



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## VOICE OF TRINITY

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the results of works, so that no one may boast.”  
(Ephesians 2:8-9 *NRSV*)**

## From Our Pastor

These last few days of September found us watching and waiting as we have tracked Hurricane Ian from its formation in the southern Caribbean and then move north over western Cuba toward Florida. (As I write this article Ian is poised to make landfall on the west coast of Florida and the bands of wind and rain have already caused tornados on the east coast in the Miami area. We will begin to experience rainfall here in Jacksonville from Ian today.) We know that from a massive storm like Ian, there will be severe damage from the strong winds, from heavy rains, and from flooding. There will power outages across the state and for us in northeast Florida. And most significantly there will also be injuries and loss of life due to the storm.

While we watch and wait, praying that the Ian will bypass us, we may have been making some preparations and taking some precautions in advance. (This makes me think of this past Sunday's gospel that spoke about heeding the Word of God in life before we die! See Luke 16:29). You may have stocked up on some extra water and non-perishable items, purchased extra batteries, and gas for your vehicles and a generator if you have one. You may have secured items around the house that could be blown away by winds and dug out the candles. Many people across the coastal and low-lying areas that is prone to flooding may be evacuating. All of these things we do to prepare may help us to ride out the storm and its effects.

Regardless of all our preparations and precautions that we have made and are taking (or not), we are still unable to stop the storm and to be totally immune from its impact. I pray that a tree limb (or tree) will not fall on the house or our cars, but you never know. Yet in prayer and hope, we pray for the safety of all those in the storm's path and that may be in peril.

Our prayers are not to be idle prayers, but prayers of trust and faith, even if only the size of a mustard seed, that can uproot mulberry trees (see Luke 17:5-6). Prayer is the foundation and life blood of faith and trust God and in Jesus Christ, even as storms of all kinds may rage about and against us. I commend to you Psalm 46 for your prayer and meditation.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, through the mountains

Shake in the heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

He burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

May God's grace, strength, and peace be with us as whether this and all the storms of life!

*In Christ's service,  
Pastor Robert*



**We welcome** to positions on Church Council Burney Pfaff and Karen Kuebler. They are filling until the end of the year the vacant positions of Aaron Giddens and Ricky Willoughby. At the December Congregational meeting they will be eligible for election (along with other nominations of Council) to a full three year term.

**Please note** that the Riverside High School Chorus Concert and Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled, after being cancelled due to Hurricane Ian. The **new date** for this long anticipated event is: **October 12, at 6:30 pm**. See you there!

**The Luther Rose**

October is the time that we are reminded of the Reformation of the church begun by Martin Luther. On our cover this month is the Luther Rose, designed for Luther and used by him as his seal.

The Luther Rose has as its center, a black cross. This is to remind us of the death of Jesus. Yet as long as we have Jesus in our heart, we will live, as shown by the red heart. The heart also symbolizes a shield, and the Trinity. All of this is within a white rose. White is the color of spirits, of angels, of joy. This is on a background of blue for our heavenly future. All of this is surrounded by a ring of gold, to show that the precious heavenly joy is unending.

**Trinity** is seeking to hire a Praise Band Director for our reSource services. A brief list of qualifications includes:

- Be skilled in the leadership of all phases of music.
- Be highly skilled on the keyboard or guitar as a lead instrument.
- Be adept at directing vocals and instruments.
- Be well acquainted with 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian contemporary worship music.
- Be willing to collaborate with organist/choir director when Contemporary and Traditional services are combined.
- Have a relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

For more information or for a copy of the complete job description please contact the church office at 904-389-5341.

**Trinity Food Pantry Highlights**

Thank you to the Trinity members and our neighbors for the many contributions of food and money for the Food Pantry. Here’s a recap of September’s activity:

Week Of	Patrons	Family Members	Zip Codes
Sept 8	49	149	10
Sept 9	52	173	13
Sept 22	49	170	14
Sept 23	53	190	13

26 different volunteers have participated during September from the following churches:

- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Avondale United Methodist Church
- Riverside Park United Methodist Church
- Riverside Presbyterian Church

Schedule for October 2022:

- Thursday Oct 13, 4 – 6 pm
- Friday Oct. 14, 10 – 12 noon
- Thursday Oct. 27, 4 – 6 pm
- Friday Sept. 28, 10 – 12 noon

The current cost of food is much higher than in previous years. Any donations of food will be greatly appreciated.

If interested in volunteering, contact Mark Baker: 847-525-7419 or mark.foodpantry@gmail.com

**From the Finance Team**

**Offerings:**

We are no longer passing the offering plate, but your offerings are still needed. You will find the offering plate in the narthex at the back of the church on Sunday mornings. Contributions can also be made in the following ways:

- Mail a paper check to the church or bring to the office
- Use on-line banking
- Go to Trinity4jax.org and click on the donate button

**Office of Treasurer:**

Trinity is looking for a member to serve in the office of Treasurer. We are looking for someone who understands basic accounting functions and has a spirit to learn and serve. Trinity is blessed with a Pastor who has been a CPA and an administrator who handles the day to day business of check writing, posting, balanceing and reconciling the various accounts of the church, so its not a hands-on job but rather it is a position of oversight and reporting.

If you might be interested, please pray about it and then contact Rusty White or Pastor Robert.

**From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows (FTF,OMG) – Debt Reduction:**

Council has passed a motion, to begin in September 2022, to apply donations made to the FTF,OMG Campaign (unless otherwise designated) against the principal balance of Trinity’s mortgage. These donations will go 100% toward Debt Reduction in addition to the monthly mortgage payment.

**Dear Friends in Christ,**  
 Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to NovusWay Ministries! Because of you, God is changing lives through our outdoor ministry. Many thanks for your dedication to our mission!  
 Sincerely in Christ,  
 Kristen Williams, MPA  
 Financial Development Executive  
 Director

**Choir**

Don't forget - choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. See you there!

**Return of the Lunch Bunch!**  
 Save the Date – October 20, 2022  
 We are going to be gathering together once more after two years – way too long! Our first lunch will be 11:30 am at:  
 Kaika's Japanese Restaurant (Teppanyaki/Asian Fusion)  
 1012-1 Margaret St. 32204  
 355-5168  
 (Corner of Margaret and Post Streets)

We need an accurate count by a week before the date if possible, so if you will be attending please sign up in the Hall of Memories OR contact Kim at 635-9104.

**Dear Reverend Kinley,**  
 Thank you very much for the donation of \$100.00 to West Riverside Elementary School, and thank you as well for all you do through the Children's Enrichment Workshop to provide afternoon activities for our students.  
 Sincerely,  
 Ms. Talya M. Taylor  
 Principal

**Love Offering**

The October Love Offering will go to Prisoners of Christ, who offer  
**REENTRY AND TRANSITION SERVICES:**  
 Giving Every Person Their Very Best  
 Opportunity at a True Second Chance

**Treasurer's Report**  
**August 2022**  
 1/1/2022 to 8/31/2022

**Receipts**

Actual	\$157,414
Budgeted	\$158,828
Actual-Budget	(\$1,414)

**Expenses**

Actual	\$178,168
Budgeted	\$177,655
Actual-Budget	\$513

**FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS**

Going into the home stretch of year three of the "From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows" capital campaign, here is where we are at:

- Through August, 2022, \$425,579 has been given and earned toward the \$401,387 pledged for the three year campaign. Due to the pandemic, the contribution period will be extended for an additional year through 2022. Members and friends who have not participated in the campaign are encouraged to join in support of the project financially as the work is nearly completed.
- The interior renovations of the Gathering Room are complete.
- Painting and work in the upstairs Sunday School area is progressing. As of August 31, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$382,276.
- Plans to purchase and install audio/visual equipment for recording and live streaming worship services are on hold at this time.

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**CHURCH STAFF:**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Reverend Robert Kinley
<b>Office Administrator:</b>	Lise York
<b>Organist/Choir Director:</b>	Kim Bloomer
<b>Director of reSource Ministry:</b>	
<b>Hostess:</b>	Rae Ettmyer
<b>Custodian:</b>	James White

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:**

<b>President:</b>	Rusty White
<b>Vice President:</b>	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Judy Hassler
<b>Treasurer:</b>	

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Pam Piersall	Casey Steel	Judy Hassler
Joe Molenda	Geri Buchanan	Rusty White
Don Howard	Burney Pfaff	Karen Kuebler

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