

Welcome to Trinity Church!

Sermon Series | This summer, we are exploring the Gospel of Matthew with a focus on growing as disciples. Matthew focuses on Jesus as a teacher and rabbi, and he writes with great detail about the calling of the disciples and their ongoing formation. We will join the Twelve as they seek to grow as disciples by learning from the One they follow and from each other. And as we walk along with them, may we, as disciples of Jesus, consider how the Spirit is inviting us to grow and learn from the One we follow too.

Notes on our Worship Service...

While we use projection for our songs and liturgy, we do not project the Scripture reading. **Pew Bibles** are located below the seat in front of you and page numbers are included in the Order of Worship. You'll also find a hymnal there too.

Do you need help hearing the service? We have a **T-loop** installed in our sanctuary. Please see the Sound Room Team if you need help connecting.

We have several members on-call to help care for your little ones in the **nursery**. Please see one of the Greeters before the service who can help.

If you wish to **give online** rather than in the offering plate, please go to trinityrc.org/give/ or scan the QR code to the right to make your offering.



For our youngest members in the service, please visit our **Children's Worship Center** located in the sanctuary. Here your child will find helpful resources to engage them in worship, including children's bibles, books on faith, and coloring pages connected to our service.

Interested to know more about Trinity Church? We'd love to learn more about you! See the Welcome Desk for more information about how to connect.

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16 August 2026
12th Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

Gathering Song: *Gather Us In*

*Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30

Approaching

*Songs of Praise: *Come Let us Worship and Bow Down*

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

How Great Thou Art

*God's Greeting + Mutual Greeting

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

Listening

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15: 21-28 (p.1521)

Sermon: A Difficult Conversation

Sending

*Song of Response: *Gentle Shepherd*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: *Doxology #809*

Charge: Matthew 28:18-20

*Benediction

*Sending Song: *You Are My God*

Postlude

Please join us in the Cafe for conversation and connection!

Rev. Amanda Bakale, Preacher & Liturgist
Doug + Lavonne Vande Wege, Song Leaders
Wayne Cotts, Organist
Kevin Brower + Steve Lundy, Sound + Tech

* Please rise in body or spirit

Trinity News + Updates

Trinity Talks | In an effort to connect and learn as a congregation, Consistory is trialing a series of Trinity Talks. Are you curious about what this looks like? Join us this week in the choir room after the service as Pastor Lydia leads a space to share and ask questions about Churches in Mission!

Lifeline Shoe Giveaway | Our goal for the Lifeline Ministries back-to-school shoe drive was 3 pairs of shoes and 24 pairs of socks. Drum roll please....we collected enough money for 8 pairs of shoes and 63 pairs of socks! THANK YOU, Trinity, for loving your community well!

All City Youth Group | Did you know that Trinity is hosting a city-wide outdoor Youth Group Event on **August 30th from 5-8pm**? There will be outdoor worship, games and food trucks! Check out the Connections Newsletter to hear more about this event, grab and share a flyer at the Welcome Desk or contact Pastor Lydia with any questions!

Pre-Service Coffee | We hope you enjoy our pre-service coffee station and new seating in the back of the sanctuary. In the spirit of hospitality, this is one of the ways the Elders are exploring caring for members and visitors who attend Trinity.

On Tuesday, August 18 the **Board of Deacons** will meet at 12:00pm and the **Board of Elders** will meet at 12:30pm for their regularly scheduled meetings.

Third Thursday Breakfast | Please join Neil & Karen DeBoer at Bob Evans on 24 St on Thursday, August 20 at 9:30AM for good food and conversation with friends. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or on our website [here](#).

August Care Closet Donations | This month we are looking for donations of Q-tips and Band-aids. Please drop them off to the church office or put them in the basket located on the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your continued support of Care Closet!

Connections Deadline | The deadline for the September issue of the Connections Newsletter is **Thursday, August 20**. If you have anything you'd like to share, please submit a copy to the church office or email samantha@trinityrc.org with the information. ***Please note that anonymous submissions will not be accepted.***

For more details see the latest issue of Connections or visit trinityrc.org