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TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **pages 15 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

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SUNDAY MORNING 8:45 COMMUNION

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ **GATHERING** ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THEME OF THE DAY

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

O Bread of Life from Heaven - arr. David N. Johnson
Mark Koehler, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**Please stand, as able.*

†*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for you,
and for his sake, forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN *The Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

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Please turn and face the processional cross in the center aisle as it passes.

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

We sing a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

During the Easter Season we use "Worthy Is Christ," from the book of Revelation, as our Canticle of Praise. The hymn looks to the day when we shall gather at the throne of the Lamb to praise Christ's holy name.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit.**

**As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:17-25*

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kevin McClain

HYMN OF THE DAY

Just As I Am (Hymn of the Month)

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***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

When We Eat This Bread - Thomas Kessecker
 Stan Kopp, cantor; Kloey Kaeser, violin
 Choir and Congregation

Refrain

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro -
 claim your death, Lord Je - sus. Oh, come to us in



this ho - ly meal, as we gath - er ___ 'round this ta - ble. ___

Verses

Fruit from the vine and grain from the field:
God, fill us with your blessing and grant us your grace.
You have sent your Son to free us all from sin.
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. *Refrain*

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good,
and happy are the people who delight in God's love.
Oh, bless the Lord, let your mouth be full of praise.
God has blessed us and saved us and called us by name. *Refrain*

Reveal yourself in this breaking of bread.
Raise us up! Make us the body of Christ for the world.
Into us breathe life! Send us forth with hearts aflame.
Let justice and mercy find freedom to reign. *Refrain*

Text: Liturgical texts adapt. Thomas Keesecker

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***CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



***OFFERING PRAYER**

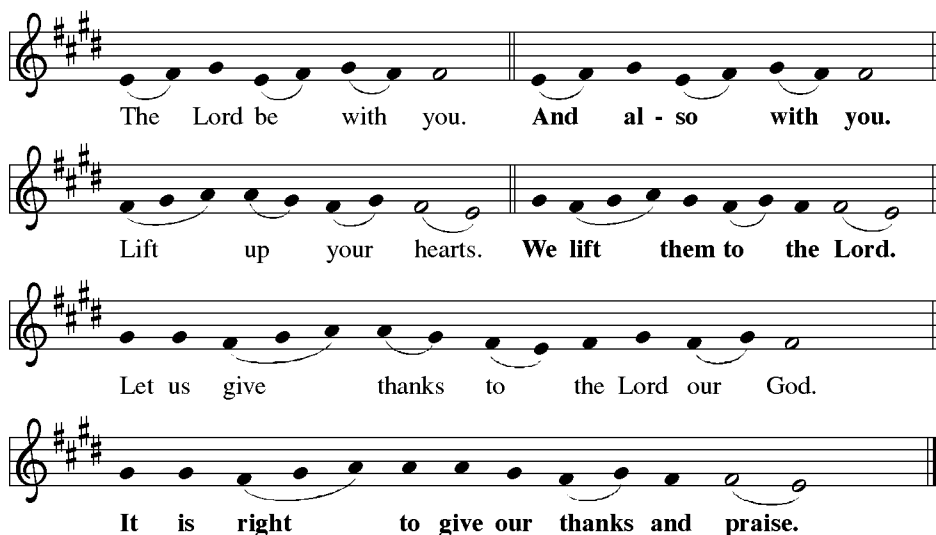
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

✠ ✠ ✠ **MEAL** ✠ ✠ ✠
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord Be with You

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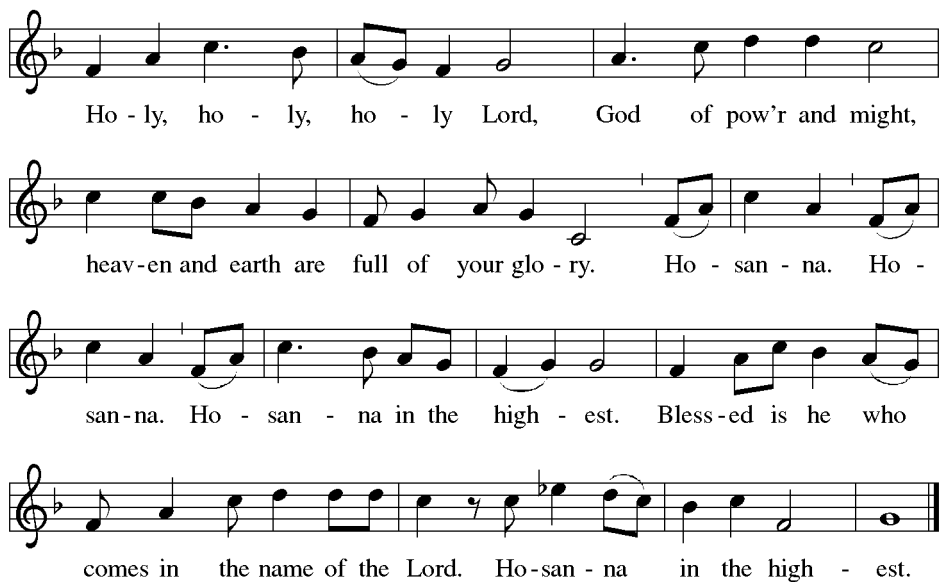


***PREFACE AND SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)**

During the minister's prayer, the congregation responds with several phrases as listed below.

...Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 ...now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!
Amen. Hallelujah!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are welcome to receive communion.

Please sign a *COMMUNION CARD*, located in the pew rack, if you have not done so yet this year, and hand it to the usher who directs you.

Communion will be served to all people at the altar rail. If you are *NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE* to move to the altar, please advise an usher and the elements will be brought to you.

You will be served the hosts first, then offered a plastic cup of wine or grape juice, and then a basket to dispose your plastic cup in.

CHILDREN who do not yet commune are invited with their families to receive a blessing.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS and *GRAPE JUICE WHICH WILL BE IN GRAPE COLOR CUPS* are available at the altar and the pews. Please indicate your desire to the communion deacons.

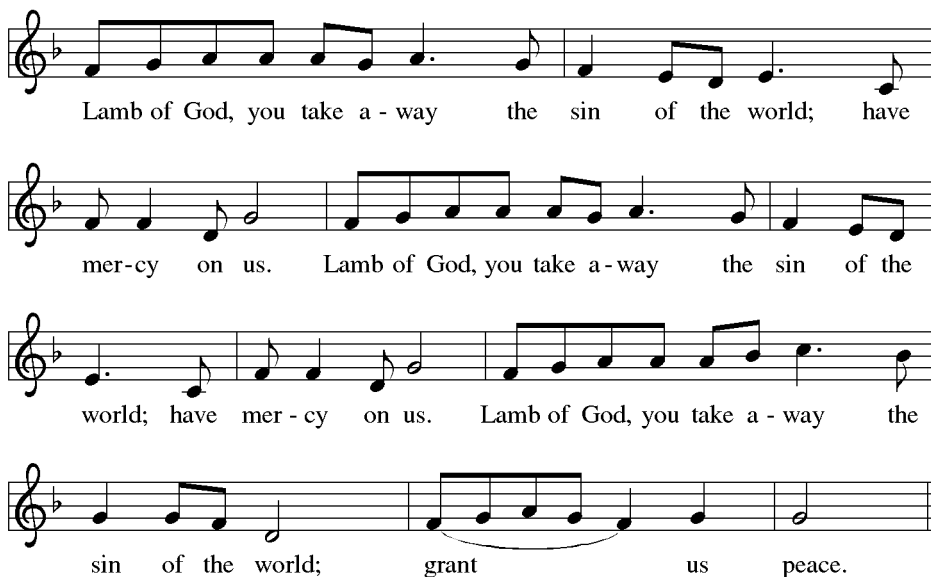
You are encouraged to *SING* the hymns and *RESPOND* "Amen" as the elements are received.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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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.

SOLO *Minuet I and II from the Suite in G Major* - Johann Sebastian Bach
Kloey Kaesar, cello

SOLO *Bourrée I from suite in C Major* - Johann Sebastian Bach
Kloey Kaesar, cello

SOLO *For We See Jesus* - arr. Tedd Smith
Mark Koehler, piano

***TABLE GRACE**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

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***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

Open Our Eyes - arr. Tedd Smith
Mark Koehler, piano

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*We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and Goldberry coffee.
The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Kevin McClain

ASSISTING MINISTERS - Stan Kopp

ORGANIST - Mark Koehler

ACOLYTE - Hope Wolfe

CRUCIFER - Elleni Miller

BANNER BEARER - Ebenezer Wolfe

COMMUNION DEACONS - Pastor Kevin McClain, Stan Kopp, Dan Forbes, Pam Bradley

LECTOR - Teagan Kime

GREETERS - Jeff & Linda Gray

USHERS - Usher Team #4, Tom Yannayon, Captain and Hillard Clark, Co-Captain

SOUND - Chris Vanderzyden

PRO PRESENTER - Everett Kime

CAMERA OPERATOR - Michael Prezioso

RADIO - Adam Kime

NURSERY - Kristen McClain, Emma McClain

*If you would be interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities,
please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.*

SANTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

- > Marty Duffey to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones,
- > Cris and Barb Harding in memory of Earl Urban,
- > Marilyn Frank & family in memory of William and Maxine Stafford.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service is sponsored by Janet and Gary Greene as their gift to those Trinity members who cannot attend in person today.


THE LIVESTREAM of the 11 a.m. Sunday Praise Service is sponsored by Sharon Sample in loving memory of William Sample.

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY

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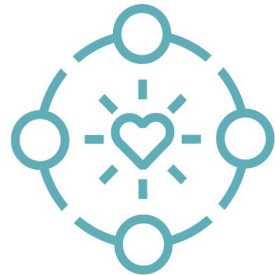
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Looking to get involved in the life of our church? Fill out this form to let us know what you're interested in, and we'll follow up soon!



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A variety of events and community-oriented gatherings take place each week at Trinity. See what's coming up, and join us!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

