



# FAITH LIVING

Weekly Announcements of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lilburn, GA

August 25, 2019

## NEXT WEEK:

### 12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given today by Arnie & Beth Ludvigsen in celebration of their 45th anniversary, by Megan Hinkle in celebration of Faith Turner's 16th birthday, and by Mary & Gene Fleeman in celebration of their 54th anniversary.

## Visitor?

Welcome! If you have any questions, please take a moment to read our WELCOME brochure found in the pews. We invite you to let us know of your presence here today by filling out the purple bulletin insert and dropping it in the offering plate.

## Grace Café - Today

PieceMakers invite you to join them for Grace Café in Hanberry Hall this Sunday, **August 25**, from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

## 11th Sunday after Pentecost: Made Free

Some of us live with chronic pain or disability as part of our daily lives. All of us know that our bodies are vulnerable, subject to illness or injury. So of course we are interested in the healing stories of the Bible. In today's gospel, Jesus heals a woman who has lived with a disability for eighteen years.

There are times when we wish for a miraculous healing, a sudden change in our physical state. The miraculous healing isn't the real heart of this text, however. When challenged for healing on the sabbath, Jesus says, "Ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16).

Jesus set her free. He set her free to live, to have a place in society. He set her free by healing her body, but her physical transformation was God's way of granting her freedom. Freedom might look like miraculous healing. It might look like a wheelchair or a cane that enables a person to move around. It might look like a ramp instead of stairs. It might look like a cochlear implant, or a replacement joint. Even small tools like eyeglasses grant us freedom, although we often forget they're even there.

Have you heard the joke about the person caught in a flood? They wait on their roof for rescue. A boat comes by and the pilot says, "Get in!" but the person says, "No, God will save me." A helicopter comes and tries to pick them up, but the person says, "No, God will save me." The floodwaters rise, and they are swept away. When they see God, they say, "God, why didn't you save me?" And God responds, "I sent a boat and a helicopter!"

Healing comes in different ways. Freedom takes many forms. Salvation may look different than we expect. But surely, God will set free all of God's children. God will save each of us.

## Confirmation

This ministry, for all Middle Schoolers, is a three-year study program that will cover the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments, and the Lutheran Church and its history. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7-8:30 pm. Orientation is **September 4** at 7pm and should be attended by parents and student.

*Through God's grace, growing as God's disciples.*

## Adult Sunday School

### Animate: Bible

*Sunday mornings at 10:15 am in the Parlor*

Animate: Bible is an adult faith formation series that explores seven big conversations about the Bible, including the canon, history, testaments, Gospels, genre, interpretation and grace. We'll watch short videos by Rachel Held Evans, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Will Willimon and others, then discuss what we've heard. David Wickert will lead this class. All are welcome.

### Faith Walk Bible Study

Want to get more out of worship services? Join Pastor Katie each Wednesday at 11-12 am in the Parlor as we explore the Bible readings for the following Sunday. We use the Daily Devotions as our beginning point. Daily Devotions are written by Pastor Katie and are available on our website.

### Baby Care Kits

We are looking for volunteers to help organize items purchased for baby care kits. If you can "unpin" items from hangers, sort items according to size and match tops & bottoms to make an outfit, you're perfect for the job! Your help is requested between services on August 25. No experience necessary!

### New Members Class

Are you interested in becoming a member at Trinity? Pastor Katie would be delighted for you to join her at our New Member class on **September 22** from 12:30-3:00. Lunch will be provided as we discuss various elements of what it means to be Lutheran as well as what it means to be a part of the body of Christ here at Trinity. *Sign up on the purple insert so we have a count for lunch.* Bring your appetite for good food and meaningful conversation! Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Katie with any questions.

### Military Addresses Needed

If you have a friend or loved one on the Active Military Service list for our prayers, would you please give us their address so that we can write to them as part of God's Work...Our Hands Sunday on September 8. You can send the address to the church office at [info@tlc-lilburn.org](mailto:info@tlc-lilburn.org).

## Pastor's Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name (Psalm 103:1)." These words, these beautiful words from the psalmist offer a breath of fresh air. Amidst the business of life, amidst our struggles, amidst the cares of this world the psalmist reminds us: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name."

It is human nature to be focused on ourselves; on our lives; on our world. However, the words of the psalmist invite us to remember. To remember that our God is at work in our lives. To remember that our God is at work in the world and to give thanks.

As we go about our lives this day, may the words of the psalmist come alive within us: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name."

With Gratitude,

*Pastor Katie*

## God's Work...Our Hands

### *Get Ready to Serve!*

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is on **September 8**. At Trinity we have the opportunity, along with other ELCA congregations all over the United States, to put our faith into action. There are many opportunities to be of service. Please visit the "God's Work, Our Hands" table in the Narthex and sign up to participate so that we can help bring the love of God to our local community and beyond.

## Fall Kick-off - August 8

### Mission Fair

We are excited to kick off our fall programming with a Mission Fair in Hanberry Hall on Sunday, **August 8**. Stop by after worship and browse – looking for ways to connect your discipleship to the mission of our congregation.

### Family Potluck – 5:00 pm

Join us at 5:00 pm for a old fashioned family potluck! Let's take some time to enjoy God's gifts of food, family and fellowship downstairs in Shepherd's Hall.

### Trinity Sing-a-Long – 6 pm

We conclude the evening upstairs in Hanberry Hall with some of Trinity's musicians and singing some old and new favorites.

## Small Groups & Events

### TLC Book Club

Love books? Looking for a great way to meet new people at Trinity? Then join Trinity's Book Club on Tuesday, **September 3**, at 6:30 pm in Hanberry Hall for food, fellowship, and discussion of "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover. *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Meditation Group

All are invited to join the Meditation Group on Thursday, **September 5**, at 6 pm in the Parlor. *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen, join us for some good eats and fellowship, taking turns serving as cooks. We meet on **September 7** at 8:30am in Shepherd's Hall. *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

If you are a caregiver, a family member or a friend of someone with dementia, we invite you to join us for our monthly support group. This group serves to provide emotional, educational and social support for those with a loved one who has dementia. We will meet on **September 12** in the Parlor from 6pm – 7pm. Please contact Pastor Katie with questions or for more information.

### JUST Club

J.U.S.T. is for individuals over 50 and couples in which at least one person is over 50. Join us on **September 13 in Hanberry Hall**. Please bring an appetizer, side, main or dessert dish. Wine and appetizers begin at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00. This month we'll be playing some Bingo! *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Knit & a Prayer

Looking for a way to use your skills to help others? Our Knit and a Prayer group crochets or knits hats and scarves for those in need. We will be meeting on **September 15** at 3:00 pm in B103. If you are just learning, come and join us and let us help you learn!

### Quilting Day

PieceMakers invites you to join them for a Lutheran World Relief Day of Quilting on Saturday, **Sept 21**, from 9 am - 3 pm in Shepherd's Hall. Lunch will be provided but please sign up for lunch. Come for the day or just a few hours. Ages 8 - 99 are welcome. Contact Vicki Thiemann for more information at 404-445-3903 or by email at [thiemannv@gmail.com](mailto:thiemannv@gmail.com). *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

## Children's Sunday School - on Sept 8

The first day of Sunday School will be **September 8th**, when we kick off our year in a big way on "God's Work; Our Hands" Sunday! The Trinity Children's Sunday School project will be assembling jars of cookie mix that we donate to the Lilburn Co-op. We will start our students off with a brief lesson about why we are doing the jars, etc., and then we will begin putting the recipe/jars together.

We invite the parents of Sunday-school aged children (4 years old through 5th grade) to come to Shepherd's Hall and fill out a Sunday School Registration Form and a Medical Release Form while your students have a lesson in sharing and community service. Once the forms are completed, feel free to hang out with us and help the kids assemble jars if you would like. On project/service days, we can always use some extra adults to be "quality control" as the kids measure out ingredients! This is a great way to meet your child's Sunday School teacher and to lend a hand with a terrific project!

If you would rather not be quite so "hands on", we can also use donations of ingredients. Needed ingredients are as follows:

- white sugar
- brown sugar
- flour
- and **especially milk chocolate chips**

Please place ingredient donations in the designated bin in Hanberry Hall by **September 1st**. That will give us a week to shop for any remaining items we need. Any extra, unopened ingredients will be donated to the Lilburn Co-op along with the completed cookie jars.

## Adopt a Road Thank You

A big thank you to Barry Bates, Tony Bush, Kathie, Matthew & Wyatt Furuglyas, Jeff Huenniger, Jeff Ploussard and Alan Stohl for participating in our August 17<sup>th</sup> Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Killian Hill Road. We collected 17 bags of trash which included four bags of recyclable items. Our goal with Adopt-A-Road is to demonstrate to the neighbors of our church that Trinity cares about and contributes to the well being of the neighborhood in which we are located. Our next cleanup is scheduled on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## SERVING SAINTS

	August 25	September 1
Altar Guild	Abbey Wicker Michelle Elsenbeck	Anne Rast Pattiann Taylor
Acolyte (9:00)		
Crucifer (9:00)		
Assistant Minister (9:00)	Travis Wilhite	
Communion Assistants (9:00)	Ken Nielsen Bill Rozenboom Erika McElveen Connie Rifkind Joanne Buckner	
Front Entrance Greeter (9:00)	Abbey Wicker	Kay & Lyle Helgerson
Back Entrance Greeter (9:00)	Sharon and David Smith	Eveline & Heyso Von Kalben
Ushers (9:00)	Darryl Kopp Nancy Buchinski Elane Lukasiewicz Paul Lukasiewicz	Tom Thompson George Deardorff Paul Evans Scott Bernarde
Acolyte (11:15)	Saralyn Bush	Timothy Reed
Crucifer (11:15)	Elly Bush	Daniel Reed
Assistant Minister (11:15)	Shelly Anderson	
Communion Assistants (11:15)	Anne Beck Shirley Connelly Vanessa Hinkle	
Front Entrance Greeter (11:15)	Jeff Ploussard	Jodi & David Lemcke
Back Entrance Greeter (11:15)	Sue Hill	Carol & Don Hundebly
Ushers (11:15)	Jim Hauck Mike Hilyard David Wickert Carl Mason	Charlie Hillebrand Janice Hawkins Karin Campbell
Tellers	Karin Campbell Connie Rifkind	Paul Kuester Joanne Buckner
Communion Bread Bakers	Pat Rhodes	Ken Nielsen

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please switch with someone and then contact the church office ASAP so that reminders will be sent to the correct person. Please note that the coordinators for each area of ministry are listed. If you would like to help serve, please contact the coordinator for that area.

### Serving Saints Coordinators

Altar Guild: Sarah Kuester (770) 921-0099  
 Assisting Ministers: Debbie Ringer (770) 972-6606  
 Communion Assistants: Debbie Ringer (770) 972-6606  
 Tellers: Shannon Mantovani (678) 852-3070  
 All Others: Melanie Haynes (church office) (770) 972-4418

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**Sunday, August 25** **Grace Cafe**  
 09:00am Traditional Worship Service  
 10:15am Adult Sunday School  
 11:15am Praise Worship Service  
 12:30pm Call Committee Meeting  
 04:44pm Celestial Praise  
 07:00pm Miriam Circle

**Monday, August 26**  
 10:00am PieceMakers  
 06:30pm Resounding Joy  
 07:30pm Messenger

**Tuesday, August 27**  
 07:00pm Stephen Ministries

**Wednesday, August 28**  
 11:00am Faith Walk  
 01:00pm Trinity Staff Meeting  
 07:00pm Allegro Bells

**Thursday, August 29**  
 06:00pm PieceMakers

**Sunday, September 1**  
 09:00am Traditional Worship Service  
 10:15am Adult Sunday School  
 11:15am Praise Worship Service  
 12:30pm WELCA Board Meeting

## PieceMakers

PieceMakers is a group of people who get together for fellowship and service making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. A quilt! I can't do that! If you can sew that is great. Tops do need to be sewn, but that is not all. If you can use a pair of scissors, tie a knot, like playing with colors, and don't mind getting stuck by a pin once in a while, you can help make a quilt. All we ask is for you to do the parts that are fun for you. Drop in when you can. No long-term commitment required. All ages are welcome. Not sure? Come to one of our Quilting Days. We run all year round except VBS and Music Camp weeks in the summer and major holidays.

For more information contact: Vicki Thiemann at 404-445-3903 or [thiemannv@gmail.com](mailto:thiemannv@gmail.com). We meet in Room B103.

Mondays 10am – 12pm contact: Vicki Thiemann  
 Thursdays 6pm - 8:00 contact: Pat Turcot at 706-601-8228