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*Disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring God's light into the world:
through worship, serving, learning and sharing the Good News!*

To clap or not to clap, that is the wondering

Recently after we had clapped after a postlude someone asked me: are we supposed to clap at the end of the postlude? The person who asked was taught that we do not clap after a musical piece in worship because the music is an offering to God and not a performance.

This was not the first time someone posed the question; I was taught the same thing in seminary. Imagine my surprise the first time a congregation clapped during my sermon. I was both appalled and ... appreciative.

Whether or not to clap for something spoken, sung, or played during worship is a matter of personal piety. Piety is the way you show your devotion to God in your words and actions.

Some people do not clap because their personal piety guides them to refrain. Others do clap because their personal piety guides them to offer encouragement and appreciation to the musician or preacher. The Bible tells us "shout to the Lord!" (Ps. 100:1) and to "Be Still..." (Psalm 46:10). Isaiah 55:12 reads, "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

I often bow slightly during Holy Communion when you sing Holy, Holy, Holy. I also turn and face the altar and bow slightly at various moments in worship. You are not obligated to do these things, and it is perfectly fine if you do.

Think of personal piety as the way we pray or offer reverence to God with our bodies. Those of you raised in the Roman Catholic tradition likely remember genuflecting, that is, taking a knee briefly next to the pew before sitting down. Many of you might look for a kneeler during prayers or when you return from receiving communion. Some of you might feel slightly offended when people in the congregation do not automatically stand for the reading of the Gospel or the Offering Prayer which signals the beginning of the rite in which the presiding pastor blesses the bread and wine.

All of these things are forms of personal piety. They are meaningful responses our bodies have internalized. And people gathered to worship and practice piety in ways unique to them.

The guiding principle in worship is the same as it is outside the walls of the sanctuary: what practices connect you to the living God AND other living things? Allowing acts of personal piety without insisting others do the same is one way of fostering an environment that signals that faith is an active, living thing, expressed both collectively and individually. A good guideline is to express your faith in ways that are meaningful to you and be open to the Holy Spirit to guide others to do the same.

With you,

Pastor Marie

Date	Worship Leader	Format	Communion
October 4, 2026	Deaconess Sara Manning	In House/Zoom	No
October 11, 2026	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes
October 18, 2026	Wendy Catera	In House/Zoom	No
October 25, 2026	Rev. Marie Duquette	In House/Zoom	Yes

To virtually participate in Sunday Service, please join us at 10am on Zoom.
Zoom Phone: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 3158666474 Password: 13350

Pet Memorial Service

Has your pet died? Only those who have buried a pet understand the depth of your grief. Please join us as we remember our faithful companions together and commend them into the merciful hands of God on October 10th at 10 am. Bring a photo or reminder of your pet.

All Saints Sunday is coming up on November 1st.

On this day we remember all those who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. We will ring a bell and light a candle as we name aloud each person whose name has been submitted. We will have candles available for those who would like to remember others whose names are not read. There is something poignant and holy the first time you hear your loved one's name read in the sanctuary, surrounded by your faith community. For this reason, we limit the names we read aloud to those who have died in the last year.

On this day we will also remember those who have welcomed a new child into their families with a smaller chime.

Please call or email Justina by October 20th if you would like the name of your loved one who has died -- or a baby born into your life -- read at this service. In this way, we will be able to remember all the saints whose lives are connected to our own.

Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair

There will be a Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 9am to 2 pm. Please Join us! There will be food available, yard sale items, and many craft vendors.

Boscov's Discount Coupons

It's time for Boscov's "Friends helping Friends" one day sale. This is a community service by Boscov's to help non-profits raise money. Buy a \$5 pass and get 25% off in-store and online purchases on Wednesday, October 21st. Your \$5 purchase price benefits Trinity Lutheran Church so it's a win-win for you and the church. Any questions? See Sue Harkins, Cathy Collins or JoAnn Blaise.

Serving & Sharing

September was busy, busy with serving food! We had a pork fundraiser with 70 meals served and almost \$1,000 raised to go towards our new fire doors. The next night we served around 70 meals at the Herkimer Reformed Church, then Sunday we packed 30 meals for the freezer for Fed My Sheep.

In October we will have a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, so keep an eye out for the date. We will also serve a free meal at the Herkimer Reformed church on October 24th. Thanksgiving dinner plans are underway too!

Thank you to those who helped with Highway Cleanup in September. That will be the last of the year as the weather is about to change. It is our job to use God's word right.

Join us for breakfast on Wednesday, October 7th and 21st at 8:30am at Ann St Deli in Little Falls.

Many activities this October through the valley. The Methodist church will have a Sock Hop on October 17th. The Presbyterian church will have an organ concert October 25th at 3 pm.

May we keep God's world beautiful and not over use his resources.

DONATION FOCUS

For the month of October, our donation focus will be Thanksgiving fixings, so that we can have things to the Food Pantry in time. Each month we will have a different donation focus, but other items will always be in need and accepted. Thanks to all who continue to donate!

Learning

BOOK GROUP

TLC Book Group will meet at Carol Bunn's home at 10am on October 9th. Contact a member of the book group or the office for the address.

Our book is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. It's his first novel. Theo is a remarkable character and the book explores the power of being seen. Please join us!

Looking ahead:

November 13th our book is *A Quilt for Christmas* by Sandra Dallas. We will meet at JoAnn Blaise's home.

December - no meeting

Looking further ahead (no dates yet): *Upward Bound* by Woody Brown
Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom

WOMEN OF FAITH

Do you have a favorite Psalm? Throughout history the psalms have provided a way to speak to God, somewhere to turn when one doesn't know what to pray. There are psalms written by David like Psalm 23, psalms that are filled with joy and thanksgiving and psalms that express deep laments. Join us on Tuesday, October 20th at 7pm on Zoom. Phillis Becker will share a favorite Psalm and facilitate our discussion. Looking ahead we will gather in November on the 17th when Patsy Glista will facilitate. If you have a favorite Psalm bring it to our study time. Please watch the weekly announcements for additional planning information. [Click here](#) to join or use the Meeting ID: 836 7002 3831 and passcode: 159860.

FAITH ALIVE

Hi everyone, our kick off day was September 20th and looking forward to an exciting year of growing in our Faith together. Our main teacher is Jesus Christ! So how does God teach us? Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do for us? Well He is God, a person, who directs, guides and corrects us. You might say He keeps us on the right track helping all of us to keep growing closer to Jesus. WOW! That's what we call the Trinity (God the Father, Jesus the Son, Holy Spirit our helper) ONE GOD who loves all of us unconditionally. That's amazing isn't it!!!!

COME and join us on October 4th and 18th at 9am, as we explore what Jesus meant when HE asked us to "COME" to Him. Where are we going, to where and to whom? Good question, think about it!!!!

A personal invitation, all ages are welcome. O yes I almost forgot DA!!! goodies will be served, usually home made cookies by our own Ron Snow. They are absolutely delicious.

Put on your thinking cap.....Where are these two verses found in the Bible?

1.... "COME to ME, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest"....

2..... "Permit the little children to COME to ME, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".....

HINT: Consider using a CONCORDANCE usually found at the end of most Bibles!!

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday 10am till noon in the fellowship. All are welcome. Knowledge of the bible is not required. If you have your own bible please bring it with you, if not we will supply one. We always start with prayer and then read and discuss a different Psalm each week. We always close by singing the Doxology. No worries my voice is always out of tune, but Jesus loves it anyway. It's the heart that matters. We have open discussion, examining each verse and it's spiritual meaning. It's amazing how the Holy Spirit works through all of us. Praise God for we as His children are being blessed day by day, Amen.

Worship, Music, and Prayer

BLESSINGS OF PRAYER:

"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being , " declares the Lord." But to this one I will look to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My Word." . Isaiah 66:2

PRAYER NOTES:

Nothing can compare to a personal relationship with God. Experiencing encouragement, assistance, direction, and even correction, are all parts of an intimate walk with God. Who wouldn't want an intimate relationship with God??

We know that God truly desires for us to experience intimacy in our daily walk with Him. We acknowledged that Jesus Christ came, that we may have a super abundant life IN Him and that we are to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, and being and our neighbor as ourselves. In doing so, we will experience intimacy with God.

Paul said, "Pray without ceasing" (I Thes. 5:17). Paul did not spend every moment of every day in prayer, but he lived in an attitude of prayer. He was ever ready to communicate to God. Likewise, Daniel was a man of prayer. He refused to let society interfere with his time of prayer. The greatest example of one dedicated to prayer is, of course, Jesus Christ who prayed continuously to God the Father. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed to a solitary place, and there prayed.(Mark 1:35) "And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed" (Luke 5:16). We can become intimate with God through prayer.

In His Service
Prayer Ministry

October 2026						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Faith Alive			Breakfast at Ann Street Dell	Bible Study	Book Group	Pet Memorial Service
Worship Service			Stewardship and Finance Meeting	Worship and Music Meeting		
Endowment Committee Meeting						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Service			Council meeting via ZOOM	Bible Study		
Confirmation Class						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Faith Alive		Loaves and Fishes Meeting	Bosco's Discount Day	Bible Study		Dinner at Herkimer Reformed Church
Worship Service		Women of Faith Bible Study	Breakfast at Ann Street Dell			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship Service			Stewardship and Finance Meeting	Bible Study		

Volunteer Schedule

	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
Counter 1	Bona Starring	Bona Starring	JoAnn Blaise	JoAnn Blaise
Counter 2	Cathy Collins	Cathy Collins	Phillis Becker	Phillis Becker
Reader	Bona Starring	Dan Collins	Amy Manning	Phillis Becker
Singer	Sue Harkins	TBD	Sue Harkins	TBD
Altar	NA	Kylene Jordan	NA	Amy Manning
Worship Leader	Sara Manning	Rev. Marie Duquette	Wendy Catera	Rev. Marie Duquette

Please email info@trinityherkimer.org with any changes.

Stewardship

Monthly giving needed to fund the approved budget of \$157,149 is \$13,095.75

July Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$4,164.16

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$5,213.58

Income is *short* by \$1,049.42

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

August Information

Actual Offerings Received for the month: \$4,487.55

Actual Expenses Paid for the month: \$5,061.04

Income is *short* by \$573.49

Paid by using excess Fund Balance from prior years.

Did You Know: Reformation \reh-fuhr-MA-shuhn\ n. A revolution within Christianity that started in 1517 and is either still happening or needs to happen again, depending on whom you talk to.

The Big Issue: How does God save people? The Roman Catholic church said, "God Saves people by GRACE through FAITH and GOOD WORKS." The PROTESTANT churches said, "God saves people by grace through faith alone.

The Big Change: The Western church split. Before, it was just the Roman Catholic Church.

Pretty Big Changes:

1. Worship services were in the common language, not in Latin
2. The Bible was translated into the common language so all people could read it.
3. Clergy could marry. Much, much later, women could become pastors.
4. Most Protestant churches only have two sacraments - BAPTISM & COMMUNION. Some Protestant groups only baptize adults.

The Reformation slogan *Ecclesia semper reformanda* -- "The church is always reforming" -- states the obvious.

Crazy Talk - A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms - Augsburg Books Copyright 2008

Our Church Family

We have many of God's children on Trinity's prayer chain who need healing of mind, body and or spirit. Intercession (praying for others) bringing before our Lord Jesus Christ their concerns. What a blessing for those who pray and for those who are prayed for. The beautiful thing about prayer is that we may be anywhere, at any given time and connect immediately with our Lord. God's love for all of us is so comforting for our souls. Please take a few moments every day to pray for those listed below by name.

Inspiration: " In worship we come to praise God, and God comes to bless us, we sing, pray, read, talk and give, but the real actor is Jesus - God comes, blesses, forgives and speaks to us" Amen!

A list of those who need support through prayer: May, Barbara, Sonya, Jonah, Sheila, Tina, Edith, Richard, Sandra, Sarah S, Karen, Allen, Gary P, Jerry, Rosemarie, Peter, Lorie.....thank you for your prayers!

PS: freely add the name of a personal family member/friend etc that may be laying heavily on your heart!!!

PRAYERFULLY consider joining Trinity's prayer chain. You will find a great discovery full of love and joy, not only in praying for others but recognizing the Holy Spirit as He helps us in guiding our prayers. Those presently on the prayer chain are: Wendy Catera, Sue Hawkins, Harriet Neff, Gary Pierce, Sheila Pierce, Yvonne Winter, Phillis Becker.

Any concerns for the prayer chain or other personal family matters, which are kept in confidence, please speak to Phillis, Pastor Marie or call the church office 315--866-6474 and leave a message. Thank you!

CELEBRATION TIME:

Congratulations are in order for Stephen Manning and Jodaliz Alvarez who were married on Saturday, August 29th with Deaconess Sara Manning officiating the service.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS:

Praise God and a big thank you to many for the delicious pork dinner served at Trinity on Friday 9/18. These meals are made in our Lord's love to all. We pray knowing they are not only delicious but building relationships whether by eating in or take out! What an awesome God we serve! AMEN!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

David Snow
Gabrielle Kelly
Holly Smith
Hanna DeLuca Piers
John Hoke
Kayla Kucerak

Sonja Taylor
Molly Ivanchak
Presley Macri
Verna Boor
Paul J. Marusic, Jr.
Kalina Snyder

Lynn Roof
Gary Pierce, Sr.
Alexandria Mika
Grant Becker
Cathy Mayton-Collins

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Cassie & Thomas Sherman
Ashley & Joshua Hinckley

Barb & Gordon Marquissee
Dan & Cathy Mayton-Collins

Rebecca & Nicholas Perlmutter
Shannon & Jared Levi

If you spot an error or omission, please notify the office. We will be happy to update this list!

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details.**

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