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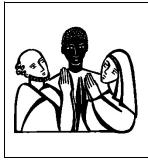
WELCOME

work our hand

A Reconciling in Christ and a Stephen Ministry congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion 9:30 am Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

September 10, 2023

A warm welcome to all who are visiting with us online today.

All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table Of Grace. In, Through, And Under Bread And Wine We Receive The Real Presence Of Christ – God's Love Poured Out For Us – As Jesus Taught Us. Please Prepare Communion Elements Of Bread Or Crackers, Juice Or Wine For Your Household. As You Are Invited During The Meal Portion Of The Service, You May Partake Of The Elements Saying The Words, "The Body Of Christ Given For You, The Blood Of Christ Shed For You."

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Trinity Singers H. Friedell

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen, let us sing. Gladly make our praises ring.

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen to God's Word. Gladly do what we have heard.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel 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 ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40



³³Teach me, O Lord, the way [|] of your statutes, and I shall keep it [|] to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching; I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.

- ³⁵Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments, for that is [|] my desire.
- ³⁶Incline my heart to [|] your decrees and not to [|] unjust gain.
- ³⁷Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood; give me life [|] in your way.
- ³⁸Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant, which is for [|] those who fear you.
- ³⁹Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread, because your judg- [|] ments are good.
- ⁴⁰Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
 - by your righteousness en- | liven me.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

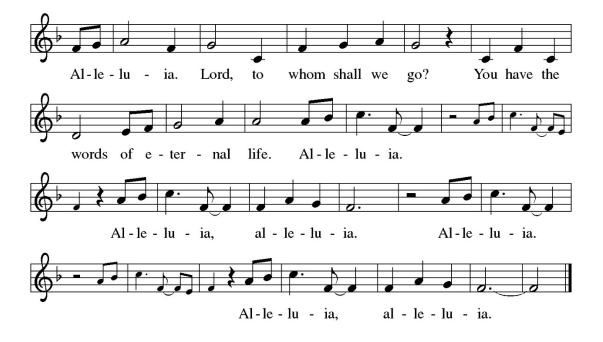
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day,

not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

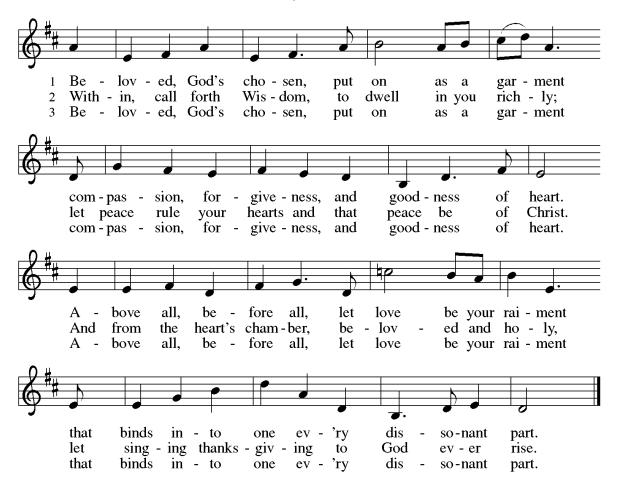
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Neal Davidson

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church we confess our faith... I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

... Merciful God.

Receive our prayer.

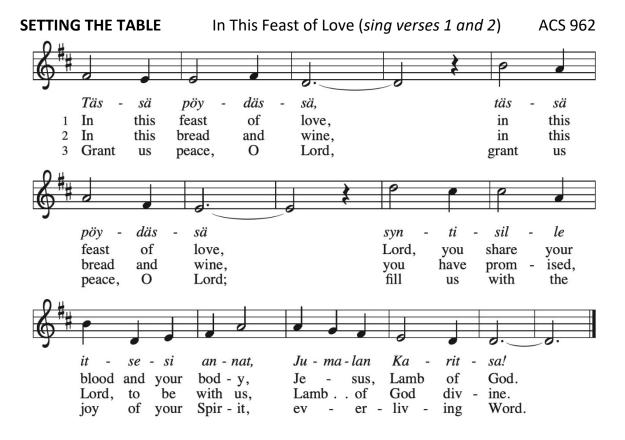
Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Children and youth are encouraged to come to the front to greet those worshiping with us online.



+ MEAL +

You may leave your offering in the plate at the entrance to the church after the service.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

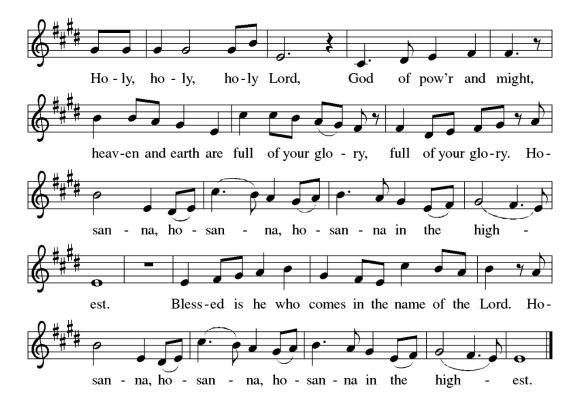
The Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

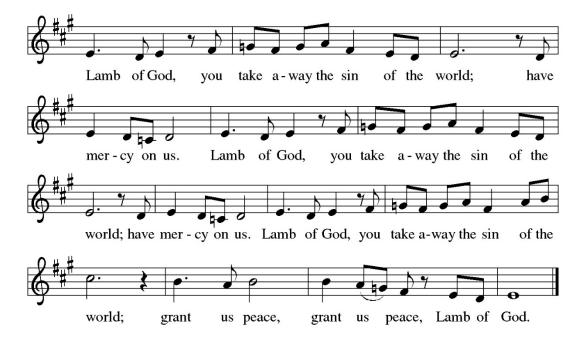
All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. We will be serving this meal continuously, all around the altar. When the usher indicates that there is space for you, please come up to the front and stand at the first available space. After you have received communion, please return to your seat for prayer and meditation. We invite you to join in singing the communion hymns.

Bread will be placed in your hand by the pastor. Please indicate if you need a gluten-free option. Wine (red) and juice (white) is offered by the assisting minister in individual communion cups. Please place your empty cup in the basket carried by the communion assistant. If you prefer, individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing from the Pastor, or remain in your seats for meditation time. Children too young to receive communion are also invited to come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

The Peace of the Lord



Come, Let Us Eat

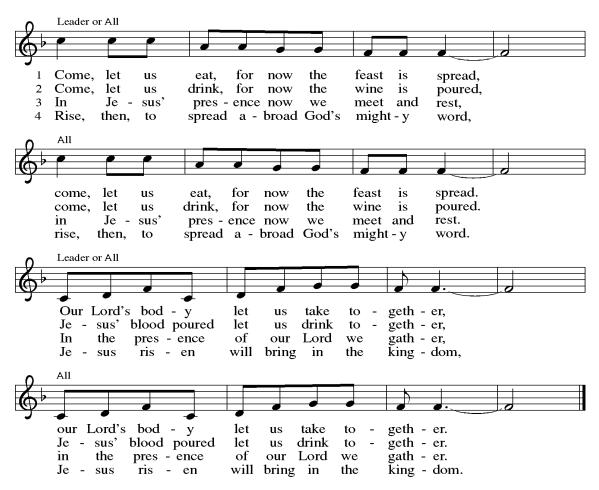


TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN In This Feast of Love (*verse 3*)

Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us peace, O Lord; fill us with the joy of your Spirit, ever living Word.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

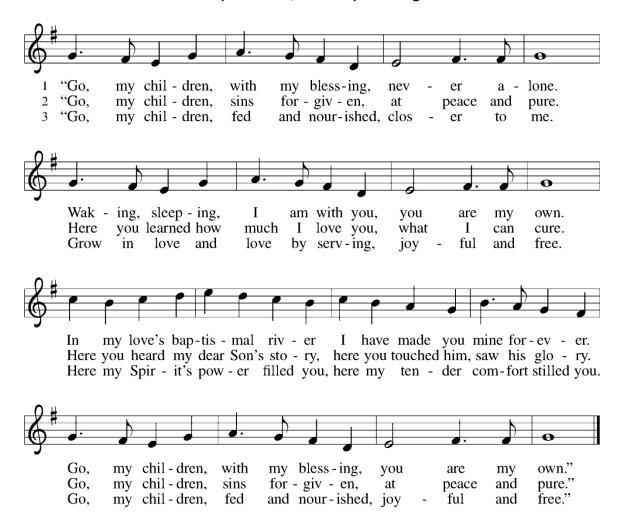
The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go My Children, With My Blessing

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Remember in Your Prayers THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O our missionaries: Stephen D/Marta G, Cent. Amer our congregation: Trinity Church

THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Isabel F, Tigist G, Lineth M, Anya N, Vimala P, Elizabeth R, Gio S, Margo W

family and friends*

Donald B, brother of Marilyn C Kathy B, custodian and friend of Trinity Pam C, sister of Mike M Pastor Sarah F-M, friend of Anita S Betsy G, friend of Margaret F David G, friend of Tad and Vi D Terry K, brother-in-law of David and Leslie C Anne L, friend of Len S Randi L, friend of Mike and Valerie M Juan-Maria M-M, friend of Len S Linda P. cousin of Julie N Martha R (Sterling Care), friend of Trinity Cristobal R-M, friend of Len S Cristobal R-S, friend of Len S Karen and Harold S, friends of Pamela B Paul S, brother of Steve S Carolyn T, daughter of Jim V Alex V, friend of Sunhee P The Voigtsberger family, friends of Greg and Margaret F Gerry W, friend of Tom K and Sarah M

first responders

Lisbeth N-D Greta S & Linda A, sister & sister-in-law of Anita S Vanessa B, friend of Elizabeth & Ben R

deaths

Pastor Paul Opsahl, August 26, 2023, friend of Trinity

Jim Hayes., September, 2, 2023, *father of Kathy H* Lonnie Baker, September 5, 2023, *friend of Carol B*

*For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office.

This Week at Trinity

Livestreamed services on Trinity YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityELCA/streams

Sun, Sept 10 The Fifteenth Sunday After

	Fentecost
9:30 am	Holy Communion Worship Service
	(Coffee Hour to Follow)
11:00 am	Gods Work. Our Hands.
	Snack bag assembly

Mon, Sept 11

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells Rehearsal

Tues, Sept 12

11:00 am Staff Meeting11:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed, Sept 13

1:00 pmTrinity Men's Group7:30Connections Ministry

Thurs, Sept 14

7:30 pm Trinity Singers choir rehearsal

Fri, Sept 15

10:00 am Attic clean up

Sat, Sept 15

9:00 am Food Drive

10:00 am Attic clean up

Sun, Sept 17 The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service (Coffee Hour to Follow)
- 11:00 am Sunday School and Adult Forum Classes

Online offering is available via PayPal!

See details on the Trinity website: http://www.trinityelca.org/give.

Masks are now optional in the building.



Welcome Pastor Neal Davidson!

This morning we are pleased to welcome Pastor Neal Davidson to lead our worship. Thank you so much for being with us today, and for helping us out during our time of transition.



Baptismal Anniversary 12 Charles M

Blessing of the Backpacks— Today

Children young and old are invited to bring their school or work bags to worship. We will bless the bags and their carriers at the end of the service.





Heavenly Handbells | September 11 Red Cross Blood Drive | September 12 Connections Ministry | September 13 Trinity Attic Cleaning | September 15 and 16 Food Drive | September 16 Sunday School and Adult Forum Classes |September 17

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee journey continues and is starting interviews with additional candidates identified by the Synod. To date we have received one additional candidate, but the Synod is expecting to provide additional names for consideration shortly.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee and the process in your prayers.



Sharing Stories of Faith

How have you experienced God's presence this

summer? Please share your story by submitting it via email to <u>office@trinityelca.org</u> or posting it to Carmen's attention. They will be printed in future issues of the Trinitarian.



in need. Help give the gift of life by donating at Trinity's next blood drive on **Tuesday**, **September 12 from 1:40-6.**; the sign up is now open on the American Red Cross' website.



Trinity is proud to support the Red Cross' humanitarian mission to help ensure there is lifesaving blood available to patients



In the past year, The American Red Cross has implemented changes to long existing restrictions and creating greater donor eligibility. There is more information available on the ARC website. The following is a note about the change to the Individual Donor Assessment (IDA): Under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's new individual donor assessment, all donors will be asked the same sexual behavior questions to determine individual risk for exposure to HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The overall blood donation process is not changing – all donors will now be asked some new questions during Health History. This update eliminates questions based on sexual orientation and treats all potential donors with respect while maintaining the safety of the blood supply. Years of data have demonstrated that this new eligibility screening process ensures a safe blood supply.

help us get the word out in the community... invite a friend, add to a list serve, post an announcement!

If you have questions, please contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com.



God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 10th is the 10th anniversary of congregations

throughout the ELCA joining to offer a day of service, known as God's Work. Our Hands. For the 10th Anniversary, Trinity has expanded beyond a day of service and has various service projects extending from September 9th through September 16th. Join us for some or all of the acts of service below:

On Sunday, September 10th, after service, there will be an intergenerational project in the social hall to assemble children's snack bags for Bethesda Help.

On Tuesday, September 12th, from 1:30-6pm, there is an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity.

On Saturday, September 16th, from 9-12pm, is Trinity's monthly food drive to support Bethesda Help.

God's Work. Our Hands. Join us.

This is a community drive, all are welcome; donors of all blood types are needed. Please



September 16, Monthly Food Drive

Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives to support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each month we

welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and between 10-20 gift cards. Our next food drive will be from 9:00am until 12 noon. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

Contact Margaret F at <u>gmfitzwm85@gmail.com</u> for more information.



Come and Make a Joyful Noise

We are

happy to have the Trinity Singers back leading our worship music. We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30pm.

We'd love to have you join us! All voice parts and experience levels are welcome. If you are interested, please speak with Mary B.

> All the earth worships you, They sing praises to you, Sing praises to your name —Psalm 66:4



Sunday School and Adult Forum Classes Return

These forums will return on Sunday,

September 17th, 15 minutes after the end of worship.

This year we will have 2 children's Sunday School groups: K through 3rd and 4th grade and up. The younger children will continue with our lectionary curriculum and the older children will study the Old Testament this year.

Adult Forum will offer a variety of series and guest speakers; we hope there will be something of interest for everyone.

The new Adult Forum year starts off with a brief look at the history of the Lord's Supper in the early years of the church and where some of our practices have originated and evolved. After this one session, we will finish up the Faith and Sexism statement we started in the spring.



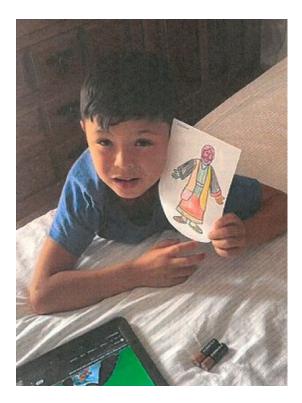
Cleaning the Attic

On September 15 and 16, Trinity will be completely cleaning and organizing the attic. All the items in the attic will be removed; these include costumes, Christmas ornaments, cookbooks etc. The space will be cleaned and new shelving will be installed. The contents will be subsequently reorganized, rehomed, or discarded. If you want to join in or if you have any questions please see Mike M or Pam B.

Please Remove Items From the Handbell Equipment Room

Please remove any items you have left behind in the handbell equipment room. There are currently a ladder, a pole to change light bulbs, and numerous other items which are making it impossible to get to our file cabinets and the handbell/handchime storage cabinets. This room provides access to the furnace room, organ pipes, sound system, and handbell equipment, but is not a general storage room for other items. Rehearsals will be starting again soon, so your help in clearing our room will be greatly appreciated.

Flat Jesus in Spain



Trinity at the Nationals' Game on August 19



Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Tad DeV

Cantor: Maggie F-L

Lector: Jerry B

Altar Guild: Miriam M

Communion Assistant: Miriam M

Usher: Angela B

Welcome Team: Fred S

Livestream Operators: Mike M/Jeanine B/John B

Coffee Hour: Viola DeV

Tellers: Elizabeth and Ben R

<u>Staff</u>

Guest Pastor: Pr. Neal Davidson

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Office: Carmen Davis

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone