



*FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

*"Hold Fast to the Word"*

REV. ZACH J. HOLDORF

8AM & 9:30AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**FOCUS** Today we consider what it means to be wise and understanding people of God. As we examine the words of encouragement from Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4, we will see that God's wise and understanding people are given God's Word and keep God's Word. God is near His people with His goodness and grace shown to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING of the BELLS

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

### "Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578, v.1-4



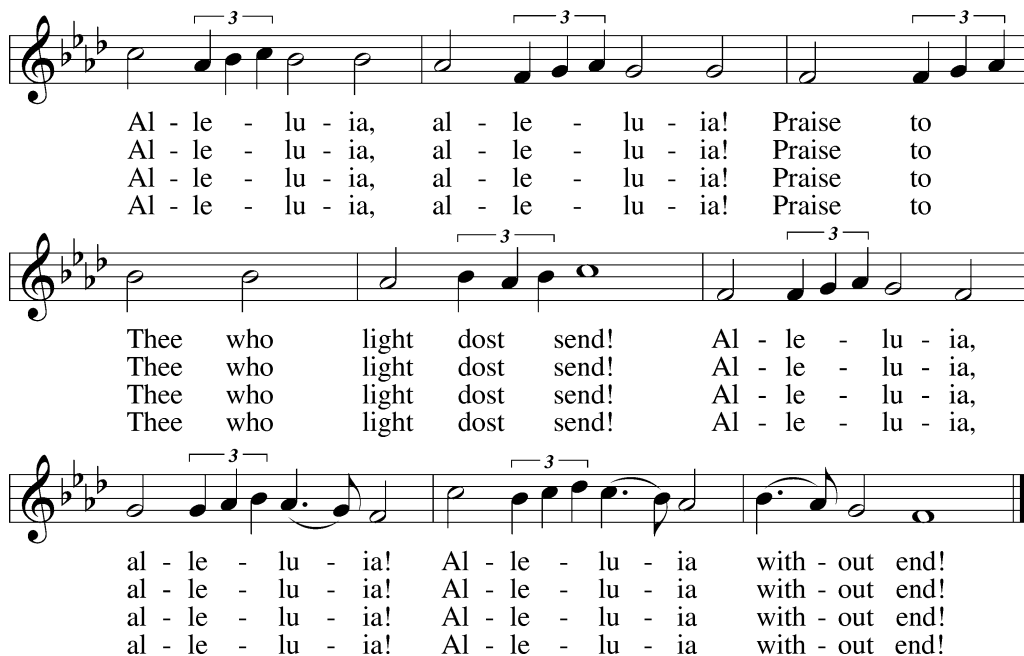
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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## INVOCATION

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

9:30am

## Baptism

*Rev. Zach J. Holdorf*

**“Sullivan Steven Nichols”**

*Son of Ryan & Michelle Nichols*

## APOSTLES’ CREED (All)

**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 thence 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## BAPTISMAL WELCOME

*(The newly baptized is welcomed with the following after a reading from the Elder.)*

**C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

- L** Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.  
**C** Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.  
**L** Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,  
**C** and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.  
**L** Cast us not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.  
**L** Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold us with a willing spirit.

## Confession and Absolution

- L** We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

Heavenly Father,

- C** we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.
- L** Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

# HYMN of PRAISE

## "Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578, 5-6

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy  
 Δ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee

mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the  
 laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of

hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.  
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,

light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with  
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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## SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

**L** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you.<sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ...<sup>6</sup> Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’<sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?<sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?<sup>9</sup> Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children...”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Canon of Praise”

*arr. Hopson*

*All within me bless the Lord; All within me bless God's holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me, bless God's holy name.*

*O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.*

*God the Lord is gracious, God's mercy is the same forever.*

*As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; remember God's mercy, remember God's love.*

*O bless the Lord, O my soul; O bless God's holy name.*

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put

on the breastplate of righteousness,<sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;<sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,<sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:14-23*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand:<sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."<sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable.<sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him,<sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)<sup>20</sup> And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him.<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,<sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

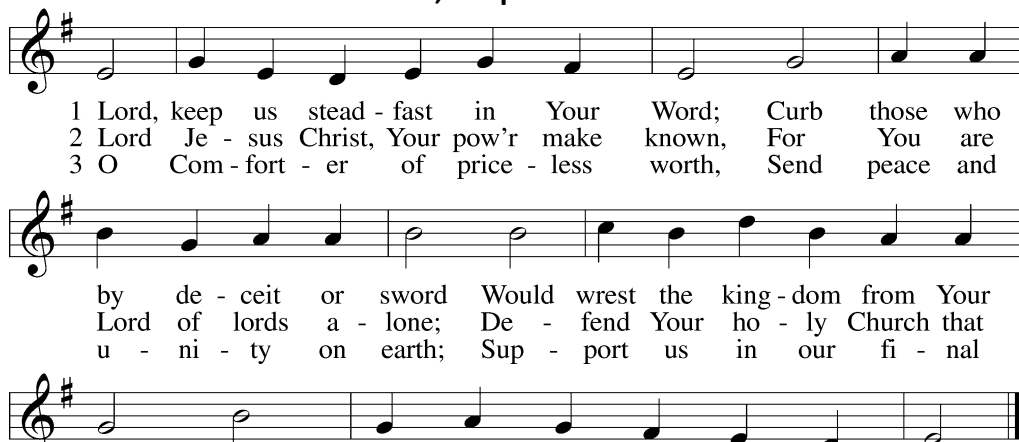
**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN of the DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## SERMON

“Hold Fast to the Word”

Rev. Zach J. Holdorf

## NICENE CREED (8:00am only)

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for



the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER of the CHURCH

LSB 708:3

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.
- L** For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.
- L** For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.
- L** For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially* . . .]. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.
- L** For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.
- L** For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Today we lift up before Your throne of grace the Holdorf family as they transition to their new calling in Michigan. Bless them, grant them safe travel and fill them with Your peace. Prepare the hearts of the people at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson, MI to receive them. Be with us here at Trinity – open our hearts and minds to where You are leading and give us strength to boldly follow You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.
- L** For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
**C** and I will praise Thee without end.

**L** Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERTORY HYMN “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB 621, v.1-2,4



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
As with cease-less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

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## Service of the Sacrament

### PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Lift up your hearts.

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

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS HYMN “O Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

1. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, The an - gel le - gions  
2. So, Lord, we sing the an - cient song, We shout ho - san - na  
at Your Word De - fend Your king - dom from the  
loud and long. Lord, save us now from self - ish  
foe ways And bring Your saints to praise from woe.  
As we bring thanks and prayers and praise.

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## The LORD’S PRAYER

- 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.

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

- L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI HYMN “O Lamb of God and Bread of Life”

1. O Lamb of God and Bread of Life, You take a-way the  
 2. Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray, So year by year and

sin and strife That cling so close-ly to our  
 day by day Your Word of grace would be passed

souls. O Liv-ing Bread, come, make us whole.  
 down Each gen-e-ra-tion's peace and crown.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN “We Are One in Christ”

*Chepponis*

*Choir: As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured,  
 We are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.*

*Refrain*

As the bread of life is bro-ken, the cup of love out-poured,  
 We are one in Christ, our Sav-ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

*Verses*

1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -  
 2. In the word of God pro - claimed here, the good  
 3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -  
 4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



nit - ed here as one. In this joy - ful cel - e -  
 news of truth is heard. In the tell - ing of the  
 come what we re - ceive. In the cup of love here  
 forth in love and peace, In our wit - ness to God's

bra - tion, re - call what God has done. *Refrain*  
 sto - ries, be o - pen to God's word. *Refrain*  
 of - fered, af - firm what we be - lieve. *Refrain*  
 king - dom, may char - i - ty in - crease. *Refrain*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**L** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# CLOSING HYMN

## "Built on the Rock"

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



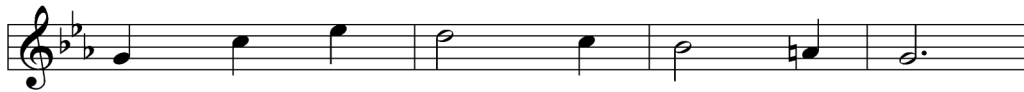
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
Choos - es to live with us in love,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

# POSTLUDE

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Ellie Hoehne & Jodi Hoehne, percussion*

ELDERS: *8am—Terry Knoll; 9:30am—Chad Schwantes*

*Farewell, Rev. Zach J. Holdorf!*



## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

### BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

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- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

### VISION STATEMENT:

*To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



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