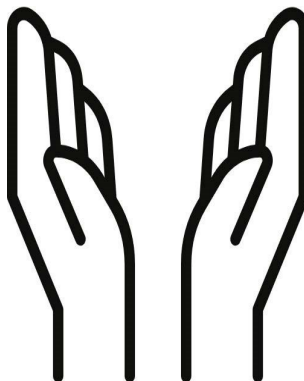
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OUR DEACONS



Allen Helms



Joyce Binder



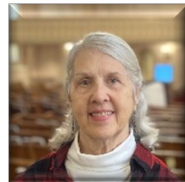
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