

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY



THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND
THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14, ESV



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



OF THE LUTHERAN
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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 27 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 115:9-11

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

P In 80 years of existence, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has only ever had one source of comfort and grace – our Lord, Jesus Christ. From every sin and sore distress, He alone has been our refuge. O Israel, trust in the LORD!

C He is their help and their shield! *(sing LSB 615 vv. 1-2)*

P God, our heavenly Father has heard your cries for mercy, just as He has heard the cries of His people for generations upon generations. In His Word, He has promised to hear and answer our pleas. As in years past, this flock calls upon the Name of the LORD to forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!

C He is their help and their shield! *(sing LSB 615 vv. 3-4)*

P The LORD has put away your sins. By Christ's redeeming work on the cross, all your iniquity has been washed away. By His triumphant resurrection, He has assured you a place with Him in eternal glory. And by sending us His Holy Spirit, He has promised to strengthen and sustain you through His Word and sacraments. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word and by Christ's authority, I forgive you

all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C He is our help and our shield! *(sing LSB 615 vv. 5-6)*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

Almighty and most merciful God, who has built Your Church on the Rock – the Truth that Jesus in the Christ, the Son of God – preserve us, Your children, in the true Christian faith unto life everlasting. May Your Word always serve as the lamp which guides our feet, the light that reveals our path, and the sure hope of the resurrection unto eternal life through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C (spoken) Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4a, 25

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob,

And He who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by your name;

You are Mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,

Nor shall the flame scorch you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

⁴ Since you were precious in My sight,

You have been honored,

And I have loved you;

²⁵ “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake;

And I will not remember your sins.

Antiphonal Psalm of the Day

Psalms 100 (WS pg. 35)

Second Reading

John 10:11, 17-18, 27-28

[Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. . . ¹⁷ Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life

that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.

I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command

I have received from My Father. . . ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know

them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia

WS 738 v. 1

**✠ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation Has redeemed us by His blood!” ✠**

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 239 Come, Thou Almighty King

Sermon Text

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Sermon Theme:
Blessings from Our God!

I: God's undeserved love

II: God's sacrificial love

III: God's fellowship

Preaching: Rev. Terrel Kesterson
Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia IL

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

TLH pg. 22



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn

TLH 244 Glory Be to God the Father

Offering

Solo

*Praise to the King, Our Heavenly Father
Kathy Conway*

General Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also pray together:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

WS 800 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Silent Prayer

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LSB 554 – When in the Hour of Deepest Need

1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our

where to look for aid; When days and nights of
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast

anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
 Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
 Be with us in our anguish still;
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day
 To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
 Then walk obedient to Your Word,
 And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–61; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Ps. 102:1–2; Ps. 25:15–22; Rom. 9:17–19; Micah 7:7

Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversary Refreshments – The Trinity celebrations continue with refreshments in the basement. Please stay and visit if you can! If you have mobility concerns, there is an elevator down to the basement adjacent to the south entrance of the church.

Commemorative Bags – Some of our members ordered commemorative grocery/book bags for the occasion! They are \$17 a piece (make checks payable to Laurie White, not the church) and we ask that only members of Trinity purchase them. There is a one bag per family limit.

Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference Oct. 1-3 – The pastors of the PCPC will be meeting in Mountain View, CA for their fall conference, October 1st-3rd. Pastor Naumann will be away during that time. If any emergencies arise, please contact our Dennis Lux (info on pg. 1 of the bulletin).

Fellowship Hour Refreshments – A new refreshment sign-up is on the table in the entryway. Please consider helping to furnish some light snacks for our time together after communion worship. **Nothing fancy required!** A few pans of brownies, a box of donuts, cheese and crackers or perhaps some small sandwiches are all that we're hoping for – the fellowship time is what's important.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Missionary Peter Evensen** continues to recover from his knee surgery and other possible health complications here in Spokane. Please keep Peter in your prayers that God would grant him swift recovery according to His will.
- **Stan White** has now been officially diagnosed with cancer and has begun chemotherapy and radiation treatment. We thank God for a clear

direction in Stan's treatment and pray that He would bless, strengthen, and heal Stan according to His will.

- **Tom Steger**, a friend of the congregation, continues to recover at home from spinal surgery to remove a tumor and has begun hormone therapy to treat his cancer. May God bless his recovery and treatment.
- **Pastor Timothy Wheaton**, who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado, was recently diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable and highly aggressive stage-4 thyroid cancer. As his time on earth appears to be drawing to a close, may God give grace and comfort to Pastor Wheaton, his family, and our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace during this difficult time.
- Molly Bettinger's friend, **Jeanne** (pronounced "Genie"), who has been suffering from glioblastoma had an MRI recently that shows a more enhanced brain tumor. Please continue to pray for Jeanne that she may be healed if it is God's will. Above all, may the joyful hope of the Gospel comfort her and her family no matter what the future holds.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud has been called and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has received the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD. <> Pastor Timothy Daub has also received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO following Pastor Timothy Wheaton's retirement on September 29, 2024.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
8/25/24	22	\$516
9/1/24	32	\$2,247
9/8/24	21	\$369
9/15/24	17	\$962

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Dennis & Linda Lux
10/6	Randy & Lynne Estes
10/13	Travis Maguire
10/20	Ben Reim

SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Kenkman
Sanctuary	Poffenroth
Basement	Naumann

A Brief History of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

Adapted from "Out of Necessity" pg. 156-157

In 1942 Pastor Maynard J. Witt was serving a Wisconsin Synod congregation in Palouse, WA. The congregation encouraged him to explore mission possibilities in Spokane, 70 miles to the north. The Wisconsin Synod supported the effort, and the work began. The first place of worship was an abandoned store building. The first service was held on September 20, 1942, attended by eight persons. But in time the little group grew and Pastor Witt moved from Palouse to Spokane. On November 16, 1947, a church building was dedicated to the service of God. An adjoining parsonage was built in 1950. By 1958 the congregation numbered 230 baptized souls; 80% of the membership were adult converts. The congregation followed its long-time pastor, M.J. Witt, when he terminated his membership in the Wisconsin Synod in August of 1957. The congregation hosted CLC Conventions in 1961 and 1966. Pastor Witt retired from full-time pastoral ministry in January of 1981. On September 18, 1988, the members of the congregation thanked the Lord for enabling them to add a new wing to their church building and make other extensive improvements.

Pastors serving the congregation have been M.J. Witt (1942-1981), Kurt Luebke (1981-1989), Paul Schaller (1990-1996), Terrel Kesterson (1996-2011), Nathan Pfeiffer (2011-2018), and Drew Naumann (2021-Present).

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church has undoubtedly been guided and blessed by God's Word of grace for the entirety of our 80 years in service to Him. We have had triple digit attendance and single digit attendance. We have had financial abundance and strain. We have had difficult decisions, troubling membership matters, and we have been parted (for a time) from family, friends, and fellow members who have faithfully run their race of faith and who now enjoy Christ's crown of life. Through all, the truth and purity of the Scriptures have been maintained, believed, and taught every Sunday morning to the glory of God and for the building up of His Church on earth. May our Great Shepherd, who has so richly blessed us in generations past, continue to pour out an ever increasing supply of His forgiveness and hope upon the members of Trinity and through them for generations to come!

-Rev. Drew Naumann

Oh give
thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his
steadfast
(love endures
forever!)

Psalm 107:1, ESV

