



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

"Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" (Genesis 28:16b)

As we continue our journey through the story of the descendants of Abraham, and Jacob's ladder, Paul's writing to the Romans, and Jesus' teaching of the parable of the Sower in Matthew's gospel, we are reminded that God is often at work in unexpected places, using ordinary people who are willing to demonstrate God's extraordinary love to others.

It has been a little over a month and a half since I began my time here at Trinity and, I can say that, I identify with Jacob and that awe struck feeling of encountering the Divine in action in God's world, what each of you does here at Trinity each and every day. In our reading from Genesis this week, we get to hear the familiar story of Jacob's ladder, a story of not only encountering God in the Wilderness and the transformative nature of encountering God, and the angels in our midst ascending and descending that ladder. Love in action!

You, my friends are the angels in our midst. With every prayer you pray, every act of service, every hug or smile, and every time you offer love, compassion, grace, welcome, dignity, and forgiveness to others you are doing Holy work, in your own present-day wilderness. The Angels here today and each of you faithful disciples carrying God's love into everyday life.

That work is not easy. Today, we will continue our discussion on the Anglican ties to slavery right here in NJ, and the implications for our faith as we continue to grow and grapple with it. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter today, the world is groaning! Paul encourages us to wait with hope and be patient. Yet, as we encounter tragedies, suffering, and uncertainty in the world around us, it can be difficult to feel hopeful. Paul reminds us that hope is never passive. We can see the hope whenever Trinity chooses compassion over convenience, generosity over scarcity, welcome over exclusion and reconciliation over resentment. Each is its own moment of love in action! Here at Trinity, we wait with patience because it's people are boldly proclaiming that God's kingdom is already breaking into this world, with every moment of love in action!

Love in action eases suffering, it comforts rather than conflicts, it unites rather than divides. In Jesus' parable of the sowing of the wheat, we are reminded that God's world is messy. It is not neatly divided into good and bad, or faithful and unfaithful, rather it is a messy field which we must cultivate in our own hearts, souls, and lives. What if we approached each other and the world around us with the same understanding and patience that God is still growing goodness in people and the world around us, even when we do not fully know the story? Radical love refuses to define others by their worst moments. Instead, it makes room for grace, trusting that God's harvest is still unfolding.

We continue to embody Christ's love through acts of kindness, prayers, generosity, and our willingness to live out the gospel beyond the walls of our church. Each of us as living witnesses that Surely, God is in this place! May we continue to create fields of Holy ground beneath us, nurture the wheat of our lives with hope and patience, and our lives be the ladders of grace joining the human and divine in radical acts of love!

Faithfully,
Tiff

Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love**.

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
A gentle, said service (no music)

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Joyous, sung music

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home M - F
Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship

7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

Connect with Us

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Trinity Basics

PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

PANTRY & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:30AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.
Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Bill Presutti (warden) Wendy Jaghab (warden)
Brice Byham, David Clark, Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Megan Jones, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, and Maria Tassiello. You may contact the vestry at: vestrywardens@trinitynj.com

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Michael Isaccson	Laura Bentivegna
Manal Miller	Mona	Lisa Boyer
Stephanie	Grace Couluris-Woodruff	Pearson Family
Margaret Jones	Barbara Muzychka	Haupt Family
Miles	Tom Dempsey	Fred Tagliarini
Denzel Donaldson	Dianne & Debbie	Bob Berger
Gregory Curatolo	Candace Lindh	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.



Prayer Team Ministry. During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else. Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends

7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24
John Scherer	Polli Schildge & Michael Kushner	MaryFrances Schjonberg & Sharon Babb	Gregg Schon	Carol & James Scollay

News & Notes

Adult Education Today at 9 am: Slavery and Anglicanism in New Jersey Continued!

We will continue the conversation about topics raised by our recent guest preacher, Dr. Jolyon Pruszinski, in his book *Anglican Slavery in New Jersey*. No reading required, and come even if you missed the 7/12 sermon and class. 9 am in the multipurpose classroom.

Weekly Bible Sharing: Summer Potpourri ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

All Seekers please come out on Wednesdays for our summer Bible Sharing! We will have a variety of activities as members take turns leading Summer Potpourri! We begin at 5pm and end in time for 6:30 mass. Questions? call Joanie @908-216-5529

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Monthly Meeting ~ Sunday, July 26, 9am

The Trinity EPF monthly meeting will be held Sunday, July 26th at 9am. We will be planning the themes for our monthly gatherings in the fall. What do we want to PRAY-LEARN-ACT on together? Hopefully many of you have signed up for the regular EPF newsletter that comes out identifying the work of EPF Nationally. Go to the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (<https://www.episcopalpeacefellowship.net/>) and sign on. To date we have focused on Human Rights and Cristosal, the Church's response to Christian Nationalism, local Affordable Housing, Delaney Hall abuses, and Palestinian Justice. There are some articles in the back of the church available if you are interested. Finally EPF has hired a new National Executive Director so interesting and exciting times lay ahead.

School Supply Drive ~ Due Sunday, August 9th

We are collecting school supplies for students from our community through Sunday, August 9th. Supplies will be dropped off with Community Karma who will pack them into age-appropriate kits and distribute them to community kids. We are collecting all supplies for kids pre-k - High School. All supplies are welcome, some suggestions are: backpacks, lunch boxes, folders, notebooks, pencils, pencil cases, crayons, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers, colored pencils, school scissors etc. Bring your supplies by on Sundays or Tues-Fri 9-3:30pm. Thank you!

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom Will Be on Hiatus for the Month of July

Funeral Service for Faye Hudson ~ Saturday, August 1st at 2pm

There will be a funeral service here at Trinity for parishioner Faye Hudson on Saturday, August 1st. Please keep Faye's family and friends in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate her life.

Summer Fun with Trinity! N&D Electric Duo Concert ~ THIS Tuesday, July 21 at 7:30pm

Our summertime hospitality events are ready to go - first up is the N&D Electric Duo Concert! Bring a beach chair or blanket for a night of dancing and fun at the Avon Pavilion in Avon. Wear your Trinity t-shirt or gear if you have it and meet us on the beach next to the boardwalk on the North side of the Pavilion. Free!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Trinity BlueClaws Trip August 7

May the Force be with You! Join us on Friday, August 7th for a 7pm game at the BlueClaws' Lakewood stadium. The theme for the night is Star Wars and there will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$13 and they can be reserved and paid for in advance by visiting

https://trinityap.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2370146, scanning the QR code to the right or by contacting Courtney Pearson in the parish office or emailing her at Courtney@trinitynj.com. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 5:30pm for fellowship time before the game! It is always a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship when we gather together to cheer on our local BlueClaws team!



Outreach at the Beach: A Youth Day of Service, Tuesday, July 21 9am-3pm

All Middle and High School youth are invited to join us with other youth from around the Diocese for a day of service and sun! The day begins at 9am with service at our Food Pantry. After that, we will head to the beach for food and fellowship and definitely fun! The afternoon ends at 3pm. Cost is \$10 per person and covers lunch. RSVP with the QR Code to the left!



Children & Youth Summer Programming

Join us on summer Sundays for "Summers at Trinity," a special movie and discussion series for our children and youth featuring Inside Out and Soul. Together, we'll explore themes of faith, purpose, emotions, and the love of God. Also, on **August 2nd, & August 30th**, we will hold a Special Children's Summer Sermon Series with Father Chase (children will remain in the main service). Nursery will remain open throughout the entire summer! We look forward to a joyful summer together!

Episcopal Peace Fellowship: Organizing for Affordable Housing ~ Thursday, July 30 at 6:30pm

July 30th at 6:30PM come join The Episcopal Peace Fellowship with Mike Wile and Derek Bloom to organize for more affordable housing in Monmouth County. At the meeting we will each choose a few spiritual institutions to call in Monmouth County and see if they want to build affordable housing on their property. Our end goal is to call all the spiritual institutions in the county to see if we can help build the affordable housing our country so desperately needs. We will train you how to make the calls, if a church is interested we will put them in contact with our community partners the Affordable Housing Alliance. Email derek@trinitynj.com if you can come!

Fr. Chase is Out of Office July 16-July 28

Fr. Chase will be away on educational leave through Tuesday, July 28th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 732-775-5084 and press extension 5. For non-emergency matters, you can reach out to the parish office and speak to The Rev. Tiff Campbell or Casandra Arroyo.

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Use

Our sound system includes an Assistive Listening Device Unit. We have listening packs and headphones available for use during services, or bring your own headphones. Please see an usher or Verger if you'd like to use a device during services.