

YEAR IN REVIEW



Trinity Church 2025

Come Alive with Jesus

Grow with Jesus

Change the World with Jesus

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Letter from the Pastor



Trinity Church,

This year has been an adventure! With the many twists, turns, and unexpected events of life, every year might classify as an adventure. But for Trinity Church, this year has been an adventure in gratitude. Gratitude has been a theme for us through the summer sermon series and into the Book of Colossians. Together, we have been encouraged to give and express thanks.

Colossians 3:16-17 says, “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

The adventure of gratitude is an invitation into a life of grace. A life of grace receives God’s love and salvation as a gift as we are relieved from the pressure of having to earn God’s favor or prove our worth. The adventure of gratitude is also a life of expressing our thankfulness to God and to others. We regularly thank God and others for their presence and commitment in our lives. Gratitude is the way of life for the people of God as we respond to the goodness of God.

Trinity, what do we have to be thankful for this year? The Year in Review you hold in your hands is a good place to start 😊 Also, consider a few 2025 milestones to give God thanks:

- We are grateful for the “All Generations” Campaign and the kingdom seeds sown and watered through the generous giving of our church.
- We are grateful for the gift of rest and renewal for Pastor Mark and Denise as they enjoyed a sabbatical this past summer.

Most importantly, we are grateful that the resurrected Jesus is on His throne and that He sees and cares for His people. As we enter an Advent season of preparing our hearts to celebrate the arrival of Christ, may our hearts be encouraged by the lyrics of the hymn below:

“Now Thank We All Our God” Martin Rinkart, 1636 A.D.

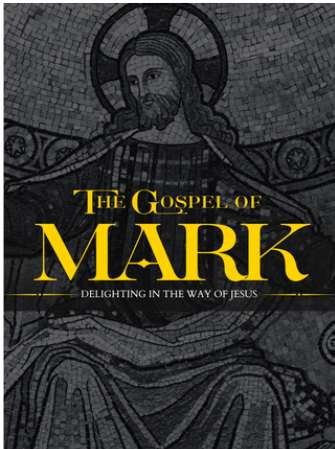
Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son and Spirit blest, Who reign in highest heaven— The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Pastor Mark & Pastor David

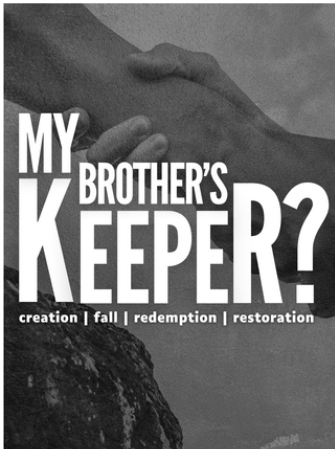
Our Teaching Journey

2025 SERMON SERIES



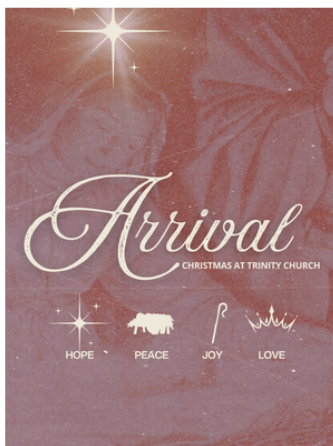
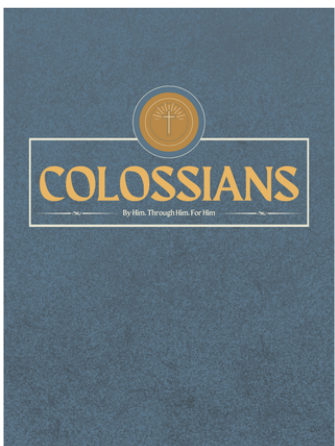
The Gospel of Mark: Jesus. Maybe You've heard about Him? Things He's said, things He's about. But what was He like? How did he spend his days? Who did he hang out with? Join us as we journey through the Gospel of Mark learning about the person of Jesus, what his way of living means for us, and how we can delight in Him. Join us on Sundays this winter for "The Gospel of Mark: Delighting in the Way of Jesus."

Psalms for Summer: The Psalms invite us to slow down, listen, and let our hearts be renewed. This summer, we'll journey through the Psalms to rediscover the beauty of prayer, praise, and God's steady grace in the rhythms of life.



My Brother's Keeper?: We can't escape relationships. They are everywhere. Family, work, friendships, church - we can't go very far without running into other humans. How we interact with others is crucial to the Scriptures teaching on what it means to be a Christ-follower. Jesus says the two greatest commandments are to love God with one's heart, soul, mind and strength and to love one's neighbor as oneself. In this series, we'll take a closer look at relationships through the biblical narrative of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration.

The Gratitude Adventure: Explore the incredible power of the simple practice of gratitude. It's nothing new; we learn to say "thank you" at a very young age and it becomes ingrained in us. And yet, research over the last 20 years has demonstrated that this simple concept, when practiced intentionally, can have an incredibly significant impact on our lives. Not only does God tell us to be thankful, but being thankful is good for us! Join as we explore the bountiful reasons we have to be thankful for God and what He's doing in our lives.



Colossians: The book of Colossians is a letter the apostle Paul writes to a small church in a bustling city about the person of Jesus Christ. Throughout this book, Paul describes that fulfillment and satisfaction we all yearn for are found in one place: Jesus. The young Colossian church is tempted (like us) to become distracted and look to other places, philosophies, and ways of living to find what they need. Colossians is a letter about returning; returning to Jesus and recognizing for the first or the 100th time the beauty found in Christ.

Arrival: Long before the manger, God promised a Savior. Through prophets and promises, God prepared the world for the greatest arrival in history—Jesus Christ. 'Advent' means 'arrival,' and this Advent sermon series invites us to retrace our steps in God's grand story and to rediscover the wonder of His coming, the hope He brings, and the joy of God stepping into our world to make all things new.

Our Mission & Vision



OUR MISSION

To disciple a new generation of Christians hungry for renewal, connected in authentic community, integrated in faith and life, equipped and empowered to lead.

OUR HIGH FIVE

1. Celebrate Salvation
2. Discipleship Culture
3. Cross-Generational Community
4. Mission Minded
5. 2-1-0:
 - Two Distinct Services
 - One Church
 - Zero Debt

OUR VISION

We exist to help people come alive with Jesus, grow with Jesus, and change the world with Jesus.

Come Alive

Stats from November 1, 2024- October 31, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship

New Visitor Connect Cards	71
Volunteers Serving (avg. monthly)	205
Average Weekly Attendance	9:00am: 159
	10:30am: 331
Christmas Cantata Attendance (2024)	469
Christmas Eve Services Attendance	900
Good Friday Walk-Thru Attendance	348
Easter Services Attendance	959
Worship Choir members	27 (avg)
Christmas Choir members	60

APPRECIATING AND EDIFYING OUR WORSHIP ARTS VOLUNTEERS:

Our Worship Arts staff hosted 2 different "Lake Fun" days – 75+ enjoyed connecting with each other outside of rehearsals and worship leading.

Membership

Total Members	533
New Members	32
Regular Attenders	309
Total Members + Attenders	842 adults/100+ Kids/120 Youth

Baptisms

Infant/Adult	7/11
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Members Who Have Gone Home to the Lord

Cynthia Belonga	Don North	Christine Burton
Janet Moore	Jim Eldridge	Kathy Lakvold

Groups

- **37** Groups with **427** group participants.
- **100+** men and **100+** women engage regularly in men's and women's ministries.
- **Over 75** people participated in classes on the Scriptures, Theology, Parenting, Marriage and Leadership.

LIFE GROUP HIGHLIGHT

The Lord has graciously given me a heart for moms. I remember the loneliness of those early parenting years and how much I longed for community. God provided through MOPS and Bible studies and I'm so grateful for the women who poured into me. As a MomCo mentor this past year, I felt the Lord stirring my heart to go deeper, praying for an opportunity where moms could grow in faith and friendship with Christ at the center. I didn't know what it would look like, so I waited on His timing.

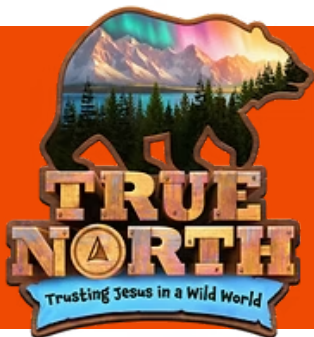
Then Marta called. She mentioned the need for a Tuesday morning Life Group leader for a group of amazing ladies which included MomCo moms. I prayed, "Lord if this is for me, make it clear." The next day Marta asked if I would lead, and I knew it was yes. Saying yes meant depending completely on the Lord, knowing I would be stretched, but trusting that growth comes through the stretch.

What a blessing it has been. Each week these women come ready to learn, share and encourage one another. I leave with joy in my heart watching God build something beautiful week by week, deepening our love for Him and each other. I can't wait to see all He has in store as we walk together through His Word, trusting Him with every step." - Lori Nielson



We are praising God that Trinity Kids - from Nursery to 5th grade - are coming alive, growing, and changing the world with Jesus!

Here are a few snapshots into child discipleship that is happening at Trinity...



VBS 2025 theme was True North. Preschoolers thru 5th grade learned that no matter the circumstances, we can trust in Jesus. wherever He leads us!

Trinity Kids

- 105 kids attended VBS this summer
- 56 people volunteered at VBS (20% were MS, HS, and college students)
- Average of kids disciplined weekly: 76 on Sundays
- Average weekly TK Volunteers: 21
- 7 children baptized
- SpringHill Retreat attendance: 16 (2024); 12 (2025)



This year in AWANA we have been blessed to welcome four interns to our team!

They are working on everything from set-up and tear down, running the T&T store, and helping to lead groups in Cubbies and Sparks! They are also getting the chance to learn about what it takes to run a ministry both behind the scenes and in front of the kids! We are so incredibly grateful for the gift they have been at AWANA this year, particularly with the increase in kids attending AWANA each week this year! Thank you, Abby, Elijah, Evie, and Gianna!

- 550+ verses already memorized since September by kids attending AWANA
- Average of kids disciplined weekly at AWANA: 60 (20 more than last year)
- Average weekly Kids AWANA Volunteers: 18



At TSM, Our vision is to connect students with God, their peers and Christ-filled adults, equip them to reach their peers, to grow in their faith, and to partner in the work of the church as worship unto God.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **40** (avg) MS students participate weekly on Wednesday nights
- **25** (avg) attending Church 101 weekly
- **10** new students including Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights
- **Retreats: 44** at Maranatha Fall Retreat, **33** at Springhill Retreat
- **12** volunteers serving in Middle School
- The 8th grade students "took over" a Wednesday night and shared the gospel with their fellow students!
- Middle School students participated in a **Seder meal**.

HIGH SCHOOL

- **40** (avg) HS students participate weekly on Sundays
- **40** attended the Fall Retreat
- **41** attended CIY MOVE
- **14** Small Group Leaders
- **1** made a first-time decision to follow Jesus
- **29** new students - **14** regularly attend
- **12** High Schoolers serving with Trinity Kids & AWANA
- **10** students serve on a Student Leadership Team to grow in leadership, discipleship, and guide the future of the high school ministry.
- **4** high schoolers serve on staff as AWANA interns
- **2** serve as middle school small group leaders (in addition to the many students that volunteer with AWANA, Trinity Kids, and tech on Sunday mornings!)

LIVE SENT

For 2025/26, HSM is focusing on what it looks like to live "SENT." Pray for boldness to live for Jesus in the classroom, on the field, in the locker room, at work, etc., and for students to create opportunities to share the gospel with their friends!

Our College and Young Adult ministry is a place to be encouragement as we follow Christ and grow in the local church & our communities.

25 participants have taken part in the College & Career outings and events.

Events have included:

Christmas party, Jubilee conference, Summer BBQ, Orchard visit, Camp Michindoh Fall Retreat, etc.



COLLEGE & CAREER

BETWEEN CLASSES AND CAREERS: FINDING COMMUNITY

"I discovered Trinity through a conversation with Bernie Krivacs, who invited me to a college ministry event. Initially hesitant, I eventually attended and felt an immediate connection, finding my church family. Growing up, I struggled to feel a sense of belonging, but Trinity has blessed me with love and friendship through college ministries and trips.

After two years, I formed lifelong friendships, especially during a difficult time last October when my family faced challenges. David, Tim, and Shelby supported me, showing me that a church community is like family. I am grateful for the time and energy Trinity has invested in me, leading me to serve as a sixth-grade youth group leader while remaining active in the college group. God has truly worked wonders in my life through my experience at Trinity." - Amira Bastien

Change the World

We are the hands and feet of Jesus and it is our pleasure to offer our time, resources, and energy to our neighbors and partners around the world. Meeting real needs with practical solutions and ultimately, the Gospel solution.

Global & Local Outreach

1,316 - Total number of families served at Trinity Food Pantry

78,198 - Pounds of food was provided and given away

536 - Volunteers served at Trinity Food Pantry this year

\$101,547.73 - The USDA fair market value of the food provided to our guests

\$17,857.62 The out-of-pocket cost paid by Trinity to purchase the food

215 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes collected

250+ Thanksgiving turkey dinners provided

26 Missionaries and missions partners serving Jesus around the world

25 Volunteers served in Detroit for Detroit Immersion

9 Volunteers served on the JAARS mission trip

43 Volunteers served at Eagle Village

7 Volunteers served in Uganda

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10



DID YOU KNOW?

In early November, Trinity's high school ministry went shopping to help fill Thanksgiving bags for Trinity's Food Pantry! The original intent was for each small group to fill one bag, for a grand total of 8. But we left that evening with 9 filled bags, thanks to one especially generous high schooler who wanted to buy the stuff to fill an extra bag all on his own!





All Generations: For One Kingdom

Our All Generations for One Kingdom Campaign is a 2-Year commitment from September 2023 through December 2025 that focuses on 4 priorities:

1. **Pay Off Debt.** In January of 2024 we celebrated paying off our mortgage!
2. **Conclude Worship Space Renovations.** What started in 2020 with needed tech upgrades for online worship during COVID, has now included 2 worship spaces with significant audio, visual, and beautiful upgrades.
3. **Fix our Aging Building.** With our building over 40 years old, we anticipate ongoing repairs to keep our building resilient for ministry.
4. **Help Future Generations Around the World.** We committed to give away \$300,000 to ministries around the world that are helping children in pain and poverty experience the life-changing hope of Jesus!

All Generations: For One Kingdom Campaign

As of 10/31/2025 \$1,820,459 has been received for the campaign and \$1,678,180 has been spent. \$1,853,276 is pledged for 2023-2025.



Did You Know?

Did you know that in June 2025, Trinity approved our highest budget ever? After paying off all our mortgage debt, we now fund our food pantry from the Trinity General Fund. Our personnel budget has increased to add additional kids ministry staff to best serve our growing kids and young families at Trinity. This means every gift to the Trinity General Fund supports our Food Pantry Outreach, our 26 missionaries and missions partners around the world, our kids and youth ministries, and so many more ministries! Thank you for prayerfully considering any sacrificial year-end gifts to the Trinity General Fund.

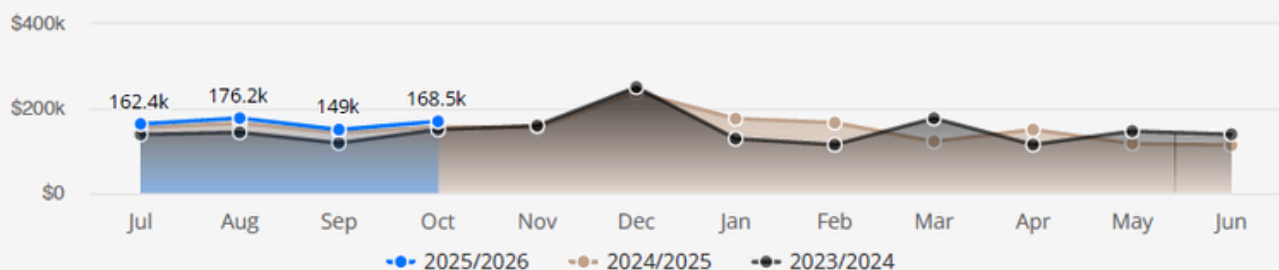
Budget:

As of 10/31/2025

Budget		\$2,046,526
Income	YTD Budgeted Income	\$682,175
	YTD Actual Income	\$656,123
Expenses	YTD Budgeted Expense	\$682,175
	YTD Actual Expenses	\$711,539
Net Operating Income		-\$55,416

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR INCOME vs PRIOR YEARS MONTHLY COMPARISON

Income Comparison



GOD IS CHANGING LIVES

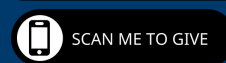
THANK YOU, TRINITY!

Thanks to your sacrificial giving, we are able to invest in the many ministries of Trinity Church.

Your generous giving allows us all to come alive, grow, and change the world with Jesus,

**Tithes, offerings & stock gifts support
all of our many ministries.**

**Please prayerfully consider giving
a special year-end gift to the
TRINITY GENERAL FUND**



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