

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!



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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.

**Hospitality Team
Assisting Minister
Lector**

IN MINISTRY TODAY
Rocky Knutson
Brenda Fosse
Jim Rose

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

"Festival Toccata"

Percy E. Fletcher

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



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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW #661

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Time After Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts" Setting by Joel Raney
Alice Crawford, Organ & Paul Falk, Piano

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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
Verses 1-4

ELW #853

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”
Verses 1 & 4

ELW #413

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

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! 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!

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

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

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

"Jubilate" Darwin Wolford
Alice Crawford, Organ & Paul Falk, Piano

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

"With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw
Trinity Chancel Choir

GOD'S STORY

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Noah, the flood, and the promise of the rainbow

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD. ⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you,

your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

The musical notation consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.' The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

MESSAGE

Pastoral Assistant, Kaari von Bernuth

SONG OF THE DAY

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW #673

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.**