



The Call

The printed voice of Trinity Episcopal Church
Weaving God's Unfinished Tapestry

From Rev. Haydie

The Beatitudes. The laborers in the vineyard. Peter walking out to meet Jesus on the waves. We've been reading Matthew's gospel since May, and about a quarter of the stories we're hearing are nowhere else in the bible. Matthew's gospel is, in truth, my favorite: seminary professor Matthew L. Skinner notes that it foregrounds Jesus's "overriding desire to protect and restore vulnerable or disregarded people."

Admittedly, this gospel also raises concerns for many readers. They point to its themes of judgment and sorting: wheat and weeds, sheep and goats. They note the writer's anger at Jesus's opponents, especially the Pharisees. They remind us that Matthew's words have often been used to justify antisemitism.

But they also remind us that this gospel comes from a time of immense conflict. Many academic scholars believe it was probably written in Syria around 75-95 CE, after Rome's destruction of the Jerusalem temple. Without the temple, Jews across the Middle East had to work out new ways to practice their faith—and those ways did **not** include those of the early Christian communities.

Matthew and his hearers had almost certainly started out as faithful Jews; this gospel is filled with Jewish references. They'd understood Jesus's life and ministry as a flowering of that tradition. Now, however, they had to develop a new identity of their own. In their own vulnerability and exclusion, it's easy to see how they came to insist that their understanding of God was the "right" one—that those who disagreed were hypocrites or worse. It's easy to see why they cared so much about Jesus's promises that the world would be turned around and set right.

And Jesus' love shines through all those promises. This gospel keeps returning to the "good news" of God's mercy: God's

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*Search for the Lord and
his strength; continually
seek his face.*

Psalms 105:4

2026 Vestry

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Senior Warden

Monica Eckert

Junior Warden

Ruta Casabianca

Kathleen Kangas

Co-Clerks

Rosa Hill-Alford

Roberta Turner

Kathy Venemon

Members

unending care for the meek, the mourning, the persecuted... for the thirsty, the sick, and those imprisoned. God calls us to be witnesses to that love, Matthew reminds us. To be patient with one another. And to serve the world in Jesus's name.

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Countering Christian Nationalism

We know it: Idaho's been fertile soil for Christian Nationalism for a while now. Well-established in Moscow, this ideology is spreading across the nation and now influences several aspects of the federal government. Contesting traditional divisions between church and state, it promotes a vision of America's future rooted in conservative Christian values.

In response, several Idaho groups have put together a series of events called *Resisting Christian Nationalism Across Idaho: An Interfaith Effort*. These events will be held in both Boise and Pocatello, where they will be held in ISU's Bengal Theater. Join us for one or all!

- **August 18th, 6pm - 7:30pm:** "Extremely American: How Christian Nationalism is Impacting Idaho and the US." The guest speaker will be Heath Druzin, host of the "Extremely American" podcast. With Boise State Public Radio from 2018-2020, Druzin focused on extremist movements, suicide prevention and gun culture. Previously he covered the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and veterans issues for *Stars and Stripes* newspaper and government and crime for *The Idaho Statesman*. His work has been featured on NPR's *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and the BBC.
- **September 29th, 6:30pm - 8pm:** "America Bless God: How Christian Nationalism Subverts Patriotism and Manipulates Faith in the Pursuit of Power." Keven Lewis will explore the threads of American Christianity that have led to the development of Christian Nationalism, the ways it has come into mainline Christianity—and the threats it poses.
- **October 21st, 6:30pm - 8pm:** "Faith, Not Fear: Charting a Better Way Forward." A panel of church leaders (including Rev. Haydie) will explore how their faiths differ from the religious convictions underlying Christian Nationalism.

Rummage Sale

We're almost there: Trinity's mostly-annual Rummage Sale is happening on **Friday, August 21, from 9-4** and **Saturday, August 22, from 9-1**. Can you help with setup during the previous days... or staffing during the sale... or cleanup and packing at the end? Many hands make light work, so signup sheets will be available in the church office.

And yes, we want your donations! Susanne Forrest will be in the Parish Hall to receive them on Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. She is also willing to pick up donations all that week. Just text her or call (leave a voicemail and a call back number) at 208-760-2680 to schedule a time or ask any questions.

Fifth Sunday Collection

Our fifth Sunday offering on August 30 will go to **Trinity's Discretionary Fund**, which helps community members in need. This fund helps with expenses like emergency housing and utility assistance; it also helps with gas vouchers and prescription medicines through the PVIF Fellowship Fund. There are always more needs than we can meet, and we don't have a lot left to share right now. On August 30, therefore, all non-pledge plate offerings will support this fund.

Back to School

August 23 will be a Morning Prayer Sunday for Trinity this year, but that's no reason not to do special prayers as the new school year begins. Come celebrate this new beginning with us!

Trinity Reads

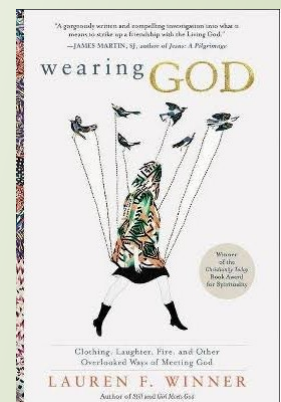
Our new book is *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God*. Written by Episcopal priest and Duke Divinity School professor Lauren F. Winner, this book explores some unexpected metaphors for God and invites readers to explore how those perspectives could inform our experience of prayer. We'll discuss the first half of the book (to page 132) at 7pm on **Tuesday, September 1** and the second half in October.

Birthdays

- 1 Barry Mecham
- 2 Richard Creason
- 4 Scott Bouman
- 7 Susan Goslee
- 9 Jennifer Sterbentz
- 10 Gene Kurtz
- 11 Chris Elston
- Susanne Forrest
- 16 Cyndi Sears
- 20 Wren Hoang
- 21 Trent Clegg
- 22 Jeffre Miller
- 23 Alice Fults
- 25 Hayden Funk
- Fr. David Grube
- 26 Geoffrey Friedley

Anniversaries

- 14 Stephen & Teena Rhoads
- 19 Sue Kase & Martin Frasure
- 21 Barry & Claudia Mecham
- 24 Thomas & Monica Eckert



July at Trinity

A jazz float and walkers in the Pocatello parade... and Chorus of Change, visiting all the way from Kazakhstan, singing "Oh, Happy Day!"

Stewardship Update

As of July 31 Trinity had received

- \$8,990.50 (90%) of its anticipated 2026 open plate offerings.
- \$70,501.00 (69%) of its anticipated 2026 pledge offerings.

Trinity's ministries depend on your generosity. Thank you!



Loving the Questions

As followers of Jesus, what do we owe Caesar—and why? How much support... obedience... cooperation do people of faith owe to their nation's governing powers? When we perceive a conflict between the claims of government and gospel, what do we owe to God? Our conversation last May ran into some scheduling conflicts, so we'll try again at **10:00 am on Saturday, August 29**, in the parish hall conference room.

TRINITY IN COMMUNITY

Trinity has special relationships with two kinds of neighbors: the other Episcopal congregations in our area and the Pocatello congregations whose understanding of gospel and mission comes closest to ours. Here's news from each of these groups!

In Idaho's Eastern Deanery...

- Misty Martinell of **St. Luke's, Idaho Falls** (Trinity's deacon-in-training!) will be one of three new deacons ordained at St. Michael's Cathedral in Boise on **Saturday, August 22 at 11 am.** Rev. Haydie will be one of her presenters. Your prayers and presence are requested.
- Early this summer, **St. Paul's, Blackfoot** helped provide more than 800 free lunches for community members over a two week period. Organizers from the local food pantry managed the food, while St. Paul's provided space for eating indoors and games outside on the lawn. They're looking forward to future collaborations!

In Pocatello...

- In this hot weather, **Good Shepherd Lutheran** is one of several PVIF congregations helping to provide cooling on Sundays. Cold water and shade are available on the west side of Marshall Public Library from 11-2; water and indoor cooling are available from 2:-5 in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship space at 425 W. Lewis. **Volunteers are needed** to keep this important ministry going! Talk to Rev. Haydie or use the QR code at right for the Signup Genius link.

Looking ahead

The bishop is coming! Idaho Bishop Jos Tharakan will join us for our 10:00 am service on **Sunday, September 13**. This will also be the-day-the-choir-comes-back and a festive beginning to our fall season. Don't miss it!



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Church Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday -- 10:00am to 2:00pm Remote Office Hours: Wednesday -- 9:15am to 2:00pm						1
2 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing 1:30 My Brothers' Table	3 8:00 AA	4 7:00 Trinity Reads 8:00 AA	5	6	7 5:00 Ice Cream Social 7:00 Compline 8:00 AA	8
9 10:00 Morning Prayer 1:30 My Brothers' Table	10 8:00 AA	11 8:00 AA	12	13	14 8:00 AA	15
16 10:00 Holy Eucharist 1:30 My Brothers' Table	17 8:00 AA	18 8:00 AA	19 7:00 Vestry	20	21 9:00-4:00 - Rummage Sale 8:00 AA	22 9:00-1:00- Rummage Sale
23 10:00 Morning Prayer 1:30 My Brothers' Table	24 8:00 AA	25 8:00 AA	26 3:00 Our Gathering Place	27 3:00 OGP	28 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	29 10:00 Loving the Questions 2:00 Hayden's B-day Party
30 10:00 Morning Prayer 1:30 My Brothers' Table	31 2:00 OGP 8:00 AA					

Trinity Episcopal Church Participant Schedule August 2026 10 a.m. Service					
	August 2 The 10 th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist & Healing	August 9 The 11 th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer	August 16 The 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist	August 23 The 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer	August 30 The 14 th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer
Officiant	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg	Joe Crupper
Homilist	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg	Joe Crupper
Eucharistic Min- ister	Angela Young	--	Geoffrey Friedley Angela Young	--	--
Lector 1	Anne LoPiccalo	Miffy Lane	Kathy Venemon	Joe Crupper	Miffy Lane
Lector 2	Miffy Lane	Diane Hutchinson	Trent Clegg	Ruta Casabianca	Anne LoPiccalo
Lector 3 (Gospel)	--	Catherine Buttrick	--	Anne LoPiccalo	Ruta Casabianca
Prayers of the People	Diane Hutchinson	--	Anne LoPiccalo	--	--
Ushers	Jeffre Miller Sue Frasure	Rita Haggardt Jeffre Miller	Jeffre Miller Susanne Forrest	Jeffre Miller Angela Young	Susanne Forrest Jeffre Miller
Altar Guild	Roberta Turner	Angela Young	Angela Young	Angela Young	Angela Young
Bread	Susanne Forrest	--	Susanne Forrest	--	--
Audiovisual Team	Kevin Scott	Kevin Scott	Geoffrey Friedley	Joe Crupper	Joe Crupper
Coffee Hour	Susanne Forrest	Catherine Buttrick	Sue Frasure Rita Haggardt	Miffy Lane	Angela Young
Vestry On Duty	Monica Eckert	Roberta Turner	Rosa Hill-Alford	Ruta Casabianca	Diane Nelson
My Brothers' Table	Trinity Team Rita & Kathleen	Scott Bouman Eduardo Villalobas Gaillet	YSA Stake	Trinity Team John Gregory	Highland Stake

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday (virtual), Thursday, and Friday 10:00am-2:00 pm

CHURCH STAFF

Bishop:	The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan	Parish Secretary:	Marky Essinger
Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Music Director:	Trent Clegg
Priests:	The Rev. Donald Paulson	Alleluia Choir Director:	Geoffrey Friedley
	The Rev. Diane Paulson	Choir Accompanist:	Jaden Klein