



**TRINITY**  
C H U R C H

# **NOVEMBER**

**2021**

**I will praise the name of God  
with a song; I will magnify him  
with thanksgiving.**

**~Psalm 69:30**

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From the Pastor's Desk....

As we make the move into November, all around us crops are being harvested in all their abundance. The harvest is a paradigm of our life with God. We worship the Creator who has abundantly given us all that is. In Colossians 1:16 the Apostle Paul writes, "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him." In Genesis 1:1, it is spoken more simply: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." God created. We didn't. Therefore, all good things we have are a gift to us from God.

Many today are struggling to understand where the mess in the world comes from. If God created all things, did He also create the tragedies of war? Did God plague us with disease? Does God intentionally place obstacles in our path to challenge our lives? When the darkness of depression drives people to their knees in anguish, or the stress of anxiety strikes to turn our world upside down, is this created by God?

I wrestle with these questions myself. I struggle to understand, especially when the questions stretch beyond the theoretical and are personified in someone in the depths of despair. I am better able to understand the anguish of Jesus crying from the cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me."

There is a theological understanding that because of sin, we are no longer in the Garden of Eden. We were cast out of the place of perfection into the chaotic world in which we live. This world is broken, sinful, and imperfect. In this world pain is real, sin is unavoidable, and imperfection is the rule. And yet, when crisis is present, we have a choice. Like Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard suggests, we can shake our fist at God in anger, or we can trust God through faith.

I choose to trust. I also know this to be true: God is good. Into our current situation God sends the Holy Spirit to abide with us. He ensures His perpetual presence. God sends Jesus with this solution. Jesus gave up His life to save us from the wages of our sin. He came to defeat death and give us abundant life now and forever. This life comes through faith.

In this season of Thanksgiving, consider this choice. Rather than blaming God or being angry with Him, praise God for who He is. Thank Him for the opportunities He opens in your life, the blessings, the joy, and any good thing that you can recognize. Trust God in the struggles, lean on Him, place your burdens on Him. God tells us that He can and will handle them. Praise God for the indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. Open your arms to receive His grace. Sing God's praises and passionately worship Him. Whatever your struggle, God's got it. He has it covered. He has you covered. He is with you.

My prayer in this time of turmoil is that we all let the peace of God that surpasses all understanding comfort and sustain each one of us through the challenges of life.

Your Pastor and Friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Erik".

**Thanks and Praise  
Worship Service  
Tuesday, November 22  
6:30 pm**

- \*\*Worship with grateful hearts.\*\***
- \*\*Celebrate what God has done.\*\***
- \*\*Hear stories from others.\*\***
- \*\* Enjoy pie and conversation.\*\***

**[www.trinitylife.org/events](http://www.trinitylife.org/events)  
to sign up to bring pie, Cool Whip<sup>®</sup>  
or help in the kitchen.**



# *Wednesday Worship*

**6:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

Since its launch a month or so ago, this mid-week service has quickly become a unique and powerful expression of community and worship. As I have been leading the music and reflection, it has become one of my favorite opportunities to gather. The historic setting of the Chapel, combined with an unplugged style, has a unique way of creating an intimate and contemplative atmosphere. There is freedom and joy that has begun to break out in this setting that truly is exciting to experience and participate in.

The songs and sermon are the same as those from our Worship Center 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, thus providing an excellent way to stay in the rhythm of our faith community. If you are unable to attend Sunday or watch online, or even if you do worship at these times, I want to invite you to experience the Wednesday worship service for yourself. In these intimate moments, I am continually amazed by how God makes His presence known among us and how transformative that experience can actually be. So come and join us! I hope to see you there soon.

Nathan Carlton, Worship Minister

## **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD** Sundays, beginning November 28 **A message series to enrich the Advent Season**

Drawing from the Bible and with an eye toward both wonder and ground-level detail, this series brings to life the people, the places, and the earth-shaking significance of the greatest true story ever told—the coming of Christ.

This season the congregation is encouraged to read *Come Let Us Adore Him* by Paul David Tripp in preparation for the coming Christ.

**TWO TIPS TO FURTHER BLESS YOUR ADVENT SEASON.**

[Devotional available on kindle from Amazon.com](#)

[Listen on YouTube to the Behold the Lamb album by Andrew Peterson](#)

# November at a Glance

**Pizza with Pastor | Sunday, Nov 7 @ 11:45 a.m.**

A meal & conversation to learn more about Trinity Church

**Little Miracles | Sat, Nov 13 @ 10 a.m.**

Serving new moms in their baby's first year of life

**Heartland Hope Mission | Thurs, Nov 18 @ 1 p.m.**

Serving the working poor in the Omaha Metro

**Basket Drop Off | Sat, Nov 20 @ 8-9:30 a.m.**

Along with our mission partner, First Lutheran, providing Thanksgiving meals for their neighbors

**Budget Mtg | Sun, Nov 21 @ 11:30 a.m.**

God has good things in store for Trinity Church in 2022.

**Confirmation Gathering | Sun, Nov 21 @ 1 p.m.**

Parents and students connecting about faith

**Thanks & Praise | Tue, Nov 23 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Worship with gratitude followed by pie  
Details on page 3.

**Stephen Center | Fri, Nov 26**

The 4th Friday each month Trinity Church prepares and serves a meal for the homeless in the Omaha Metro. [Click here](#) to sign up to provide an ingredient. Drop off ingredients at Trinity Church by Wednesday, Nov 24.



# TRINITY KIDS

THE HEART OF TRINITY KIDS IS TO EQUIP PARENTS TO WALK ALONGSIDE YOUR KIDS AS THEY LEARN AND EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS.

We love hearing from  
Trinity Kids parents!



"Thank you to all the volunteers that love and teach our kids each week!  
You are all such a blessing!"



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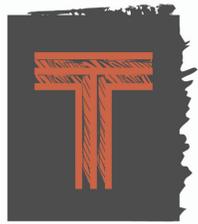
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at [fb.com/trinitykidspapio](https://fb.com/trinitykidspapio)

TRINITY  
KIDS

presents

**GINGERBREAD  
CHRISTMAS**

Sunday  
Dec 12th  
2 pm



**TRINITY**  
STUDENTS

**Grades 6 - 12**

**Wednesdays**  
**6:00 - 8:15 p.m.**

**Follow us on Instagram @**  
**[trinity.students.ministry](https://www.instagram.com/trinity.students.ministry)**

## **Elevate Retreat was a BLAST!**

**Thank you Trinity Church for  
your support of our students'  
faith development.**

**Eighty-eight students and twenty  
adult leaders had a wonderful time  
at Camp Rivercrest. The gospel was  
proclaimed, friendships were forged  
and students connected to Christ in  
life-changing ways.**

**We also want to extend a thank you  
to Rivercrest for a great weekend,  
to parents for encouraging your  
kids, and to youth pastor, comedian  
and friend, Jarrel Roach! He was a  
delight!!**

# **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

## **Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years**

- 11/05 - John Miller
- 11/24 - Leonard Allgood
- 11/25 - Davis Gerdes
- 11/29 - Janet Dobbs
- 11/30 - Betty Capener

## **Happy 50+ Anniversary**

- 11/07/64 - Ed & Carol Gates
- 11/25/66 - Ken & Mary Peterson

## **Congratulations on Marriage**

- 10/09 - Aric and Allicia (Gotch) Mousel
- 10/15 - Doug and Jamie (Reimer) Seaman

## **Congratulations on New Baby**

- 09/10 - Brooks Grass born to Parker and Kristen Grass
- 09/29 - Colton Berger born to Josh and Brianna (Rhoten) Berger
- 10/01 - Madeline Sigmon born to John and Lauren (Ketcham) Sigmon

## **Baptized into our Faith Family**

- 10/10 - Ezra Jon Schuetz, parents are Brock and Sarah Schuetz. Ezra's sponsors are Blake Carver and Cindi Boggs.

## **Sympathies**

- The family of Kyle and Beth Madson on the death of Beth's grandmother
- The family of Dan Jaksich and Jayne Timmerman on the death of Jayne's father, and Trinity member, Leon Timmerman
- The family of Tyler Raymond on the loss of his uncle.
- The families of Joleen Traudt and Jill Feekin on the lose of Joleen's sister and Jill's aunt, Velma Greenfield.

### **TRINITY'S VISION**

**A place to belong  
and become who  
God is calling us to be**

### **TRINITY'S MISSION**

**Connecting  
People to Christ**

### **TRINITY'S STRATEGY**

**Love God  
Grow Community  
Serve Others**

# TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings  
Connect People to Christ!

## IN SEPTEMBER

### Donation Offering Entries

From Planning Center	451
From Cash & Checks	290
# of Donors	161
# of New Donors	2
# of Recurring Donors	90
Text to Give	0

### SEPTEMBER ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ - 43,964

Building Fund: \$ 233,706

Endowment: \$ 398,634

### GO Vision Initiative

Received Jan to print date \$328,410  
of our \$1,200,000 goal.

## 5 WAYS TO GIVE



### IN PERSON

Place check or cash in the black box in the back of the worship center



Download the  
CHURCH  
CENTER  
APP



### TEXT TO GIVE

Text any amount to  
84321



### BY MAIL

Trinity Church  
848 Gold Coast Rd  
Papillion, NE 68046



### ONLINE

[www.trinitylife.org/give](http://www.trinitylife.org/give)

We have good work to do as we follow God's lead into 2022.



### SCAN ME

←  
to support the  
General Fund in 2022



# church center

the app to make church life simple

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## TODAY!

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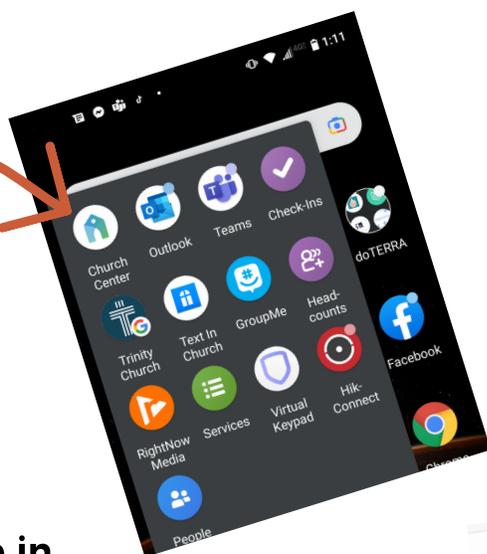
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web-based option available <https://trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com>

## CHECK INTO WORSHIP IN 4 EASY STEPS

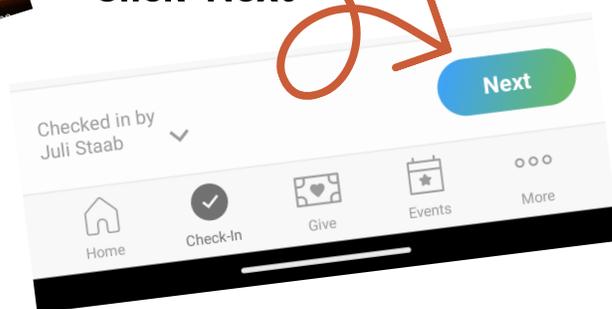
**Step 1**  
Open the  
Church Center  
app on  
your phone



**Step 2**  
Click Check-In at the  
bottom of the screen

**Step 3**  
Select the people in  
your household  
worshiping with you

**Step 4**  
Click 'Next'



**That's it! You are a check-in expert!!**

Whether you worship online or in person, you'll want to check-in.  
When you do, we can better care for one another.