

The First Word

I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Exodus 23:20

Last Tuesday, I shook Josh's hand and saw him to the office door for the last time. As you know, he's now en route to his internship site at First Lutheran Church in Torrance, CA. During our last conversation, we talked about my internship experience and his hopes for his internship year. We reflected on the differences in the church of the mid-1980s compared to the mid-2020s. We both spent time looking for the right words to say goodbye. In the end, we found them.

It was good to hear how touched he was at the farewell celebration we had on his last Sunday. Luther Hall was at capacity and there was much good food and a lot of love to go around. I can't say for sure what he expected, but I do know he was a bit overwhelmed by the outpouring of affection he sensed that day.

He was very thankful, not just for the day, but for the eight years of support Trinity showed him. As he shared in his sermon, he arrived at Trinity with a lot of soul-searching—even wrenching—questions, answers to which he found in the embrace of this community. I mentioned how wonderful it is to serve a congregation that cherishes and shares the power of grace. Josh and I were happy that he found Trinity and we him.

Josh will enter his internship much better equipped to flourish than I was. Most of the credit for that belongs to you. Yes, I allowed him to preach and assist me at funerals and at graveside, attend and address Council meetings and otherwise stand before the congregation as a ministry leader; but it was you who affirmed and encouraged him in his efforts. Nobody contemplating a pastoral vocation can do without a congregation cheering them on.

Trinity is singularly blessed to have two seminarians find their callings in our midst. Josh has moved on to complete his practical education. Katie is finishing up her classwork and will move into her internship year before long. I pray that we continue to be a place where faith can be found, incubated and deployed in service of the gospel. Thank you, Trinity, for being that kind of place for Josh, Katie, me and all who come through our doors!

Pastor Rob

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tues-Thurs	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
(559) 229-8581	

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Our website is constantly being updated with new photos, sermons, event information and more! Go to tlcfresno.org and share our website with your friends and family.



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CONGREGATION COUNCIL

A fundamental human need is to be heard.
Your Congregation Council is here to listen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

- 9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study - Conference Room
- 9:00am-Chancel Choir - Music Room
- 10:30 am-Sunday School (K-6) - Multipurpose Room
- 10:30 am-Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

- 9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
j3jordan@hotmail.com

Wednesday

- 6:00pm-Middle & High School Gathering/Worship
- 9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
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Thursday

- 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study,
- 6:00 pm-Women's Bible Study

PRAYER REQUESTS

Did you know that you can put in a request for prayer on Trinity's website? It's simple and you can do it at any time of the day or night. Just go to tlcfresno.com and follow the link to put in your request. You'll be put on our prayer list right away!

LINKS OF LOVE

Our Links of Love ministry at Trinity reaches out to Trinity members who are homebound or in need of having one of our lay ministers come out and visit, bring Communion, or send cards. If you are interested or know someone in need, please call Lisa Collins, at the Church office at 229-8581, and we will make sure to contact you.

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Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Bulldog Pantry are grateful for your support! We are looking ahead to an exciting new school year. We especially want to thank the following people who regularly volunteer with us even in these hot months of the summer: Nancy Bird, Jan Odahl, and Robert Phillips.

We also want to thank those of you who have recently used a Thrivent Action Card to help us.

Donations of nonperishable food items, such as canned vegetables, canned fruit and canned meat are needed to fill our shelves. Donations can be put in the wishing well or left with Lisa in the office. Contact Erica Bird for more information.

Your prayers mean the world to all of us as we chart a new path for the ministry..



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Wayne Truax; Diana Brantley; Brenda McLain; Jonathan Bergman; Eric Hagen; Lloyd Hauser; Betty Haak; Joan McCarthy; Kayley Noble; Billie Person; Rod Harris; peace and comfort for Liz Davis and family, as they mourn the passing her son, Mark Fazio; Sebastian Truax; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson for their work in Tanzania; the people of the Holy Land; all victims of natural disasters; victims of violence and terror attacks; our troops, first responders, & their families.



WELCA....Our "circles" are having a month respite, following a great year and wonderful Summer Bible Study with Pastor Sharon. Circle meetings begin again in September.

Whether you have previously been in a circle, or if you would like to be starting "new" — you are very welcome. We share Bible study material each month with women across the country using WELCA's own magazine and studies planned for Lutheran women's.

In September we will begin a three-month series, under the theme "Bold Faith on an unexpected Journey." The three sessions will follow Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene. September's scripture is Genesis 16:1-16, and Genesis 21:8-23.



**Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey,"
by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney**

Choose the day and time:

Mary-Martha - 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 pm.- at church
(contact Judy McGrath)

Priscilla - 2nd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - at church
(contact Linda Riley)

Evening Spirit - 3rd Monday, 5:30 p.m. - in homes
(contact Ann Brewer)

Good Morning - 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - at church
(contact Marcia Gutierrez)



Roni Grove	8/05
Erica Bird	8/12
Shirley Bruegman	8/15
Charlotte Fountinelle	8/16
June Lawlor	8/26
Terry Roberts	8/29
Patricia Bailey	8/30



Robert & Tay Cherry	8/06/1960
Kevin & Susan Ludwig	8/07/1988
Stephen & Ruth Mendyk	8/15/1992
Larry & Karen Sebilian	8/18/1968
Charles & Cathie McConnell	8/22/1964
Thomas & Cheryl Abshere	8/23/2008
Laurence & Anita Frede	8/26/1977



He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8



Wasn't it just Easter? Now Summer is over too! Good Grief! Time flies when you work with kids of all ages.

With the new school semester beginning Monday August 17, we are cleaning and prepping our classrooms, hallways, and critter cages in anticipation of new and returning families.

We have had a blast this summer with trips to the movies, the river, a pool party, and a train ride to Handford, not to mention the endless water play days here on campus.

We will be handing out new backpacks to our students with all the school supplies they will need on Friday August 21st. We are looking for a few more glue sticks, glue bottles and markers if you can contribute in any way.

Thank You for your continued support!

As Always,

In His Service,

Mr. Jose, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Bree, Mr. Cole, and Ms. Lisa



AUGUST 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Warming Fresno</i> is open to all levels of crocheters and knitters and they are willing to teach anyone interested!	11a Exercise Class via Zoom Exercise class via zoom j3jordan@hotmail.com	<i>MBS-Men's Bible Study</i> <i>WBS-Women's Bible Study</i> Contact Pastor Rob for a link to join via Zoom!				1
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In July, we sent Josh Lee off onto his next adventure! It has been an honor to watch you grow in your faith and ministry and we cannot wait to see what the future holds in store for you! Thank you for everything and good luck in Torrance!



Meet Joanna Montano Operations Coordinator

For the past year, Joanna has been working in the background, updating Trinity's presence across social media. From updating the church website, managing posts on Facebook & Instagram, to most recently posting sermon clips on TikTok!

With Josh's exit, Joanna will also begin overseeing general operations of the church on a day-to-day basis.



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Our Mission:
To Lead People Into The Life-Changing Love of Jesus Christ