



Chosen. Growing.

Proclaiming. Crowned.

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Dear Saints of Trinity Lutheran ChurchSchool,

St. Paul writes in his epistle to the Ephesians, “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Christ gives His Church pastors to equip the saints with the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins. The building up the body of Christ happens through Word and Sacrament Ministry. You, as a congregation, have extended me the Call to serve as Senior Pastor for the equipping and building up of the body of Christ to continue here at Trinity Lutheran ChurchSchool. I humbly accept your Call to serve as the next Senior Pastor to continue what my predecessors have done for the previous 156 years, preach and teach God’s Word while administering the Sacraments of His Church.

We are *chosen* by God to receive His grace and mercy as we continue to maintain unity by the Gospel. We continue *growing* in faith, not tossed or carried by the ways of man, but by God’s Word and Sacraments. We keep *proclaiming* Christ and Him alone who is the head of the Church. We are *crowned* with God’s forgiveness and life that builds us up and holds us together.

What an honor and blessing it is to continue to serve you as your Senior Pastor, a steward of God’s good gifts. Saints of Trinity Lutheran ChurchSchool, we are chosen, growing, proclaiming, and crowned for all glory be to God alone.

In Christ,

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