

Rooted & Abounding

Trinity is a place where we are deeply rooted in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. These roots establish us as people of God and build us up to live “life that really is life.” (1 Timothy 6) This is our home base for growing and learning together in faith, feeling connected and strengthened in community.

Strong roots are essential – they provide stability, assurance, nourishment, and foundation. This is why we turn to Trinity, its ministries and its mission, to provide us with opportunities to thrive in our relationships with God and neighbor. Many faithful generations have come to know God in this place and have been transformed by the gifts God abundantly gives to us.

Our gratitude for the gifts that come through these divine roots is apparent. We see it time and again through participation in our ministry programs, through the time and energy given to reaching out to those in need, through the sharing of our lives with one another, and through our praise and worship of the God who loves us.

We are already **abounding in thanksgiving**, and we want to continue bearing the fruit we’ve been created to produce – love, grace, service, belonging, and compassion. Together, rooted and built up in Christ Jesus, let us overflow with a generosity that changes lives within our walls and far beyond.



It's easy to pledge and give—and it makes a difference!

Look what happens when our congregation pledges!
When you pledge, your gift is confidently relied upon for our budget.

	2024	2025	2026
Households that Pledged	223	182	204
Amount Received	\$1,042,225	\$893,470	\$1,000,000*
Total Giving for the Year	\$1,291,430	\$1,283,090	\$1,270,642*

*estimates

In addition to our families who pledge,
nearly 150 families give one-time or regular non-pledged gifts.

Did you know?

**Just \$20/week more
makes a \$1000 difference
in our annual budget!**

**If just 1 in 3 of our 350 giving families
could make a new gift or increase
their current giving by this amount,
that's nearly \$120,000 toward
balancing our budget.**

***How is God calling you
to abound in thanksgiving?***

***"Each and every memory and each and every personal relationship
is what ties you to a place and roots you in a place." — Jessi Lindquist***

rooted in faith. abounding in love.

Three generations growing at Trinity

Growing up at Trinity, **Jessi Lindquist** remembers watching her mom, **Cheryl Nikko**, listen to sermons, her head tilted slightly to the side. "You're learning your faith by watching the people around you," Jessi says. Now her own children are growing up here, too.

Cheryl has been part of Trinity for more than 50 years. All three of her children were baptized here and attended Sunday school and confirmation. Until her mother died two years ago at 97, four generations worshiped together. Jessi's grandmother taught her the commandments—and later taught them to Jessi's children.

Still, returning with her own family felt surprisingly unfamiliar. Jessi recognized faces, but many people didn't know her history. Stacy Thoma's welcome helped Jessi, her husband and their children feel at home. She remembers how much that mattered.

Her son **Ben** calls Trinity a "home away from home." He sees his grandma, knows the pastors and staff, and worships alongside friends. VBS is a summer highlight, though he was hesitant

to volunteer at first. After a few summers of helping, he chose VBS even when it meant missing a week of high school practices.

Ben says worship leaves him more aware of his blessings. He has taken Blessing Bags from Trinity to share with people experiencing homelessness near the place he gets his hair cut. Now he looks forward to finding someone he can help.

Jessi understands how those experiences stay with you. Youth mission trips, teaching VBS and serving at Caring and Sharing Hands started a habit of volunteering that continued into adulthood. Remembering the people who supported her, she says, "I want to be a gift to others."

Your giving helps make these experiences possible. For Cheryl, Jessi and Ben, faith has grown through the people who welcomed them, taught them and gave them opportunities to serve.



*"So then, just as
you have received
Christ Jesus the
Lord, continue to live
your lives in him,
rooted and built up
in him, established
and strengthened
in the faith, just as
you were taught,
abounding in
thanksgiving."*

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7





— 2027 PLEDGING —

two ways to pledge

This year, in an effort to simplify the pledging process, we're offering two easy ways to pledge for 2027:

1 paper pledge card

Fill out the paper pledge card included in your packet and bring it to the Trinity office, mail it back, or place it in the offering plate during worship. From there, you will adjust whatever way you give (check, online, IRA, stock) to reflect your pledged amount.

1 recurring online giving

Any new or updated recurring* online giving plan made after November 1, 2026, will be considered your pledge for the upcoming year. So, you can take care of your pledge AND your gift to Trinity in one step!

**One-time or recurring gifts given in 2026 will still be credited to this calendar year's budget.*

gathered
into
ONE



capital campaign update

Your Capital Campaign donations are still at work! In 2026 we completed audio, visual, and lighting improvements in the sanctuary. With more planned in 2027 to wrap up our campaign, you can visit the Capital Campaign page on our website for all the updates!

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