

Pride Sunday

June 14, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Holy Communion

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Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Emily Pentelow
Greeter:	Diane Godfrey
Usher:	Dave Mello
Altar:	Holly McCurdy
Musician:	Jamie Courtney
Technology:	Rick Ritz
Fellowship:	Suzan Deckert

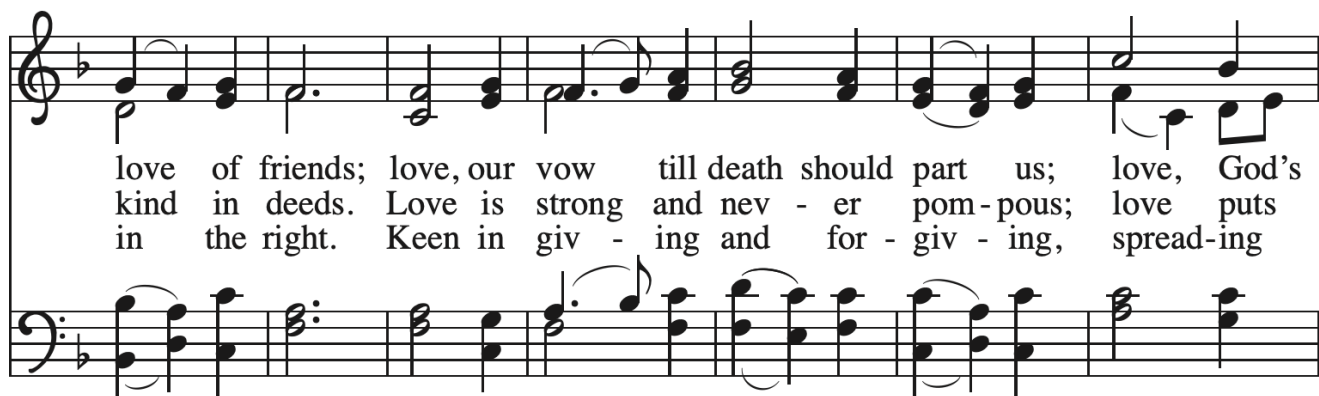
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Gathering Song

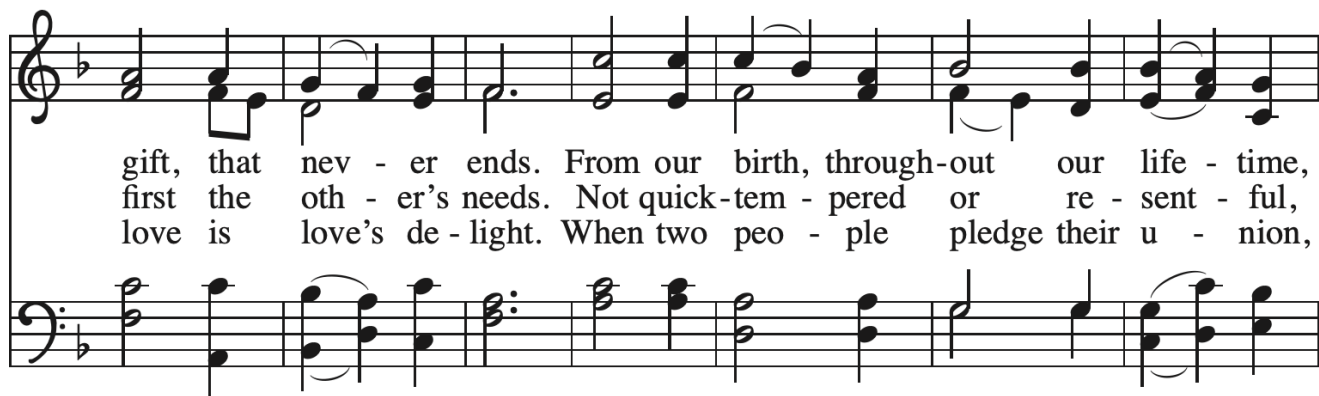
Love Has Brought Us Here Together



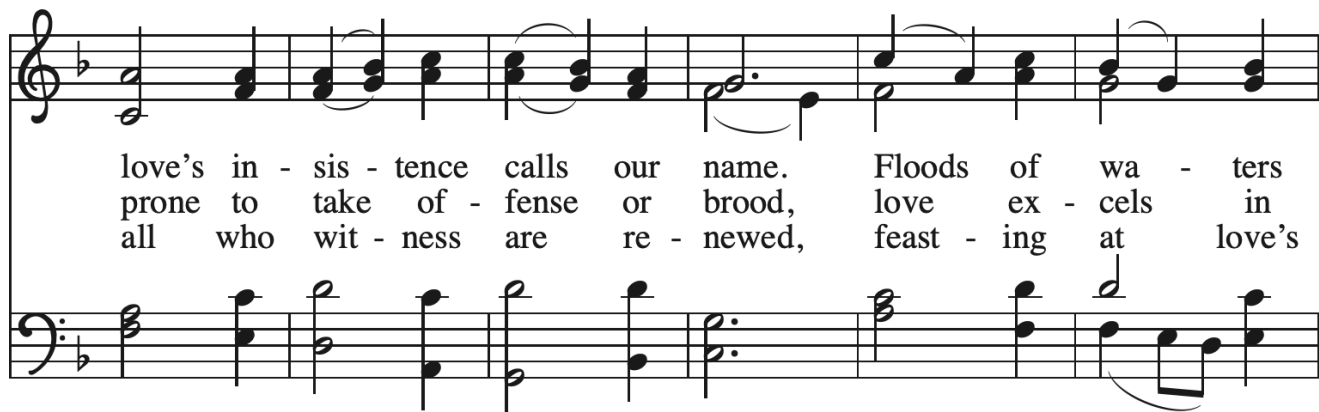
1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through - out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's

can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
 grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
 earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

- ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 139:1-18

LORD, you have searched me out;
 O LORD, you have known me.
**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**
 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright^l as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;**

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Gospel

John 14:15-27

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus

answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
 long. May that wel - come be our song.

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious Lord, let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth, as we pray for the world, the church, and for all your people.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of justice, let us offer the poor worth, feed the hands of the hungry whose arms are outstretched, give shelter to those who find themselves without a place to call home, surround our siblings who are within the 2SLGBTQIA+ community with your loving acceptance and grace.

God of compassion, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth, for healing of the world, our nation and others, our communities, our church, and our political leaders. Grant us grace to mend but not stay still. Sustain our courage and help us to abandon vengeance and hatred, lifting us up to love all our neighbors as ourselves.

God of compassion, **receive our prayer.**

Comforting Lord, let the streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth. Lift the mourner, the broken in spirit, those who grieve from abuse, for those who long for nothing more than to laugh again, when tears have filled their eyes. We pray for our siblings who experience oppression and exclusion in our society, and all those in need, especially Lyle, Nan,

Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Jacob, Mary, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

God of compassion, **receive our prayer.**

God of love, shown to us in the life of Jesus Christ, let your streams of living justice flow down upon the earth, stir in us our faith and courage in equal measure so we may serve others, to walk beside our siblings instead of away, to embrace all of humanity, and creation as a gift from you. Create in us a clean heart.,

God of compassion, **receive our prayer.**

God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church.

God of compassion, **receive our prayer.**

God of all, we offer to you these prayers and those we hold in our hearts, continue to fill us with the hope and the understanding that we have been made in your image, yet weaving our diversity into one beautiful tapestry that we respect and uplift, in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our God, the One who sees us.

It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

The second system continues the melody. It features a key change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) in the middle of the system, indicated by a sharp sign for the F note in the treble clef and a flat sign for the B note in the bass clef. The lyrics continue across the system.

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

The third system continues the melody in the two-flat key signature. It includes a fermata over a chord in the treble clef. The lyrics continue across the system.

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system concludes the piece. It features a key change back to one flat (B-flat) in the middle of the system, indicated by a sharp sign for the F note in the treble clef and a flat sign for the B note in the bass clef. The lyrics conclude with 'Ho - san - na in the'.



Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent,
in whom we move and breathe and have our being,
the hallowing of your name shines forth
in the diversity of your children.
May your peace and love, justice and equality,
inclusion and belonging
reign here on earth as in heaven.**

**Along with ourselves, grant that God's beloveds
who have been marginalized might have their daily needs met
—that they might find gainful employment without discrimination;
that they might have access to medical care without fear;
that they might have their rights and lives protected,
and that they might find a loving community
to belong to and call their own.**

**Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short
and failed so many of your children.
Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care;
for the times we laughed
or judged unique expressions of your image;
for the times we have misspoken, asked too much,
or failed to hear as we forgive those who might have failed us.**

Lead us away from the temptation
to be complacent in the face of injustice.
But instead give us courage
to stand up and stand with your beloved children.
For your love and justice
is to be made manifest now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Communion Song

Here is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



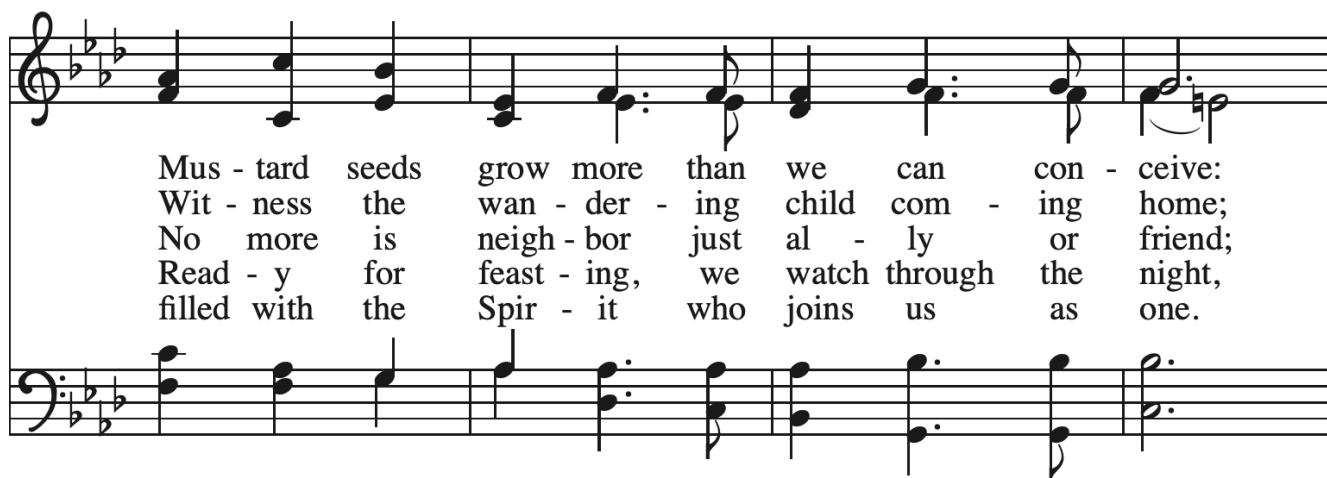
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Sending Song

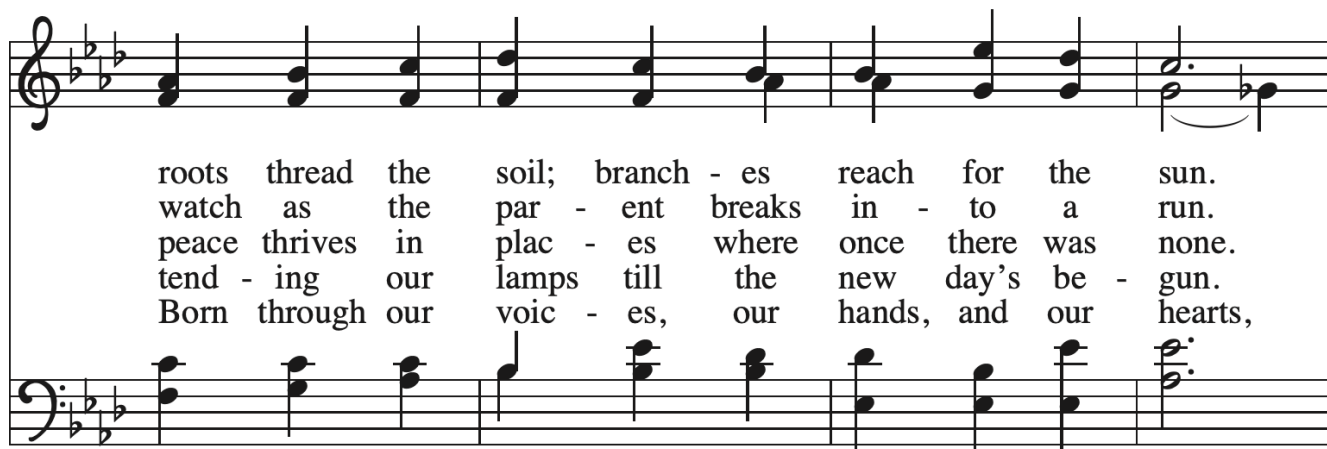
What is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

✦ Sunday to Sunday

14 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Pride
	10:30 am	Visioning Task Team Presentation
	11:30 am	RSVP Lunch
15 – Monday	10:00 am	Monday Morning Meetup
	4:30 pm	Karate
16 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Summer Bible Study: <i>Parables of Jesus</i>
	4:00 pm	Karate
	6:00 pm	Trinity Book Club (at Scran & Dram)
17 – Wednesday	9:30 am	NVMA Rostered Leaders at Zion, Stratford
	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
18 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
20 – Saturday	7:00 pm	AA
21 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Pentecost 4
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation

✦ Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Dee and Kitch Radke in celebration of Pride Month. Folks are invited to take a rose after worship.

+ Vacation Bible School

Creation Care Quest Vacation Bible School is coming to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg this summer from **Monday, August 17th to Friday, August 21st**. This will be a full-day program from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch and snacks included. Kids ages 5 to 11 years old as of December 31st, 2026, are invited to attend. The price is \$50 per child, which includes lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt! **Online registration is open at telc.ca!**

+ Eternity for Today

Eternity for Today is the daily devotional of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, featuring writers from across the country. The next issue (July, August, September) is now available for pick up in the narthex.

+ There Will Be Cake!

At her convocation on June 19th, Pastor Tanya will receive her PhD. Please join us at Trinity on Sunday, June 21st to celebrate her terrific accomplishment after worship.

+ Visioning Task Team Update + Lunch

Today after worship, Trinity's Visioning Task Team will be providing an update with proposals for a possible building project, followed by a catered lunch. This is an information meeting, and not an official congregational meeting where any voting would take place. Thank you to those who signed up for the lunch; we'll meet downstairs in Trinity Hall after the presentation.

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