

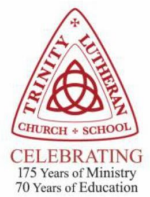


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The Good News

LIFE AT TRINITY IN PICTURES



From Our Pastor

Grace to You Dear Friend,

We are at the halfway mark since the beginning of the year 2025!

Our ministry calendar is packed with many ministry opportunities. Moving up ceremonies, graduation, retirements, interviews, new hires, budgets, clean-ups, Celebrate Summer and preparation for VBS, preparations for our 175th celebrations and homecoming are well underway.

As a faith community, we are entering into the season of Pentecost. We will be celebrating the Day of Pentecost on June 8. This will be followed by the Feast of the Holy Trinity on June 15.

When Jesus ascended, the promise of the Holy Spirit was given to us! For the Christ follower, we are infused with this unique free gift. It is the Holy Spirit. I call the Holy Spirit the best "power tool" of all time. It calls us to be WITNESSES for Jesus and His Work among us. We are humanly powerless. Let us remember that we have the "power tool" called the Holy Spirit. Let us be Holy Spirit dependants and use the "power tool" that comes to our counsel and rescue. The Holy Spirit guarantees us that God has your back. He gives you strength, purpose and direction through His Word and Sacraments.

At this time, I would like to thank Mrs. Kim Merz and Deacon Lynn Waldeck for their dedication, faithfulness and promptness, joyfully serving the Lord at Trinity for many years. They both brought consistency in the everyday grind of the behind the scenes church nuts and bolts. As they both retire by the end of this month, we wish them Godspeed during their time of transition. Thank you, Kim and Lynn. Grateful for each of you!

May our Triune God - The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Joyfully serving the Lord,

Pastor Johnson Rethinasamy



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

LSB 507 v 4



How to Stay Close to God this Summer

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:8

It's hard to believe that summer is almost upon us. And summer means many things to many people. For some, it means a time of rest and relaxation. For others, it's a time of fun, barbeques, pool parties, and time to go on those planned vacations. And for the kids it means no more school until September! Yay! But don't forget about worshiping God. Unfortunately, many people take a vacation from church and God during the summer months. But here are some tips to help you stay close to Him all summer long.



Start Your Morning with Jesus

Wake up a little earlier than you usually do and open up your Bible and see what God has to say for the day. This will give you a little skip in your step for the day and serve as a reminder throughout your routine. Connecting with God first thing allows Him to be the first thing on your mind as you wake up and will follow you as you face the challenges of the day. God loves it when we spend time with him, why not do it right before you start your day?

Journal

This often follows a Bible study or daily devotional but can be done on its own as well. Write down your thoughts and feelings, or some Bible verses to help you through the day and prayers to God. It helps to get it all down on paper and is a good way to remind you of God's love throughout the day. And at night before bedtime, make a gratitude list of three things that God blessed you with during the day.

Pray

"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Praying can be done at any time of the day and is a good way to grow your relationship with God. Tell Him what you are feeling and ask for help in any areas of your life. Prayer is a conversation between you and God so feel free to tell Him anything. I love to talk to Him all day long.

I pray that you all have a blessed, safe and happy summer. But please remember to stay close to God. He is always close to you.

Deacon Betsy Lazarek



Your Deacons

Betsy Lazarek
Donna Haines
Lynn Waldeck

“O DAY FULL OF GRACE” LSB 503

What a joyous day a birthday is! Something to be celebrated every year. Well, until we hit that certain year, maybe it was 39? The Day of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, is the Christian church's birthday. The tongues of fire, the mighty wind, the disciples speaking in tongues, and 3000 being baptized, these were the outward signs that Jesus had sent His Spirit as He had promised. It is a day to be celebrated year after year.

On Pentecost this year, June 8, we will sing one of the great Pentecost hymns of the church, “O Day Full of Grace.” It is still fairly new for us here, but a hymn that is surely memorable, with a text that speaks to us from year to year. It comes to us from Denmark, the earliest versions of it date to 1450. However, the version known and sung in current hymnals was assembled by Danish hymn writer and pastor, Nikolai Gruntvig. It was written to celebrate the millennium of Christianity in Denmark. The hymn highlights the word grace, or the giving of something not deserved. We receive God's love and mercy through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

The text of the hymn, like many hymns from Scandinavia, references light and darkness, which makes sense for countries that are covered in darkness through much of the winter, and the return of light was celebrated. The first two verses trace God's grace in Jesus promised to us, as we celebrate in Advent and by Jesus' birth to us at Christmas, again with the references to the darkness of sin, and the light of Christ. “God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon,” (v. 1) “How blest was that gracious midnight hour when Christ in the flesh was given... then rose o'er the world that sun divine which gloom from our hearts has driven.” (v. 2) We are then brought to the cross, where Christ's work of salvation was completed by His death and the empty tomb. “Christ bore our sins and not his own... and then He arose and moved the stone, that we... might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.” (v. 3) In verse 4 Pentecost is described as God coming to us. “God came to us then at Pentecost... all darkness for us dispelling. Finally in the last verse we are brought to the end of our lives, and into eternity, reminding us that the Spirit's work is to strengthen us and keep us in God's Word. There in heaven, “we will gather in song, all joy of heaven sharing, and walk in the light of God's own place, with angels his name adoring.” (v.5)

This powerful hymn takes us through the life of Christ and shows us the wonders of God's grace. Here is a link to hear this powerful hymn of promise. It was prepared during Covid, and musicians sent in their solo performances, which were then assembled into one performance. In the end over 1300 musicians participated in this video, including a couple from our own church, can you find them? Here is the link:

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Henry DeVries,

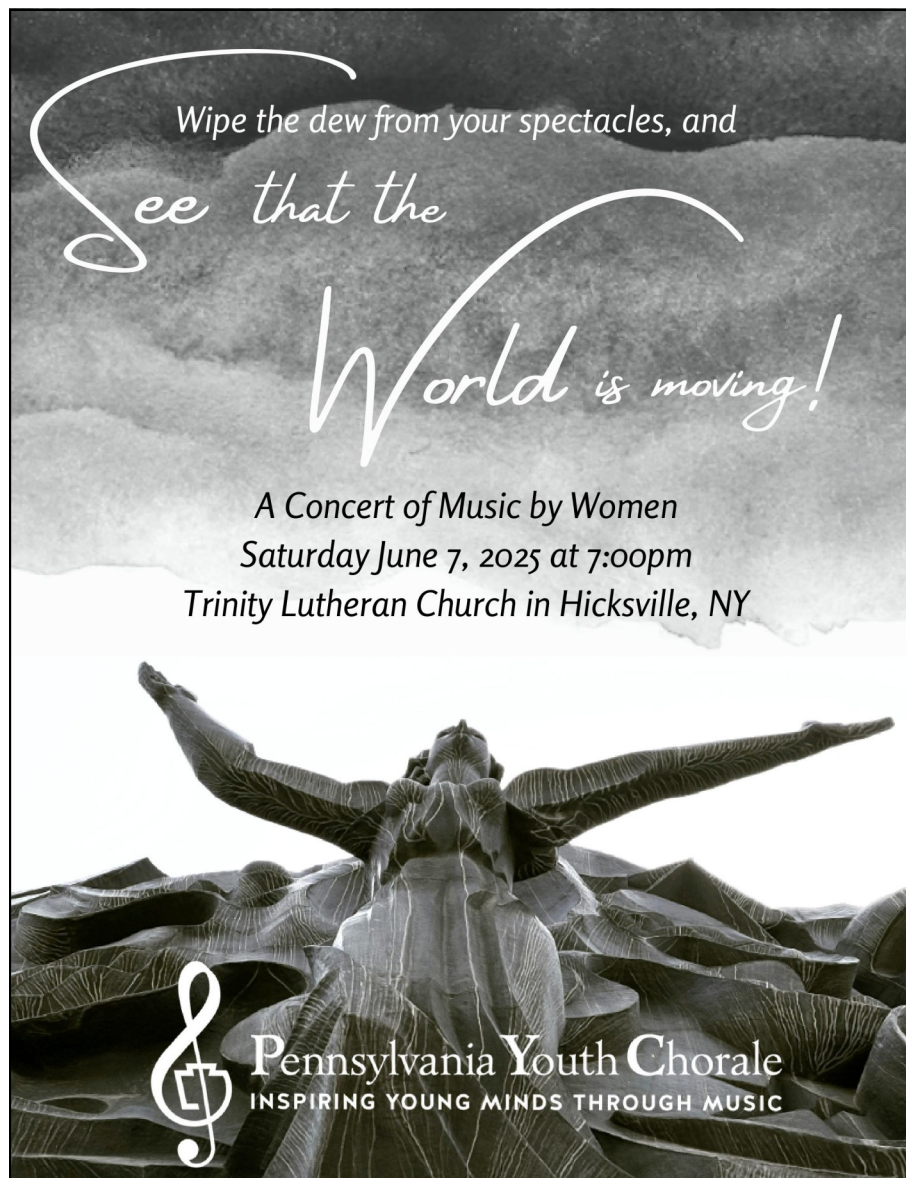


PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH CHORAL CONCERT

Our friends from the Pennsylvania Youth Chorale will once again be visiting to share their musical talents with us. The choir is made up of about 20 children, ages 10-14. They will be presenting a concert here at Trinity on Saturday evening, June 7 at 7:00pm. If you have never been to one of their concerts, they are wonderful and not to be missed! The concerts are generally made up of a large variety of musical styles, always something for everyone. This year their concert is entitled “See that the World is Moving” and will focus on music composed by women composers. Please save the date, the concert is free for all.

The choir will also be participating in the 9:00am worship service here at Trinity on June 8, which is good, because their music is different each day, and you will want to hear them at least twice! Each year the choir comes to us asking for nothing more than a meal on Saturday, and a place to sing, and bring the gift of music to people. Let us come and support them.

Henry DeVries,
Minister of Music



Early Childhood Center Update

As we approach the end of another joyful and enriching school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the growth, laughter, and learning that has taken place within our Early Childhood Center.

We are especially excited to celebrate our **Toddler, Nursery, and Pre-K students** during their **Moving Up Ceremonies**, happening the second week of June. These special moments mark an important milestone in each child's early education journey, and we are honored to have been a part of their development. We look forward to recognizing each child's unique accomplishments and the bright futures ahead of them.

To all our students and families, thank you for your trust, enthusiasm, and support throughout the year. Your partnership means the world to us, and it's what makes our school such a warm and vibrant place.

As we say goodbye for now, we wish every one of you a **happy, safe, and fun-filled summer!** May it be full of discovery, relaxation, and cherished time with loved ones.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Seemangal

Director, Early Childhood Center





CELEBRATE SUMMER 2025

Trinity Lutheran's Celebrate Summer offers an affordable program for children in a caring Christian environment.

Six Week Sessions are available for Children age 2 through those entering 3rd grade.

PROGRAM HOURS: 8 AM – 1 PM

***9AM-12PM FOR 2 YEAR PROGRAM**



ACTIVITIES:

ORGANIZED SPORTS

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAMS

ARTS AND CRAFTS

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

WATER PLAY

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

10% OFF

WHEN REGISTERED

BEFORE APRIL 15TH

For More information:

trinityli.org/celebrate-summer

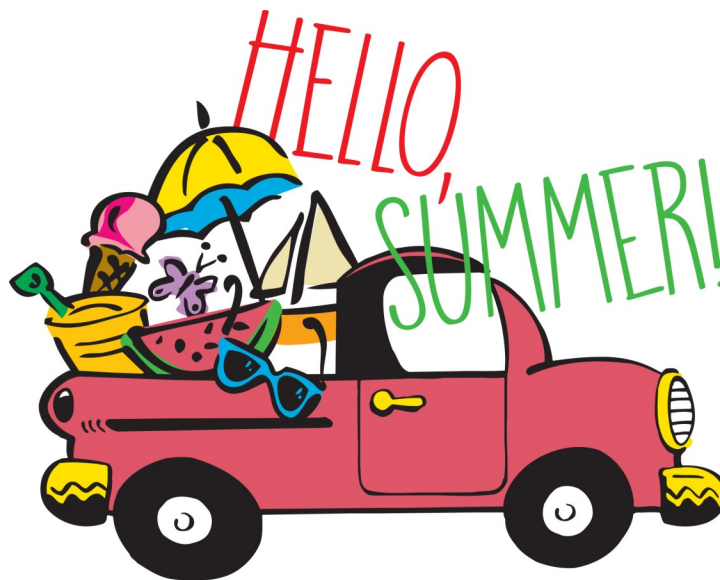
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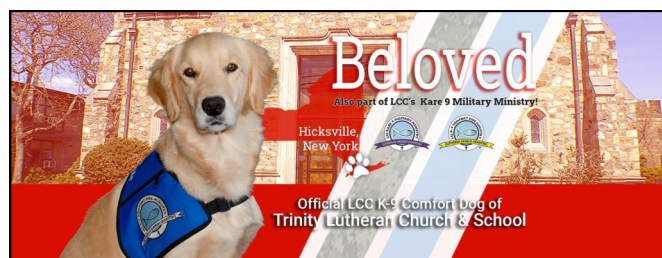


We had our final fundraiser of the fiscal year on May 17, with the highly successful High Tea event. We want to thank our Chairperson, Linda Brady-Strom for spearheading this event with all her attention to details to make this event such a success. Under her skills and guidance, the MPR was transformed into an elegant setting with various finger sandwiches, salads and desserts. A big thank to all who attended, donated and assisted! We raised over \$2000 from the sale of the meals, donations, and raffles. All proceeds will go to the charities we support. Special thanks have to be extended towards our super delivery team (Marite Hennessey, Mary Jane DeVries, and Kathy Krass). They made over 13 stops delivering numerous take-out meals to those who couldn't make our in-house event. The recipients were very appreciative of this service. This is a great illustration of the love we have to be inclusive towards the people who aren't able or available to attend. We have to thank Helen Peter for making all those phone calls to promote the event. And of course a big thanks to our New Dimensions Praise Band and our Trinity Youth Band for providing the wonderful entertainment. Also, our gratitude goes to our amazing guest speakers; Jane Kramer, Linda Hoerberlein, Ginny Porter and Helen Peter. They spoke from their hearts to our guests regarding our High Tea theme "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Blessings,
Faye Wong



Comfort Dog Ministry



Our June Schedule

- 06/02/2025 - Arbors - Islandia
- 06/03/2025 - Central Island
- 6/7/2025 - St Paul's Strawberry Festival
- 06/09/2025 - Arbors Westbury
- 06/10/2025 - Bristol Westbury
- 06/12/2025 - LIAD
- 06/12/2025 - Mill Neck Manor School
- 06/17/2025 - Bristol Garden City
- 06/17/2025 - Central Island
- 06/19/2025 - Bristol Westbury
- 06/19/2025 - Somerset Gardens
- 06/22/2025 - Bristol Massapequa
- 06/23/2025 - Arbors Westbury
- 06/25/2025 - Day Break
- 06/26/2025 - LIAD
- 06/26/2025 - Bristol East Meadow





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175 Years of Ministry
70 Years of Education

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**6TH THROUGH
8TH GRADE**



May - June 2025

Quick Calendar

FUEL Olympics
Friday
May 16th
7-9pm
Youth Room

**END OF YEAR
FUEL**
Friday
June 13th
7-9pm
Youth Room

For questions
regarding FUEL
please email
youth@trinityli.org

Upcoming Events

FUEL OLYMPICS

FUEL Olympics will have a series of Minute-To-Win it style events and activities. We hope you'll join us for this great event!

Cost is \$2

END OF YEAR FUEL

This FUEL will celebrate the upcoming end of School and the coming of summer.

Cost is \$2

FUEL is open to all Trinity Lutheran Church and School Members. Pick up and drop off is at the Youth Room door, located next to the ECC or East Entrance in the Trinity Parking Lot.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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JULY 13
MINISTRY FAIR
TIME & TALENTS FOR TLC

SEPTEMBER 20
PARSONAGE
POTLUCK BLOCK
PARTY

NOV 2
ART TOUR &
HYMNFEST

APRIL 20
EASTER FESTIVAL
CELEBRATION

JUNE 1
CELEBRATION OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AUGUST 23
BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS AND BRIEFCASES
HOMECOMING BBQ

OCTOBER 3-5
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
ALUMNI EVENT, DINNER, WORSHIP

DECEMBER 13
THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS



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A vibrant poster for 'True North' Vacation Bible School 2025. The background features a scenic Alaskan landscape with snow-capped mountains, a calm lake reflecting the sky, and a colorful aurora borealis in shades of green, purple, and pink. In the center, a large, stylized wooden sign shaped like the state of Alaska contains the text 'TRUE NORTH' in bold, block letters. Below the sign, a blue banner reads 'Trusting Jesus in a Wild World'. To the right of the sign is a QR code. In the bottom right corner, a small, friendly-looking brown bear is peeking out from behind a rock. The overall theme is an Alaskan wilderness adventure.

Save the Date!

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

QR Code

This summer, get ready to hit the trails
for the ultimate Alaskan adventure!

What: Trinity Lutheran Church VBS

When: July 28 - August 1, 2025

Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Where: 40 West Nicholai St., Hicksville, NY 11801

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/tlcvbs2025>

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Volunteers Needed!

For info, email: vbs@trinityhicksville.org

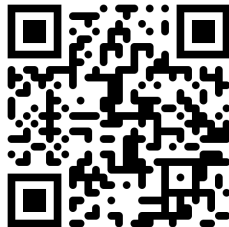
Good to Know Info!

LIVE STREAM and MULTI-CASTED WORSHIP SERVICES

Our live streamed worship services are simultaneously streamed to both YouTube as well as Facebook. Therefore, you can choose to watch the Live Stream on either site. Trinity's channel on YouTube is @TRINITYHICKSVILLE The Direct link to the live stream on Facebook is [FBLive.TrinityHicksville.Org](https://www.facebook.com/FBLive.TrinityHicksville.Org) The Direct link to the live stream on YouTube is [YTLive.TrinityHicksville.Org](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTLive.TrinityHicksville.Org) We hope this additional platform will accommodate the many assorted devices in use. "Like & Subscribe!"

TRINITY QR CODES QR codes (or Quick Response codes) are two-dimensional codes that you can scan with your smart phone. The code contains information, usually a site address, and once you scan it, the code connects you with a resource on the web. Below are Trinity's two codes, one is for a direct link to our church website and the other code will take you to Trinity's PushPay screen for making your offering or giving a monetary gift. Give them a try!

[Trinity Website:](#)



[Trinity Giving:](#)



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING Trinity's Service of Prayer and Healing held on the first and third Thursdays of the month has resumed. The next service will be held on Thursday, June 5, beginning at 7:00pm.

TUESDAY PM LADIES BIBLE STUDY Please note that the Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study will be taking a brief break for the month June. The study will resume on July 8 and run through August 26 for the summer. The ladies will then be meeting at church in the YSR beginning at 10:00am.

NewsLetter DEADLine

This issue of Trinity's Good News newsletter will be the last issue that I will be compiling for you. I hope you have enjoyed it over the years. Watch for the next issue to be published for September if it has been decided that it will be continued. Kim
Have a great summer!

Worship Schedule

Sundays 9:00am Traditional

Live Streamed on
Facebook and YouTube
In Person

Sundays 11:00am Contemporary

Live Streamed on
Facebook and YouTube
In Person

Sunday School 9:00am

4th Sunday of the Month
South Asian Fellowship

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