

*This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many*



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FOCUS The Gospel of Christ is God’s invitation to salvation and eternal life. Cards or letters of invitation occasionally end with the eloquent phrase from the French language abbreviated only with the letters RSVP, signaling that the sender wishes to know for how many to plan in attendance. (Of course, we may presume God already knows that final number!) But to receive an RSVP invitation requires a response. Today, Jesus issues the invitation to the Kingdom asking all to “strive to enter.” Surprisingly, the response or effort required is simply to receive the benefit of our Lord’s own work on our behalf. You enter the open, narrow door through Baptism into the death of Christ. The baptismal life is a striving to die and rise daily by faith in the way of the cross of Christ. Through the door of the Eucharist we are nourished and faith is strengthened and sustained by Christ’s body and blood. This eating and drinking is necessary for the struggle of faith. Here today you continue your RSVP, entering the door who is Christ by the power of your Holy Baptism.


PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “God Himself is Present” *Burkhardt*
“O Sing to the Lord” *Blersch*
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Cherwien*

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

RITE of BLESSING—SANCTUARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *LSB 791*
(Sanctuary Choir sings v.3)



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 46:1; 50:1

- L** God is our refuge and strength,
C a very present help in trouble.
L The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
C from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Confession and Absolution

- L** Invited by the grace of God, as His baptized children, we entreat His mercy confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.
C O merciful Father, hear our plea for Your constant help in the struggle of living in the strength of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We lay our sins on His own atoning death. Raise us in the assurance of Your forgiveness and Your power to create a new and contrite heart, that we may serve You in holiness and forever sing Your praises both now and forever. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and our eternal King. Amen.

L The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit, strengthen you with His grace. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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.

SONG of PRAISE

“Forever”

Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, Forever forever.

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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. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 66:18-23

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.²² “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Canon of Praise” *Pachelbel/Hopson; Psalm 103*

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:4-29

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many,

I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, I do not know where you come from.'²⁶ Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

HYMN of the DAY

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

arr. Behnke

(v.1,3,5—ALL; v.2 & 4—Sanctuary Choir)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

*Choir: 2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen
All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?*

3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

*Choir: 4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.*

(Interlude)

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

SERMON

“a Word from blood”

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.*

OFFERING SONG “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life; I’m so glad You came to save us.

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us. (*Chorus 2x*)

Lord, I lift Your name on high (*Repeat*)

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RITE of INSTALLATION

Maggie Gildersleeve

RECOMMISSIONING of TEACHING STAFF

PRAYER of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to remain constant in the struggle of faith empowered by the cross of Christ, filled with hope and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of wisdom, as colleges and schools begin classes in the upcoming weeks, go with our students – watch over them and keep them safe. Remind them of Your abiding presence, relieve their anxiousness and fill them with Your peace. Give them eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to learn, and mouths to proclaim Your name. Give those who teach knowledge, patience, and a loving spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We give You thanks and praise, O Lord, for the blessing of this church and school. We thank You for generosity that allowed us to make repairs and improvements and for all those who labored to beautify and make safe our facilities. Grant that we use them for our neighbor's good and Your glory!
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. 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.

C **Amen.**

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- L** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Receive our thanksgiving for the forgiveness, life, and strength to live given to us through His very body and blood in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

The LORD'S PRAYER

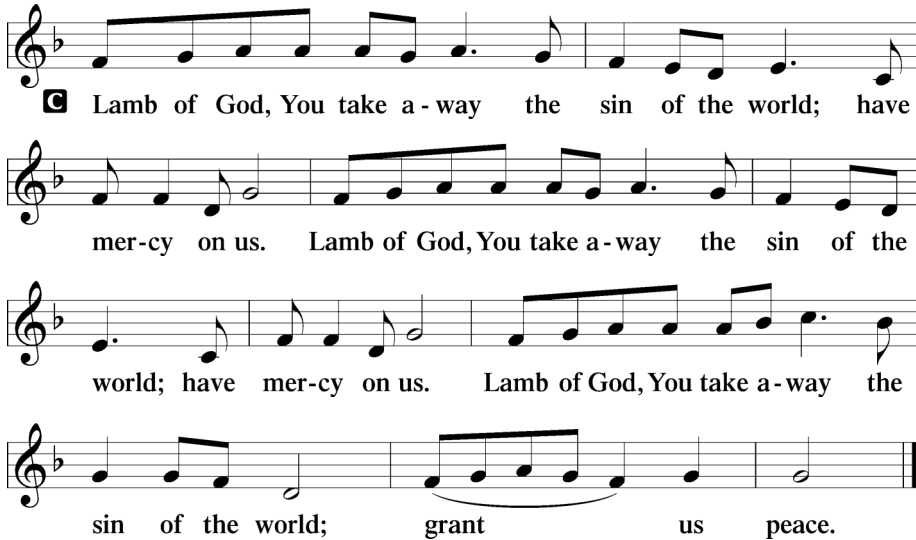
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine 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



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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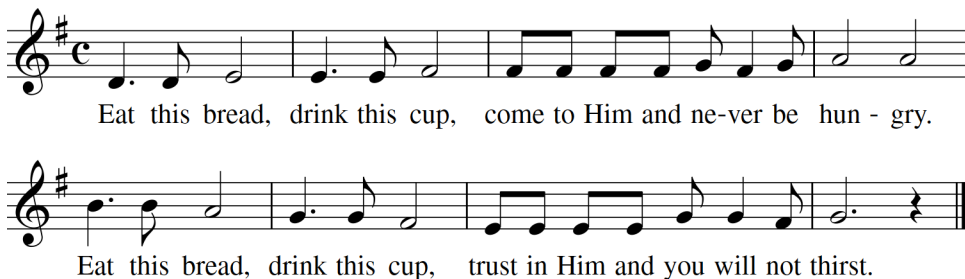
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Eat This Bread”

Choir: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Him and you will not thirst.

Refrain (ALL):



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and ne-ver be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Him and you will not thirst.

Choir:

- 1. This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. **Refrain***
- 2. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. **Refrain***

3. *Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.*

Refrain

4. *Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Refrain*

5. *If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain*

DISTRIBUTION SONG “Jesus Son of God” Tomlin/Maher/Ingram

You came down from Heaven's throne. This earth You formed was not Your home.
A love like this the world had never known.

A crown of thorns to mock Your name. Forgiveness fell upon Your face.
A love like this the world had never known.

Chorus: On the altar of our praise, Let there be no higher name: Jesus Son, of God.
You laid down Your perfect life; You are the sacrifice, Jesus, Son of God.
You are Jesus Son of God.

You took our sin, You bore our shame, You rose to life, You defeated the grave,
And a love like this the world has never known.

'Cause You took our sin, You bore our shame,
You rose to life, You defeated the grave.

A love like this the world has never known. (*Chorus*)

Bridge 1: Be lifted higher than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder than any other song.
There is no power that can come against Your love.
The cross was enough, The cross was enough,
The cross was enough, The cross was enough.

Chorus: On the altar of our praise, Let there be no higher name: Jesus, Son of God.
You laid down Your perfect life; You are the sacrifice, Jesus Son of God.
(*Repeat Chorus*) You are Jesus Son of God

Bridge 2: Be lifted higher than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder than any other song.
There is no power that can come against Your love.
The cross was enough, The cross was enough. (*Repeat*)

The cross was enough, The cross was enough,
The cross was enough, The cross was enough.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

L Let us pray. Lord Jesus, as we leave this place, we thank You for the renewal and strength of Your Word and Sacrament. Empower us, so that we, Your Church, may be one, just as You and the Father are one. Help us to work together for the good of Your kingdom, that many more might come to know You and Your blessing of eternal life. We ask it in Your precious name.

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Schulz

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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!

TRADITIONAL/BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th 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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