

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Gathering		
Welcome		
Announcements and Prayer		
Prelude		Jo Ann Heiting
(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)		
*Call to Worship		
Gather round,		
Young, old and in between.		
Gather together,		
Create a symphony of praise,		
Gather us in,		
And pray that God will make us his people.		
Gather us in,		
A community of faith, raising their voices in praise.		
*Opening Hymn	"Gather Us In"	TFWS 2236
*Opening Prayer		
Holy God,		
We gather together to witness to our faith in a loving God. We gather to heal and find peace. We gather to lift our prayers. Give us the courage to open our hearts, and the honesty to examine our intentions. Give us the grace to linger in your presence. God of miracles, draw near in this holy place at this tender moment, and weave your Spirit through our words and silence, and bring us to a deeper place of faith and fellowship. Amen.		
*Canticle of Covenant Faithfulness		125
*Affirmation of Faith	"The Apostles' Creed"	881
*Gloria Patri		70
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.		
Special Music		Ella Stilwell
Passing of the Peace:	Let us greet one another with love and peace.	
Scripture Lessons	Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 13:8-14	Pages 57-58 (O.T.) Page 153 (N.T.)
*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 18:15-20	Page 24 (N.T.)

Sermon	Agreed	Rev. Darlene L. Kelley
*Hymn of Invitation	"Amazing Grace" (vs. 1, 2 & 6)	378
Prayer of Confession		890
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 who 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.		
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		Jo Ann Heiting
*Doxology		95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen		
Celebration of the Great Thanksgiving		13
*Closing Hymn	"One Bread, One Body"	620
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"	Choir & Congregation

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor:	Rev. Darlene L. Kelley	AV Director:	Marie Stiles
Pianist:	Jo Ann Heiting	AV Assistant:	Chris Derrick; Erin Derrick
Liturgist:	Tom Geddens	Time Together:	Jack Stevens; Pam Turner

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning.

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...

Hilda Edwards	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Mary Sue Lewis	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Jeff Portwood	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Percy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Arvan Derrick	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Raleigh Carter
Jack Stevens	Donna Easterling	Becude			

Shut-Ins: Nell Cooke; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

Family and Friends: *Landon Luesing (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); Lynda Areheart (friend of Jo Ann Heiting & Bonnie Ramsey); Danielle Bradley (daughter of Ramona Shiffert, a friend of Kelsey Jones); Vicary Whitaker (sister of Edwa Meek); Jack Reeves (uncle of Mary Sue Lewis); Wayne Gunter (uncle of Tony Scott); Marty Johnson (former member); Otis A. McCroskey (father of Christopher McCroskey); Connie Crouch (friend of Mary Sue Lewis); Kristie Carter (niece of Faye Grahl); George Hough (brother of Mary Louise Robinson); Donna Eidson (former Trinity pastor); Ghent Brewer (brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby); Matt Imel (husband of Holley Gleaton Imel); Cayla Watters (friend of Karen Carter); Tommy Stokes (nephew of Joyce Robinson); Christina Lindemuth (daughter of Karen Carter); Kathleen Varnadore (Ted & Ruth Frady’s neighbor); Paul Frenzel (friend of Chris Derrick); Sissy Henry (former member of Trinity), Colby Martin (son of Donna Muszynski); Lynne Powell (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); Bryan Collard (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); Mary Davis (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); Connie Mason (friend of Lynn Martin); Nancy Wilson (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); David & Kristen Turner (brother and sister-in-law of Pam Turner); Chip Mixon (friend of Tommy Gleaton); James Boggs (father of Claire Boggs); Robert Bradley (Business Associate of Simon Ross); Adrin & Linda Hargett (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); Haidee Baehr (friends of Ruth Frady); Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson (cousins of Gale Frady); Dan Conner, Max Johnson (friends of Gale Frady); Janet Beck (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); Adam Lavender (son of Phil Lavender)*

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 08/30 SS: 15 Worship: 38

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 08/30 \$ 9,706.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

09/07 Labor Day

Office Closed

09/08 Grieving with God, 11 a.m.

09/09 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

09/10 Exercise Starts Back, 10:30 a.m.

09/11 Office Closed



Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

The Congregation
Darlene L. Kelley
Leonard Fairley
Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE

GATHERED
IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM."

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

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**Grieving with God
Tuesday, September 8**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 8**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



The Exercise Class will start back on **Thursday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m.** and will meet every Monday and Thursday. The class is free and open to everyone.

**EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING IS NEXT SUNDAY! Next Sunday, our congregation will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. This long-standing tradition began when Methodists were challenged to give a day's wages to support the children at Epworth. Today, that same spirit of generosity continues as we support children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. As you prayerfully consider your gift, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. Through your generosity, you become part of a ministry that offers hope, healing, and a brighter future to those who need it most. Thank you for partnering with Epworth to bring hope and healing to children, youth, and families across our state. For more information, visit www.epworthsc.org.



On **Sunday, September 13**, we will provide a meal for **MSN**. We will be serving **Breakfast for Dinner** with pancakes, sausage and anything else we'd like to bring. Please let Darlene know if you can help.

We will continue our Love Your Neighbor Ministry on **Thursday, September 24**, as we once again host some of the residents of **The Pines** at Trinity for a **Summer Breeze Luncheon**.



The Ladies Group will resume its Saturday breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning in September. We will meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Highway #1 in Lexington at 9:30 a.m. The dates are September 26, October 24 and November 28. We will skip December as the 4th Saturday falls on Christmas week-end. And we'll resume on January 23, followed by February 27, March 27, April 24, and May 22. Jackie will send reminders through her weekly update emails and Marie Stiles will send out an email each month to obtain your RSVP. If you are not on Marie's group email and wish to be added, contact her at 803.463.9706 or mariebstyles@gmail.com.



**Taste of Trinity
Sunday, September 27**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **September 27**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!