

*Today's liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost.*

*To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.*

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**Prelude:** Only King Forever by Elevation Worship

### Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

### Chiming of the Hour

**Call to Worship:** I'll Fly Away

**Welcome from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors**

**Church Financial Report by Phil Robbins**

**Announcements** (\*noted within the bulletin)

**A Time for Prayer:** Pastor Tim

### The 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 that 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. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought No. 128

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b CEB**

**Lector Reader:** Diane B

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

<sup>2</sup>Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!

<sup>3</sup>Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD!

<sup>4</sup>Pursue the LORD and his strength; seek his face always!

<sup>5</sup>Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works,

and the justice he declared—

<sup>6</sup>you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

<sup>23</sup>That's how Israel came to Egypt, how Jacob became an immigrant in the land of Ham.

<sup>24</sup>God made his people very fruitful, more powerful than their enemies,

<sup>25</sup>whose hearts God changed so they hated his people and dealt shrewdly with his servants.

<sup>26</sup>God sent Moses his servant and the one he chose, Aaron.

<sup>45</sup>Praise the LORD!

This is the word of God, for the people of God,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Children's Moment:** led by Mary Beth A.

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

Children are a gift! Psalm 127:3

<sup>3</sup>No doubt about it: children are a gift from the LORD; the fruit of the womb is a divine reward.

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

**Ushers:** (Joyce P., Angie T., Sandra R., Alberta M.)

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully<sup>1</sup> will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

**Offertory Music:** You Say by Lauren Daigle

**Doxology** No. 95

**Anthem/Special Song** Ev'ry Time I Hear The Spirit  
Rick Galyean (Euphonium solo)

**Response to the Service: A Service of Word and Table** No. 13-15

**Communion Stewards:** Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

**Communion Music:** Amazing Grace arranged by Greg Howlett

**Sermon:** "Occasions for Celebration" Luke 15:20-32

**Closing Hymn:** God Be with You till We Meet Again No. 673

### Benediction

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent  
one from another. AMEN!**

**Postlude:** Can He, Could He, Would He, Did He? by The Cathedrals

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

### \*Offering stewards for September

Sep 10: Chris S., Daniel W., Billy W., Rob M.

Sep 17: Susan H., Cecilia R., Beth H., Patty R.

Sep 24: Spencer Q., Dennis A., Gary H., Steve P.

### \*Children's Moment for September

Sep 10: Beth H.

Sep 17: Kim P.

Sep 24: Cindy A.

### \*Greeters for September

Sep 10: Angie T., Amy G.

Sep 17: Ann W., Don W.

Sep 24: Joyce P., Tiffany A.

### \*Lector Readers for September

Sep 10: Nicole R-Psalm 23

Sep 17: Natalie S-Psalm 114

Sep 24: Alberta M-Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

### Nursery Volunteers for September

Sep 3: Judy H., Nicole R.

Sep 10: Amy G., Donna M.

Sep 17: Katie Z., Cathy G.

Sep 24: Paula B., Amy G.

### \*Communion Stewards for October 1st

Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., Kim P.

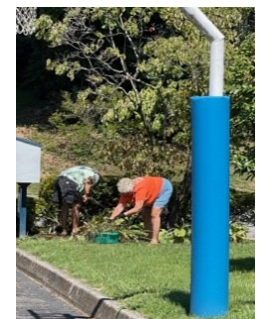
Church Spruce Up is in full swing; organization and clutter clearing has begun! Kudos to Dennis & Cindy Ashley and Amy Garcia for getting this cleanup rolling upstairs; and to Glenn & Jennifer Salyers for the garden area outside!



Disaster Relief Room



Supply Closet



Kelly Toney Garden

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

**Adult Sunday School** is Sunday at 10 am.

**Choir Practice** is Wednesday at 7 pm.

#### **Blessings and ministries overflow from our church!:**

Ever feel like you need a little more prayer in your life? Join us **every Monday from 5:30-6 pm** for an informal prayer meeting, come and be blessed! Three specific areas to pray for the church:

- That the message of Jesus Christ will be made clear and simple during our worship services, fellowships and outreach ministries
- That people will accept and understand the message of Jesus Christ
- That opportunities for outreach and growth in the church will continue

**ANOTHER OFFERING!:** Get up early, put on those walking shoes and join us for a **Prayer Walk—Saturdays @ 7:30 AM (yes that does say 7:30 AM, not a typo!!)**

Worship service at Heritage Hall **every Wednesday at 2:30-3 pm**, all are welcome to attend.

**Fall Festival Planning Mtg**—the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sep 6 @ 6pm; come and help get this Festival going! It was determined at the first meeting to hold the **Festival on Saturday, Oct 28 from 3-5 pm with food offered from 5-6 and finish with an outdoor movie at 6pm!** Mark your calendars and prepare for a fun filled day!

**Methodist Men**—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Sep 11th @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person—the meeting will be held at Country Kitchen with burger & fries meal. Please sign up in fellowship hall if you plan to attend.** All men are welcome.

**Women of Trinity**—The next meeting is Sunday, **Sep 17th @ 5 pm.** All women are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**Trinity Book Club**—Our book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is **Monday, Sep 18th @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG.** All are welcome to attend.

### EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

**Recovery Fest water giveaway—Saturday, Sep 16 from 1-5 pm in Miner’s Park.** Volunteers are needed and so appreciated!

**Hunter’s Education Classes scheduled for September 30.** This class runs about 6 hours and can be used for concealed weapon permits. See Billy Whitt if you’d like to sign up for one of the classes

**BSG Clergy Group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 6 pm.** Clergy members in the

area have been meeting to discuss ways to work together to strengthen God’s ministries in our area. Please keep this group in your prayers so they may provide positive influences in our community.

**Church Rummage Sale**—this Fall, we have an abundance of items for our next rummage sale—so much, that we are doing **TWO** Fall rummage sales.....get ready for some MAJOR BARGAINS! **Our first sale will run from Monday, September 11 through Friday, September 15 from 9am-2pm Mon-Thu and 9am-Noon Friday. Volunteers are needed and appreciated!** Our second sale will be in October.....be on the lookout!

Get ready—it’s almost **pancake breakfast** time again! The Methodist Men will provide a pancake breakfast on **Oct 14** in conjunction with the Blue Highway Fest. The women will also have a bake sale going so folks can get some goodies to take with them!

**\*\*If you were involved in VBS this year, please pick up a survey in the fellowship hall, complete and return it to the office. We need your input to make improvements for next year!\*\***

#### **Highlights from July Administrative Board meeting:**

- Treasurer report as of Jun 30; the operating budget was \$27,923.57. as of Jul 30, operating checkbook balance is \$25,075.26
- Board of Trustees-approved a project to repair/replace the front porch of the parsonage with the project not to exceed \$3,000; Church side door is becoming unsafe and needs to be replaced. This project was approved, not to exceed \$7,000.
- Finance Committee-Phil reported that we are about \$2,000 behind in terms of our budget and givings.
- Old business-discussion and approval of project to add screens to the sanctuary; this project will be completed as funds become available.
- Christy reported 61 homes and 2 churches have been prayed for to date during the Saturday morning prayer walks.

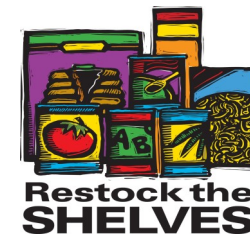
#### **August Administrative Board meeting highlights:**

- Treasurer’s report— as of Jul 31, the operating checkbook balance is \$27,158.26; as of Aug 20, the balance is \$22,612.00
- Discussion regarding the pianist-currently is paid per practice & performance. The board determined we need to revise the contract which was handed to the SPPRC for revision.
- Glenn Salyers and Susie Whitt will be beautifying the Kelly Toney garden. Any funding required will be paid from the Memorial Committee Funds.

#### **UPS Back Pack Program**

Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of September, the requested item is Chef Boy Ardee.

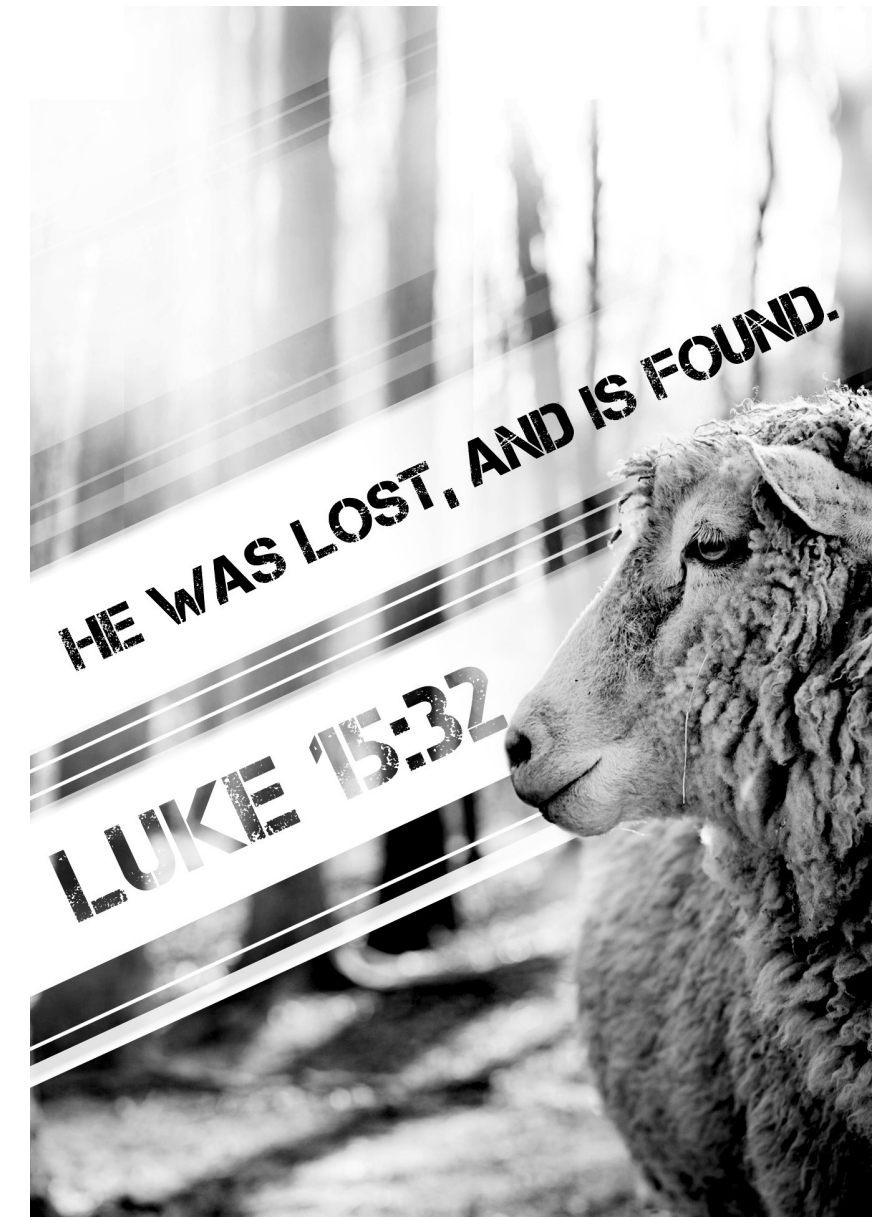
The food item requested for September is Chef Boy Ardee—Spaghetios or Ravioli



**ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS:** Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for September is a pack of pencils (10-12 pack-NOT mechanical); there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

## The Trinity Companion

September 3, 2023



### Trinity United Methodist Church

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**Worship begins at 11:00 am**

**Pastor—Rev. Timothy Robinson**

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