



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

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Above all else, Martin Luther wanted people to understand baptism as a GIFT.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parent.*

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesu, meine Freude

Johann Gottfried Walther
1684-1748

✠ GATHERING ✠

*(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)*

↑ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for the waters that surround us.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for those newly baptized; for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

↑HYMN

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

#442

↑GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑HYMN OF PRAISE

Pages 4-5 (hymnal insert)

Refrain:

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory forevermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. (refrain)

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (refrain)

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (refrain)

↓PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Loving God,

Through an everyday thing like water you wash us clean and welcome all people to the church. We are bathed in love and called out into the world as part of the Great Commission – having to do nothing, getting to do everything. Help us remember our baptism each day as a sign of your gracious and unconditional love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

↓BACKPACK AND BRIEFCASE BLESSING

↓HYMN

God of All Learning

- 1. God of all learning, God of all knowing,
we bring these backpacks filled with supplies.
Bless all these tools of learning and growing.*

Use them, we pray, to change many lives.

**2 Bless all the students, young ones and old ones,
walking or riding, traveling by bus.
May they remember that you go with them,
and that they all are precious to us.**

**3 Some kids are poor, and some kids are wealthy;
may we give all the tools that they need.
May we make sure they're safe, loved and healthy
so that they all may thrive and succeed.**

**4 Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,
bless those who teach and counsel and care.
May they remember you walk beside them.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.**

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✝ **WORD** ✝

↓ **FIRST READING**

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia

Page 8 (hymnal insert)

*Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

↑ **GOSPEL**

Mark 10:13-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell

you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

#423

↑APOSTLES' CREED

page 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

↑PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

"The blessings of baptism are so boundless that if our timid human nature considers them, it may doubt whether they could all be true. No greater jewel can adorn our body and soul than baptism, for through it we obtain perfect holiness and salvation. Baptism is so full of comfort and grace that heaven and earth cannot contain it."



✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

Wade in The Water
Pastor Stephanie Johnson

Spiritual

↑ HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

Page 10 (hymnal insert)

Refrain:

*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

*As this cup of blessing once shared within our midst
may we share the presence of your love
(refrain)*

*Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares within your love.
(refrain)*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Page 11 (hymnal insert)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Page 11-12 (hymnal insert)

Holy, holy, holy are you.

God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

↑ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Page 12 (hymnal insert)

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and

honor is yours, O God, now and forever. A - men.

↑LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

↑INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are a child of God! Welcome to Jesus' table! Come and enjoy this meal that strengthens us to live as Jesus did.

Thanks be to God!

↓DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓LAMB OF GOD

Page 14 (hymnal insert)

1 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

2 Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and death; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

3 Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

4 Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

5 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

↓Distribution Music

Amazing Grace

#779

↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.

Amen.

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

May God bring you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and call you to the waters of baptism ✠ and may the Holy Spirit strengthen you in your calling to live out the Gospel each and every day.

↑HYMN

For By Grace You Have Been Saved

#598

↑DISMISSAL

Water washed and Spirit born, go now,
sharing the good news of your life with Christ.

Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Gottfried Walther

1684-1748



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