

Trinity Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Trinity Lutheran – ELCA is a welcoming and inclusive church. We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. We are Reconciling in Christ and extend welcome and invitation to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; race, ethnicity, or immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental issues; or other life circumstance. God loves and welcomes all people. We welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact our pastors for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

**We invite you join us on the journey of faith!
Saturdays at 5p.m.; Sundays at 8a.m. and 10:30a.m.**

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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10:30 a.m.



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WELCOME TO TRINITY!



Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

Guests and Visitors: A special **welcome** to you from Trinity's pastor and congregation members. We pray that this worship will bring you comfort, joy, and renewal. All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you have any questions about the worship service or about Trinity, our Hospitality Team members (at the Welcome Desk or identified by name tag) are happy to help. Please join us again!

Parents and Caregivers: Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. Younger kids are invited to bring one of our specially-prepared "busy bags" into the worship service along with crayons. Both are available in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. If you wish to step out with your child at any time, there is a special room just outside the worship space where you will be able to view and hear the service. If you prefer, we also offer a staffed Nursery. Children cared for in the Nursery are brought into worship for the Youth Message.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices, as well as gluten-free wafers and grape juice for Communion, are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those with mobility trouble. Our Hospitality Team members can help with any of these special needs.

IN MINISTRY TODAY

**Hospitality Team
Assisting Minister
Lector**

Brenda Fosse
Kent Garvin

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS: THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY

Rick Reiten, **Senior Pastor**
Kaari von Bernuth, **Pastoral Assistant**
Paul Falk, **Director of Choirs**
Alice Crawford, **Church Musician**
Brenda Harju, **TLC Preschool Director**
Debbie Schwartz, **Financial Manager**
Deana Andrist, **Office Administrator**
Amanda Backsen, **Director of Communications**
Joshua Moore, **AV Technician**
Tiffany Klijewski, **Nursery Coordinator**

Please stand as you are able



POSTLUDE *“Fugue in G Minor”* Gregory Temmer
*(This composition is being premiered in our worship service this morning.
We welcome the composer, Mr. Temmer.)*

Thank you for joining us on this beautiful Sunday morning.
Please join us following the service for coffee, conversation
and fellowship.

Time After Pentecost

PRELUDE *“Fugue in G Minor”* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *“The God of Abraham Praise”* **ELW #831**
Verses 1-4

INVOCATION

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

ELW #413

Verses 1 & 4

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
4 Ho - lÿ, ho - lÿ, ho - lÿ! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: **Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

ELW #547

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us 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

We come to the table by Jesus' invitation. All are welcome! As you come forward, receive the bread and the red wine or white juice. Let us know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you are not ready to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

COMMUNION SONG

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

ELW #470

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: **God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"
Trinity Chancel Choir

F. Melius
Christiansen

GOD'S STORY

Genesis 12:1-9

Call of Abraham, promise of land, descendants, blessing to the nations

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW #661

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The musical notation consists of two systems. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW #815

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Blake Nosal

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"Flute Solo for Organ"

Thomas Arne

OFFERING SONG

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

ELW #885

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical notation is presented in three systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.