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been fulfilled in  
your hearing*

*THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY & NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK*  
**“THE WORD OF GOD”**

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7:30AM SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**FOCUS** Each one of us comes into God’s house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God’s house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God’s people scattered throughout the world.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING of the BELLS

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

**L** God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.  
**C** **Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!**  
**L** God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.  
**C** **Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!**  
**L** God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.  
**C** **Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!**  
**L** God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.  
**C** **Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!**

## OPENING HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (to the tune of “Come Thou Fount”)



1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.
3. Let us praise the Word In - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis-ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand.  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



Calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
From this wellcomes liv-ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Let us praise the true Re-deem - er, praise the One whomakes us one.

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## Confession and Absolution

**L** Friends in Christ, God’s Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:8-9*). In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**ALL:** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen. (*Psalm 51:1-4a, 10*)**

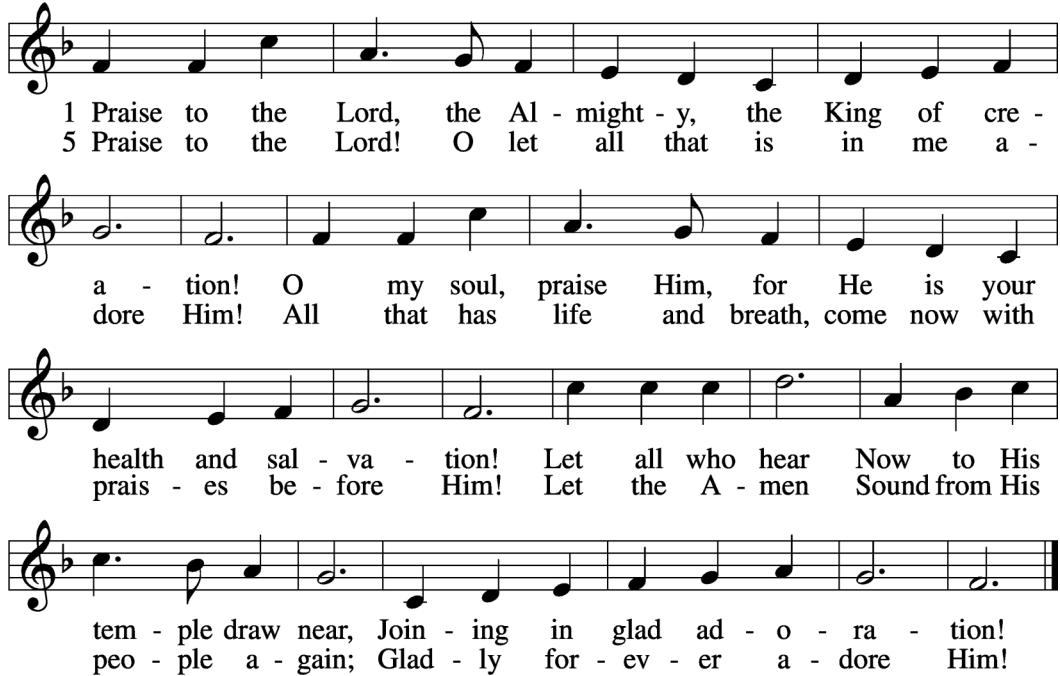
**L** God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce that grace of God to each of you; and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN of PRAISE

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

*LSB 790, v.1,5*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with  
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His  
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. God of light and life, open our eyes as well as our ears, so that we may not only hear Your Word preached today but then see Your Word lived out in our lives and in our world, through Christ, our Lord, the light of the world.

**C** Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO



**“Jesus Loves Me”**  
*Trinity Childcare Students*



## Service of the Word

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel.<sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.<sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ...<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.<sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ...<sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

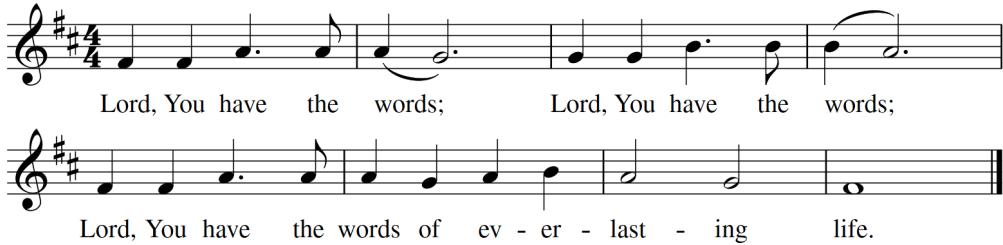
- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

*Psalm 19:1-4a, 7a, 8a, 10, 14*

Cantor: *Lord, You have the words; Lord, You have the words;  
Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.*

## ALL: (Refrain)



Lord, You have the words; Lord, You have the words;  
Lord, You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

- ¶ *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. Refrain*
- ¶ *There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. Refrain*
- ¶ *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; Refrain*
- ¶ *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Refrain*
- ¶ *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Refrain*

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## EPITOLE

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many.<sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.<sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?<sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.<sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be?<sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,<sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater

honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,<sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,<sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.<sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.<sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.<sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?<sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?<sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

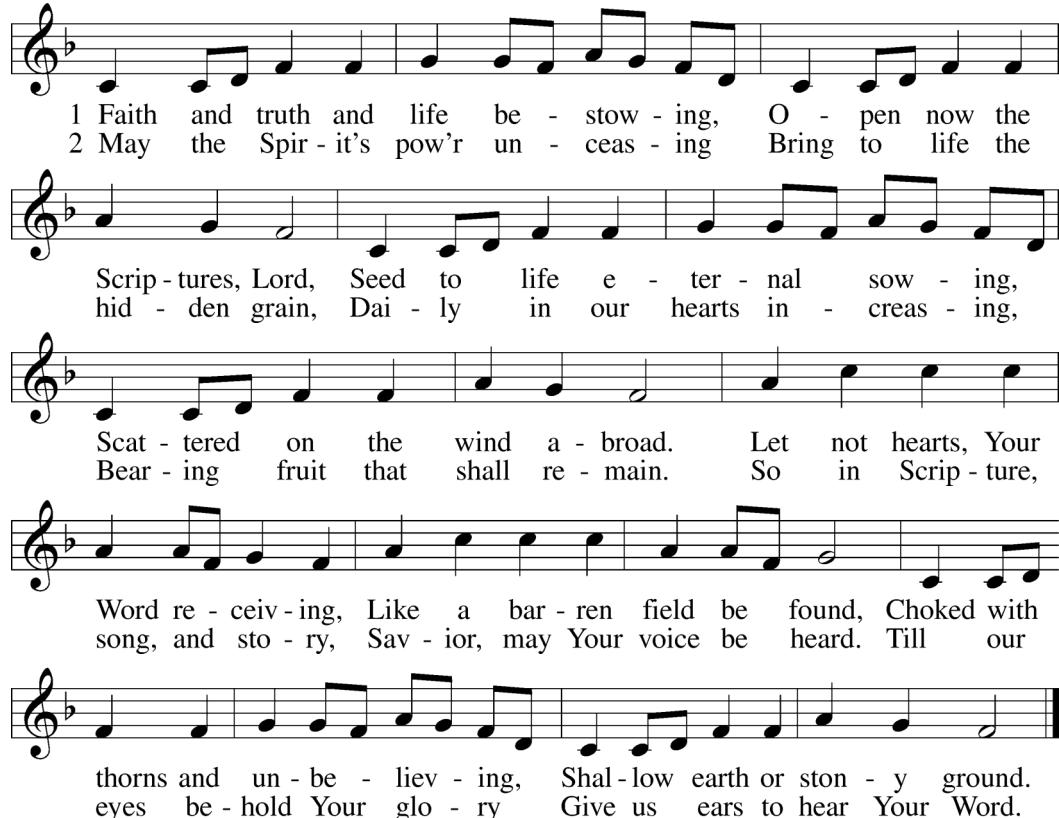
**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

### "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"

LSB 584



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

And [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.<sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.<sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”<sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”<sup>23</sup> And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”<sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.<sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,<sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.<sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”<sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.<sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.<sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

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

## 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 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.

## HYMN of the DAY

### “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

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1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'rous to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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## A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

*Mrs. Holly Prahl*

## SERMON

*“The Word of God”*

*Rev. Timothy D. Smith*

## GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

**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.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## PRAYER of the CHURCH

**L** Holy God, we praise You for calling us to be a servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. Together may we live in Your Spirit and so love one another that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ, our Lord in all things. Bless our Senior Pastor Call Committee – fill them with wisdom and discernment as they meet. Be with Heidi Smith and Pastor Smith as Heidi considers the call to serve St. John, Easton, as teacher there. Send Your Holy Spirit upon her, give her wisdom and discernment as she considers where You are leading. Bless the members of St. John and us as we all seek Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord of learning, we give You thanks and praise for the blessings of schools, especially Trinity. Bless all our faculty and staff – fill them with Your peace and strength and give them knowledge, patience, and a loving spirit as they teach. Be with the students – and help them grow in knowledge and faith in Jesus. Give us all eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to learn, and mouths to proclaim Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord of all compassion, today we remember all those with special needs, (*especially...*). In love, look upon them and according to Your good and gracious will, meet their needs and send us to be Your hands and feet to minister to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray...

## 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.**

## 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 "We Are Called to Stand Together"

(to the tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory")



1. We are called to stand to - ge - ther With the saints of a - ges past,
2. Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him side by side,
3. Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the Gos - pel spread:
4. Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e - bra - tion ring;
5. To each com - ing gen - e - ra - tion Tell the truth, per - suade, ex - plain,



With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ects In the faith they once held fast;  
Heard His tea - ching, felt His pow - er, Saw the way He lived and died;  
Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage, Guid - ed where the Spir - it led;  
Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior Hon - or Him as Lord and King  
Till the time when time is end - ed, Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain -



Prom - is - es and hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
Then the news of res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
So the bod - y grew in stat - ure Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
And, for cour - age, grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
Till the saints are all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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## POSTLUDE

PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

SCRIPTURE READER: *Mr. Bill Zuelsdorff, Principal*

ELDER: 7:30am—*Terry Knoll*

ACOLYTE: 7:30am—

TECH: 7:30am—

COFFEE HOUR: *Kelly Peterson*

## 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—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

### BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

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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 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am 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.

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