

Rededication of the Sanctuary November 10, 2024



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Regular Worship

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

Holy Communion at Trinity

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. Our Lord delivers His true body and blood into our mouths in, with, and under the bread and wine. For those with faith in the Lord's words, the sacrament forgives sins, strengthens faith, and unites us to the Lord and with one another. All members in good standing of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its benefits and are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor in the weeks before communing. Those who receive the sacrament should examine themselves according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28) and come to the table rejoicing, knowing that the Lord meets them with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. We offer gluten-free wafers. The cups in the center of the trays are filled with diluted wine for those who are sensitive to alcohol.

Serving Today

Preacher:

Rev. Sam Powell Liturgist: Rev. Jesse Schlie

Music:

Mixed Choir

Praise Band

Handbell Choir

Cody Farris, Organist

Kevin Zorena, Music Director

Elder/Deacon:

Randy Seidel & Nick LaBoube Usher Teams: Keith Ziegelbein & Todd Fetters Acolytes: Naomee Doelling & Elliott Powell

Divine Service, Setting One

Preservice Music

Organ

Praise Band

Handbell Choir

Organ

"Now Thank We All our God" Prelude on "Foundation" Meditation From "Partita on Thaxted"

"Come Unto Jesus"

"A Grand Celebration" "Thy Strong Word"

"This Little Light of Mine" "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" "Prelude in F Major"

Ringing of the Bells

Opening of the Doors

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.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P Let the doors of this church be opened for the preaching of the saving Word of God in accordance with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the administration of the holy Sacraments according to the institution of Christ, and for offering to God the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Hymn 465 This hymn was the last hymn sung in Trinity's sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023."

θ 1 Now all the vault of heav'n sounds In re -2 E There ter nal is the gift He brings, -3 O fill Lord, with daunt - less love; Set us, \wedge 4 A dor - ing And prais - es now we bring θ praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! "Christ has fore our heart with rap - ture sings: tri - umphed! heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer with the heav'n-ly bless - ed "Christ has tri - umphed! sing: He ing!" choirs of an - gels, loud is liv Sing, and ing!" is liv -Now He still He comes to give us through Your tri umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's Al le - lu ia!" Be the Fa - ther and to our θ clear! Re their of peat song glo ry life And by all His pres ence stills _ That lives day by our we tru ly Lord, ly To Spir it blest, most ho -Θ here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri umphed!" _ strife. liv Christ has tri - umphed! He ing! is -"Christ has ing!" say: tri - umphed! He is liv _ God, All the glo end - ry, nev - er _ ing! ρ Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia! -Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu al - le - lu ia! ia, Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia! ia, al - le - lu Al - le - lu _ ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu ia!

Blessing of the Building

Beloved in the Lord, Christ Jesus is present wherever His holy Word is taught purely and the P holy Sacraments are administered according to His institution. As the Lord said through Moses, "In every place where I cause My name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you."

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, though You are not contained in houses built by human hands, we pray that You will be pleased to dwell with us here and to make known to us Your glory. Be present in this place where we are gathered to receive Your forgiveness, hear Your holy Word, and praise Your holy name. Graciously hear the prayers we will offer to You; bless the marriages to be solemnized; comfort those who will mourn; and let harmony and peace rest upon all in this place. Bring us at last to the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Lamb is the temple, that we may unite with all the saints and angels in His praise; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- **C** Amen.
- **P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this church building.
- **C** Amen.

Sit

Blessing of the Baptismal Font

- ▶ Our Lord Jesus commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The holy apostles of the Lord have written: "The promise is for you and for your children," and "Baptism now saves you."
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your great mercy You preserved Noah and his family through the flood and led Your people Israel through the waters of the Red Sea. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. Bless this baptismal font that those who are here given new birth by water and the Spirit may receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- **C** Amen.
- The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this baptismal font and all who are regenerated here by water and the Word.
- **C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

- \mathbf{P} If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

- P 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 servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm (sung responsively)

Psalm 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v.8

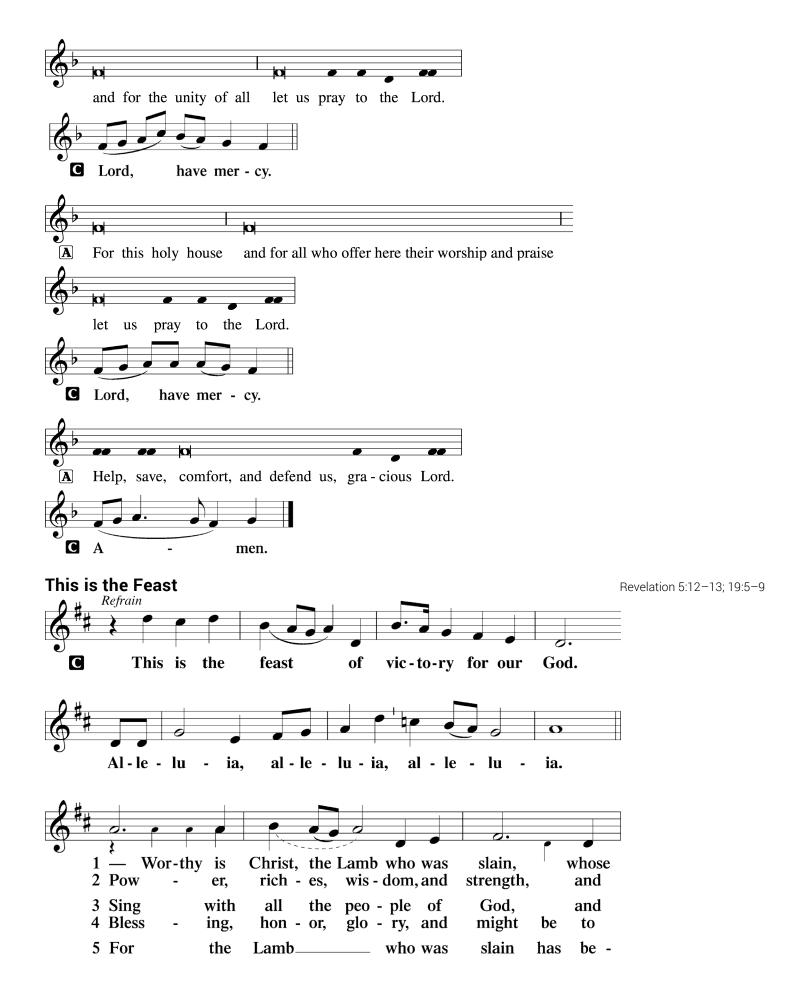
[John 20:19-23]

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house and the place where your | glory dwells.
Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and | try me; test my heart | and my mind.
I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, | O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your | wondrous deeds.
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.



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

Mark 10:47





2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Blessing of the Lectern

- In the reading of the Holy Scriptures we hear God speaking His Word of salvation to us. This Word is "a lamp to [our] feet and a light to [our] path."
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your own dear Son went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read Your Word. Purify the lips of those who read the Scriptures here, and bless this lectern, that from it we may hear Your gracious Word of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- **C** Amen.
- **P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this lectern.
- **C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A The Old Testament Reading for the Rededication is from 1 Kings, chapter 8.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Epistle

A The Epistle is from Revelation, chapter 21.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

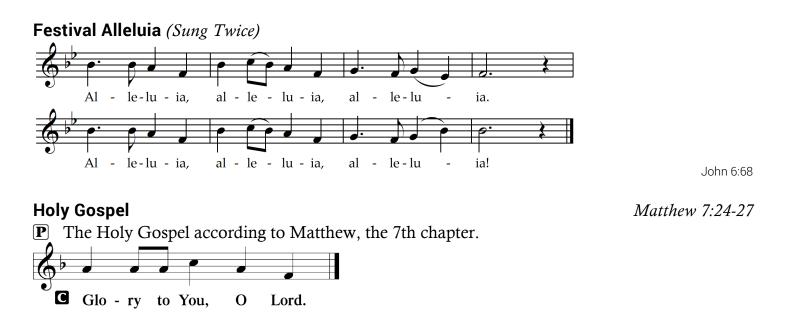
Stand

word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven vour dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

"Blessed Trinity"

Revelation 21:1-5

will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Festival Alleluia is sung twice.

Sit

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 worshiped 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.

The Hymn of the Day was specially written for Trinity Lutheran Church, for the Rededication of the Sanctuary. Tune by Dr. John A. Behnke Text by Dr. Kenneth T. Kosche

Hymn of the Day (verse 1 sung by choir, then repeated by congregation)

For Trinity Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri O Lord, Here in Your Dwelling Place



- This building we rededicate; Our hearts to You reconsecrate; Your blessing we implore: Now on your people pour Your pow'r That we continue from this hour To worship and adore.
- △ 6. For earthly beauty that we see, For heav'nly glory yet to be, We praise the Holy One: The God of splendor, God of grace, The God we worship in this place; Praise Father, Spirit, Son!

Blessing of the Pulpit

- Our Lord Jesus Christ preached and taught repentance and the forgiveness of sins, and after His resurrection sent His disciples out, saying: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation."
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, Your Son stepped into Simon Peter's boat and from it taught the crowds, thus making it a pulpit. Bless this pulpit that from it Your saving and merciful Word may be proclaimed and many may be brought to eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

▶ The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this pulpit.

C Amen.

Sermon

Stand

Blessing of the Altar

- P At the altar we receive the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the altar of the cross and offer to God our sacrifice of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving as the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah, saying, "Everyone who loves the name of the Lord and holds fast my covenant, their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You delighted in the praises of Your faithful servants Abel, Noah, and Abraham and accepted the sacrifices offered on their altars. Look upon us and graciously accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer at this altar. Grant that the body and blood of Christ Jesus, once offered on the altar of the cross as the full and only atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world and given us on this altar to eat and to drink, will nourish and strengthen us until at last we gather at the heavenly banquet to feast with the Lamb and all His saints; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- **C** Amen.
- P The merciful Lord be present at this altar to + pardon, + strengthen, + bless, + feed, and + hear His people.
- **C** Amen.
- **ℙ** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this altar.
- **C** Amen.

Prayer of the Church

■ . . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Reception of New Member

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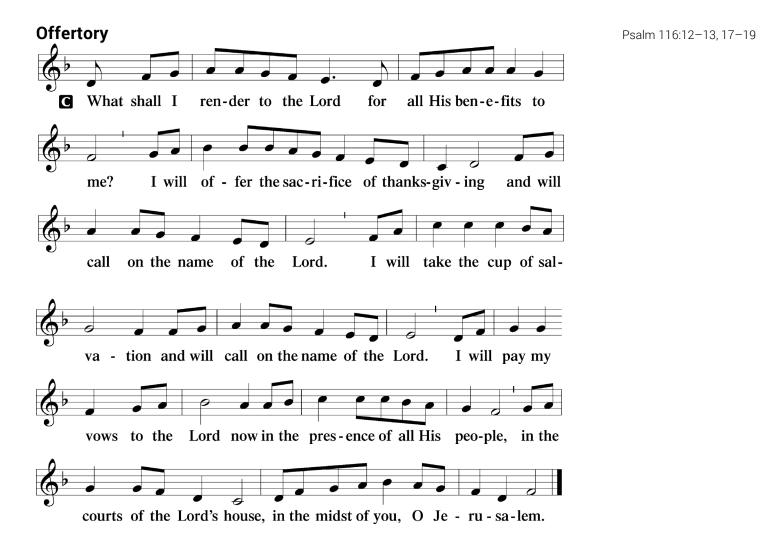
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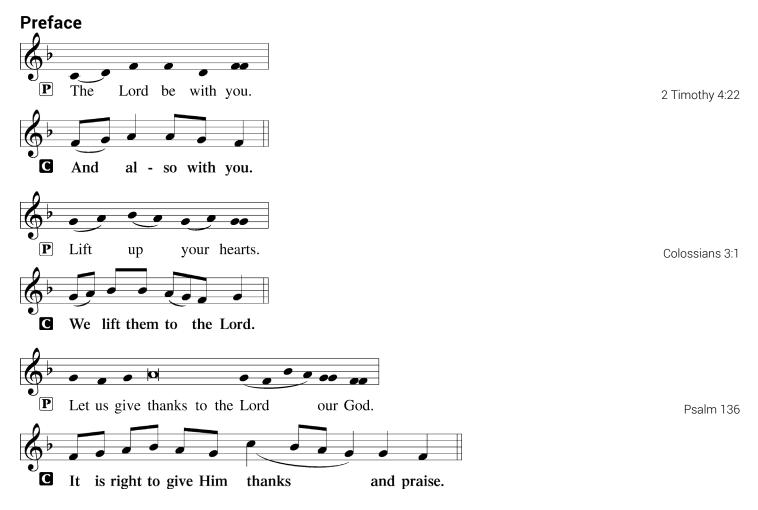
Handbell Anthem

"O Praise and Worship the King"

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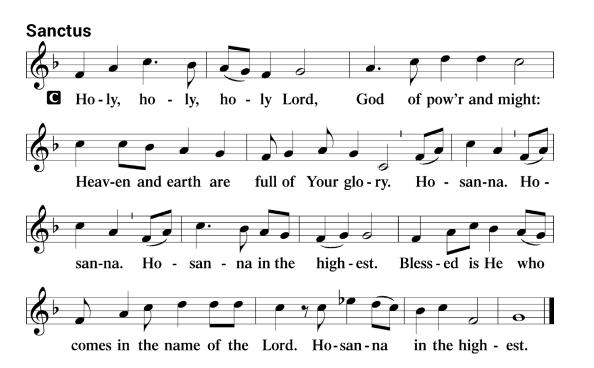


Service of the Sacrament



 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 saying:

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving

■ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

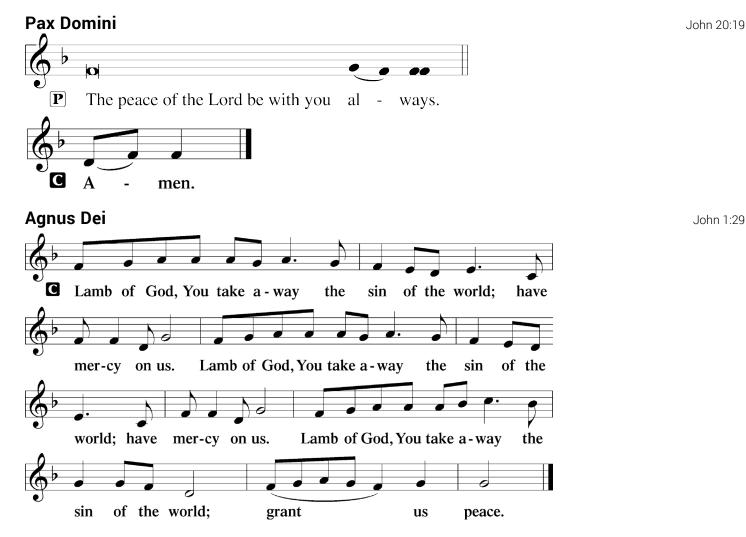
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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. Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24 Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25



Distribution Hymns: (All hymns will be sung)

Praise Band

"Built on the Rock" 1 Built the Church when on the Rock shall stand E ven 2 Sure - lymade with God, Most in tem ples hands the 3 We are of liv -God's house ing stones, Built for His 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how God, Your That, when 5 Grant, then, 0 will be done, the d. fall ples ing. Crum - bled have spires in stee are High, is dwell ing; High a - bove earth His not _ own hab i tion. He through bap - tis ta mal re - calls -God re ceived The al - tar Christ's has us. church bells are ring ing, Man - y in sav ing -Bells still chim - ing 'ry land; are and call ev _ tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel grace Heirs of His won - drous sal - va us owns Sup - per mes - sage sac - ri - fice what His here gives And Where Christ His faith may come bring is 0 Call ing old ing, the young and to rest, ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n а bove Were we but two His name tell, tion. to Here sound the Scrip tures that pro claim us. _ "I My ing: know own; My own know Me. But bove all souls а the dis - tressed. _ Choos to live with us in love. es He would deign dwell Yet with us to Christ day, day, the same, yes ter to -world, You, not the My face shall see. ð last Long - ing for ing. rest ev er _ Mak -His ing our bod ies tem ple. With all His grace and His fa vor. And Re deem ev er more, our er. _ My Ι leave with men." peace you. Α

Hymn 645

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

Stanza 4, choir only

Hymn 796

0 1 When God glo - ri - fied in sic our mu is have found 2 How of - ten, _ mu - sic, mak ing we and song, 3 So Church, lit - ur has the in _ gy psalm that night 4 And did not Je sus sing а -5 Let ev - 'ry in _ stru-ment be tuned for praise! . 0 And tion leaves for pride, ad room _ 0 ra no A new di _ men _ sion in the world of sound wrong, In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of When ut - most e vil strove a - gainst the light? re - joice Let all who have raise! voice to а It whole is though the tion cried: as cre - a -As wor - ship moved to a more pro - found us Borne wit - ness truth 'ry tongue: to the in ev -Then let whom the fight: us sing, for He won And may God faith sing al - ways: give us to Ο Al lu ia! le Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! _ Al le lu ia! -Al le lu ia! _

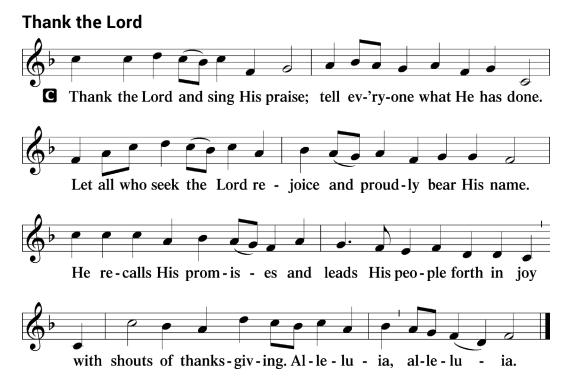
"Thy Strong Word" Hymn 578 Setting by Carl Schalk, choir only verses 2 & 4 1 Thy word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy strong 2 Lo. on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks righ - teous; Bright with us shin - ing 4 From the cross Thy wis -Break - eth dom 3 For speak - ing it was done. ed cre at Broke the light of night and deep as death, _ li Glo rious Thine own ho ness. now, we forth in con - qu'ring might; From for the cross -3 3 or - dered sea - sons run. thank Thee, While Thine light we Thy sal va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath. press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con-fess. beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light. ev - er 3-0 Al - le lu - ia, Praise al le lu - ia! -_ to --Al - le lu - ia, al le lu ia! Praise to -- le _ lu Al - le lu - ia, al ia! Praise to lu - ia, Al - le al le lu ia! Praise _ to -3 - 3 Ο 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 Thee who light dost send! lu - ia. - 3 -3lu ia with - out end! al - le lu ia! Al le _ ia! Al le ia with - out end! al - le lu lu ---al - le _ lu ia! Al _ le _ lu _ ia with - out end! with - out end! al - le lu Al _ ia! le lu ia _ _ _ _

Additional verses on next page

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,	Δ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,	To Thee laud and honor be.
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,	To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.	Praise be sung eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!	Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
May the light which Thou dost send	Glory, glory be to Thee.
Fill our songs with alleluias,	Mortals, angels, now and ever
Alleluias without end!	Praise the holy Trinity!

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn 790 the Al - might - y, King 1 Praise to the Lord, the of cre -2 Praise the Lord, all things to who o'er is won - drous - ly 3 Praise the to Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly, 4 Praise to the Lord. who will pros - per work de your and 5 Praise to the Lord! let that Ο all is in me a -He tion! 0 soul, Him, for my praise is your a reign - ing And, on wings of ea - gle, as an up be when heed - less - ly made you, Health has stowed and, good fend Sure ly His ness and mer - cy shall you; All dore Him! that has life and breath, come now with health and sal - va tion! Let all who hear Now to His lift ing, sus - tain ing. Have you not seen All that is fall ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has a - new dai ly at - tend Pon - der What the Alyou. prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His 0 Join - ing tem - ple draw near, in glad ad - o - ra tion! need - ful has His or - dain been Sent by gra - cious _ ing? failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you. do with His He be - friends might - v can As love you. peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Stand



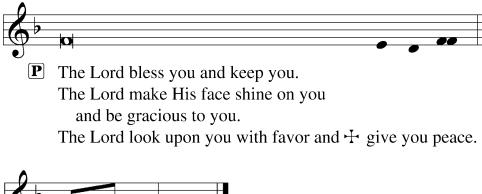
Post-Communion Collect

P 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

Closing Hymn: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" Setting by Mark Bender; Choir only verse 2, until "O All Majestic Father"



Postlude

"Prelude on Thaxted"

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Hymn 941

Trinity Lutheran Sanctuary

The story of Trinity's current sanctuary begins in the late 1950s as the congregation struggled with overcrowding. At this time, the congregation was worshiping in a building built in 1895 and located on the northeast corner of Monroe and McCarty Streets. The following excerpt from the 1961 Dedication Booklet tells the story of the development of the current sanctuary.

> "The Hollis and Miller Architectural Firm of Overland Park, Kansas was commissioned as the Architect for Trinity in November, 1958; ground was broken for construction on November 8, 1959; the cornerstone



was laid on November 13, 1960; the Dedication Day is April 23, 1961.

The site for Trinity was secured in 1955 from Henry Schmidt, and after several smaller lots were separated, the remaining tracts of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres was surveyed for the erection of the buildings.

After almost countless meetings of the Building Committee and its various subcommittees with architects, the final plans (were) approved by Trinity Congregation...



The upper level includes the church proper, chancel, narthex, and nave, in cruciform floor pattern, 120 feet long and 78 feet long at the transepts. A most traditional interior design, with exposed masonry beams, six step elevated chancel, choir and organ transept, clear glass North lighting, stained glass side lighting, all blends most harmoniously with the contemporary character of the higher walls and the roof. The roof is constructed of precast concrete slabs in a gabled fold-plate construction; windows the entire length of the church nave on both sides, just under and following the roof lines are in large chevron shaped

panels. The entire chancel east wall is also windowed with stained glass as are all nave windows. Dominating the interior of the church is a mahogany cross, twenty feet high in the chancel, set to the left and front of the altar. Turquoise and beige walls, gold and rust beige carpeting, gray oak pewing with rose upholstering, light mahogany chancel furnishing, Baptismal font of imported Italian Mosaic-chip tile, wood and brass, with the rich hues of the large windows, altogether a majestic atmosphere for worship is created by design, color, and workmanship." Trinity's sanctuary underwent numerous small renovation projects since its dedication in 1961. The flooring has been changed several times. The most recent renovation took place in 2013. This project was, perhaps, the largest sanctuary renovation project up to the present project. This project included painting, replacement of carpet and tile, and general cleanup work.



At approximately 12:30 in the morning on Saturday, April 15, 2023, the Jefferson City Fire Department was called to Trinity for an automated fire alarm. Firefighters found a fire burning in one of the kindergarten classrooms. This fire was extinguished quickly, but caused smoke damage throughout the building. The sanctuary, along with the entire building, required extensive work in order to be occupied again. School students, after a brief break, began classes using the facilities at Faith Lutheran Church and Concord Baptist Church. Until the new gym was cleaned and made available, church services were held at Calvary Lutheran High School and Faith Lutheran

Church. Calvary also provided a space for our adult choir and our handbell choirs to meet for practice and served a place for meetings to be held.

Most of the church and school's initial energy went into getting back into the school for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. This monumental task included painting of the entire second floor, the replacement of the entire ceiling grid system on all three floors of the building, cleaning the HVAC system, rebuilding the fire alarm system, and numerous other projects. Four months and 21 days after the fire, on September 5, 2023, students returned for the first day of school. Close to the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the kindergarten area was finished. This was the area most affected by the fire. The rebuilding effort resulted in a new kindergarten common area with new restrooms, two rebuilt classrooms, and a new school library. This task of rebuilding and reopening a school included thousands of hours of work by contractors, church volunteers, and staff.

Recognizing both the challenges and opportunities before the congregation, a small committee was formed to plan for the future of the sanctuary. This committee included Mr. Brent Fischer (Chairman), Mr. Matt Fife, Mr. Scott Homfeldt, Mrs. Ellen Sandhaus, Mr. David Schlichtmann, Mrs. Anne Schutt, Mr. Andrew Wachter, and Pastor Powell. Work began in late May of 2023 and initially focused on what would be required to re-enter the sanctuary for worship. Due to damage to the floor and pews from the cleaning process, and the need for the sanctuary to be painted, the committee initially focused on three areas: seating, painting, and flooring.

The congregation, through the sanctuary committee, began a conversation with Gunder Church Furniture of Humboldt, Iowa, a company that worked with many LCMS congregations in Missouri.

Gunder made their liturgical designer available to the congregation to assist in developing a vision for a renovated and restored sanctuary. The committee functioned with the goal of respecting the original intent of the architect and congregation, while finding ways to bring the sanctuary into the 21st century. The committee ultimately worked with Gunder to design new pews, pew chairs, and chancel seating, a new pulpit and lectern, to update the baptismal font and altar, and to develop a design for the area around the baptismal font and the wall behind the altar.



The committee worked with Ms. Julie Lale from Major Interiors to develop a comprehensive color palette for the sanctuary. The committee worked to build off the original color palette from the sanctuary dedication in 1961.

At a November 2023 voters meeting, the congregation voted to move forward with the project. Mr. Jake Hunget and GBH Builders were engaged to serve as project manager and general contractor for the project, with Mr. Josh Voss serving as site supervisor. Mr. James Gooch, Jr. and Mr. James Gooch, Sr. led the team from Gooch Electric serving as our electrical contractor. Mr. Scott Homfeldt of Freedom Wood Products provided nearly every piece of hardwood used in the sanctuary, outside of the seating pieces. Mr. James Bond and Bond Painting painted the sanctuary. Mr. Ross Allen from Ross Allen Flooring assisted the committee with flooring choices and installation. Ross Allen Flooring was assisted by Alex Valenzuela from Mid-Mo Floors and More. HVAC work was done by Mr. Thomas Senter.

The original altar and font were both remodeled using a two-tone approach in the wood stain. The altar top was repaired and the corners modified to incorporate more of the dark wood. The original baptismal font bowl and stem were mounted on a new base built by Gunder. The new base ties in the two-tone look and the vertical stiles present throughout the sanctuary. The font sits on eight pieces of tile that form an octagon. For Christians, the number eight is tied to new birth and the new creation. The eight sides remind us of the six days of creation, the day of rest, and then the new birth and the new creation that comes on the eighth day.

The pulpit and lectern are new and were built by Gunder. They tie in many familiar themes present in the sanctuary. The altar was moved back approximately to allow for easier foot traffic during communion distribution.

The cross was restained and refinished by Schulers Furniture Services in St. Louis. The cross retains the light wood, as it is the most distinctive piece of our sanctuary. However, the refinishing process brought out the wood grain that was hidden by previous stains. The metal cross insert was originally brass plated steel. The brass had worn away in many spots and, due to its size, was difficult to have replated. The committee worked with Theiss Plating in St Louis to replace the original steel cross with a long-lasting brass cross. The communion rail was also refinished by Schulers and the kneelers were repadded and reupholstered by Schulers as well.



The wall structure, or reredos, immediately behind the altar was designed to be reminiscent of the original dossal curtain in the sanctuary. It is nearly identical in width to the curtain and has different elevations, similar to the way a curtain lays across an opening. The committee recognized that one of the most dominant features of our sanctuary is the vertical space. The reredos emphasize and builds

on the height of our sanctuary. The purpose of it is to draw the eye up toward the heavens through the worship of the Triune God.

The lighting was designed by Reed Burkett Lighting Design and installed by Gooch Electric. The two driving principles behind the lighting design were the functionality of the system and the aesthetics of the light fixtures. Our old light fixtures did not work well with modern LED bulbs and the control system did not appropriately send power to these lights, often causing flickering and other issues. The committee strove to remove from view any piece of lighting hardware such as conduits or cables, especially focusing on removing the conduits and sconces from the side of the church. The taller hanging fixtures are designed to accentuate the height of the sanctuary, building on the themes described in the previous paragraph.

The doors of the sanctuary, both the entry doors and the sliding doors between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall, were designed and built by Freedom Wood Products. The main doors and the fellowship hall sliding door system both feature a stained cross.

The organ was cleaned and reinstalled by Mr. Patrick Ryan of Oldham Organ. The removal of the unused pipes in the old organ chamber allowed for the organ to better speak into Trinity's space. The sound system was reinstalled and tuned by Mr. Luke Johnson. Several upgrades were made to the system, including the installation of hanging choir and congregational microphones.

The choir loft was rebuilt to better space the steps and to incorporate new privacy frontals. Electrical and sound wiring were upgraded to allow for better use and to eliminate previous issues.

After the dedication service, work will continue on the sanctuary, including the purchase and installation of permanent seating and other smaller tasks throughout the room. We thank everyone for your patience and prayers as we planned and implemented this project to set aside a beautiful space for Christ to give his gifts to Trinity.

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. (Matt 26 6-10)

