

To Your Temple, Lord, I Come (LSB-981)

To Your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home. This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.

I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child. Abba, Father, give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.

While Your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.

While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend. Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.

While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith,
May I hear You speaking from the sky.

From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit

People: Amen!

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him

with joyful songs.

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we

are His;

People: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with

praise;

People: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Pastor: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; **People: His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalm 100

Confession of Sin

Pastor: We pray for God's mercy and grace

People: Heavenly Father, in worship, You are here to forgive our sins through Your Word and Sacraments. Every week You are here to teach us the Good News of the Kingdom of God. But Lord, we don't always listen, we don't always pay attention, and sometimes, we don't even attend worship. Please forgive us in Jesus' Name.

Please take a moment of silence to reflect on your sinfulness and your need for a Savior.

Words of Absolution

Pastor: Faithfully, the Lord is here to forgive your sins. Hear His

Word, believe, and apply it to yourself. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by Christ's authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

The Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: We join together in prayer.

All: Lord God, we thank You that Your Son Jesus Christ has removed our sins so that we can approach You in

faith. Grant us a deep desire and holy zeal to faithfully worship You each week throughout our lives. We pray

this in Jesus our Mediator's name, Amen!

The Scripture Lessons Psalm 84

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! ² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. ⁸ Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one. ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
 - ¹² O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

¹ Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. ² Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Please Rise For The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:27–30

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: We remember back to our own Baptism as we confess the

Creed together. Do you renounce the devil and all of his

evil works and all of his wicked ways?

People: I do renounce them!Pastor: In whom do you believe?

People: 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.

O Savior, Precious Savior (LSB-527)

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above, We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ we sing; We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought, We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine; The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine. We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above In endless adoration and everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee where perfect praises ring And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!

Today's MessageBy Pastor Dave Bolte

Past sermons are available online at www.trinitylcs.org

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. 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.

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look

upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen!

Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise (LSB-917)
Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease.

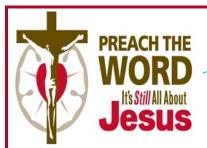
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease.
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy Word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free; For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

God the Father has given you God the Holy Spirit to make you a Biblically-literate, Doctrinally-sound, Mission-minded, and Passionately-engaged disciple of God the Son Jesus Christ!



Back to Public Worship!

Psalm 84 Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 Matt11:27-30
May 17, 2020
Pastor Dave Bolte

Can you believe that it has been 8 weeks since we have all worshipped together --- and that includes Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

We have all been affected by this pandemic: it has disrupted our lives in various ways:

- † First and foremost, we are reminded of our mortality; each of us probably thought about the possibility of getting sick and dying. Of course, that is God's wake up call to lead every man, woman and child to repentance and faith in Him.
- † To varying degrees, you probably had some, and even continue to have some, fear, worry, or anxiety about it all.
- † This pandemic reminds us how powerless we really are to control our lives and the world around us.
- † Covid-19 may have affected you financially; maybe your business was shutdown, or you were laid-off or even lost your job.
- † Something like this shakes our security and safety and reminds us that we cannot put our trust in the things of the world.

One of the things that that has affected us during this time of "shut-down" and "quarantine" is that we have gone 8 weeks now without public worship --- for many of us, we have never gone that long before!

Psalm 84 talks about being away from the house of the Lord and separated from public worship.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the Living God. Psalm 84:1-2

There is a lot of emotion in these two verses. There is an emptiness behind verses; **something is missing when you do not worship the Lord each week!**

Later in the Psalm, public worship is described like "being home"; it's a place where you belong; it's a place of safety and shelter. Public Worship is a place where you are in God's presence like nowhere else in the world.

God is present in public worship to serve us with His Word and Sacraments! That is the most important thing about our time together here in worship! Worship is an audience with God Himself, and He gives us all of His good gifts. Worship is NOT what we do for God; Worship is what God does for us through His Son Jesus Christ! Worship is where God gives us His good gifts of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Everything in worship is focused on Christ --- He is our Savior and our Redeemer.

- + With the Invocation, "in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," we remember that we were **Baptized** into that Name and that we belong to the Lord. All the gifts of salvation were freely given to you in the water of Baptism. Your sins were washed away and you were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- In public worship, not only do you confess your sins, but you also hear the verdict that your sins are forgiven because of Christ's death and resurrection. You are declared "not guilty!" and pronounced righteous and holy in God's sight!

- In public worship, you listen attentively to the Scripture lessons and the sermon, because Jesus teaches us through those things about Himself and life in His Kingdom.
- In public worship, you eagerly take Holy Communion. You "take and eat" and "take and drink" the bread and wine because Jesus has promised that it is His body and blood given and shed for you on a cross for the forgiveness of your sins.

Everything in worship
is about Christ
and the forgiveness of sins
that He has earned for us
through His death and resurrection.

There is nothing like public worship --> home devotions, bible readings, prayers, and even video services are certainly important, but they are not the same as gathering publicly with other Christians around the Word of God and the Sacraments of Christ!

Psalm 84 recognizes the significance of worship; the blessing from God that goes with it!

4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You.
5 Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
12 Blessed is the one who trusts in You, Lord Almighty

God richly blesses us when we gather together as Gods People around His Word and His Sacraments! Public worship is significant, important, and central to our Christian faith and life.

That is why 8 weeks away can be spiritually dangerous. Maybe you are seeing the effects of that in your life:

- + Maybe you have no longing nor zeal to be in public worship each week. Perhaps you barely noticed that lack of worship in your life.
- Maybe some erosion has occurred in your faith; you have drifted away from the Lord and His Word
- + Maybe new sin or old temptations have crept into your life, and they are pulling you away from the Lord and His Word.

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If you see signs of erosion in your faith, confess it to God and be renewed in the Christ the Savior, who forgives all your sins – even these!

When the Holy Spirit draws God's People together through faith in Christ, to publicly worship God the Father, IT IS SIGNIFICANT! It is a great joy and privilege! It is a rich blessing from God's good hand!

Today, may you treasure and value public worship, and like the words of Psalm 84 say,

Better is one day in God's house than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked! Psalm 84:10 Amen!

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

FY 2020-2021 Information Sheet

Prepared for the May 31, 2020 Congregational Meeting

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MISSION Pastor Bolte

As I write this, we are in the midst of the coronavirus restrictions ... we have been worshipping by video and in small groups called *Devotions & Communion*. Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter have been disrupted. When this first happened in mid-March, we had a staff meeting where I shared this with our staff:

The "Motto" of the US Postal Service

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

Our "Covid-19 Motto" here at TLC

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night <u>nor coronavirus</u> stays us from preaching the Gospel!

That sums up our Mission and Ministry: we are about <u>proclaiming</u> the life-giving, sinforgiving, hope-creating Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! Everything we do touches on -- and is driven by this --- in one way or another. Thank you for your support of this work through your faithful giving, your active involvement, and the many ways you encourage our staff and leaders in their work! Together we proclaim the Gospel Good

News of Jesus here at Trinity!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY Laura Nelson

Trinity Lutheran Church & School's youth ministry is a place where our students and families are loved, encouraged, challenged, and strengthened as they grow in their faith. Our children's ministry begins at age three and Trinity's youth ministries include fifth grade all the way through Seniors in High School. Our primary goal is on making disciples by searching

SLATE OF OFFICERS We thank the following people for offering their gifts and time to serve in leadership positions here at Trinity!		
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the Word of God to SHED A LITTLE LIGHT on the joys and concerns we face in our homes, schools and the world. Adult Youth Group Leaders & Sunday School Teachers provide our children, tweens and teens with the resources to grow in worship, ground them in the Word, and give them opportunities to witness and serve others. We also give them the skills and the support groups they need to make wise decisions at this critical time in their lives.

TRINITY'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT Juliann Dolge

This has been a year of highs and lows, but through it all, God has blessed Trinity with a music ministry team that is talented, dedicated and flexible. They are willing to give their all on a weekly basis in response to the gifts that they have been given.

All our music groups and musicians did a wonderful job of providing special music and leading services throughout the fall and winter and were diligently working hard to grace us all with their music during Lent and Easter. Despite making great strides to be ready for these times, we made the momentous decision to suspend our rehearsals and services in the interests of health and safety. It was a heartbreaking decision but we put our trust in God and His direction. When Trinity is ready to start meeting as a full congregation, your musicians will be ready to be there with you.

Your Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, Praise Team, Organists, Pianists and Brass players look forward to seeing you all again soon!

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES Roxanne Bolte

This past year was a busy one with several things getting completed that have been waiting! I will give you a brief description of some of the changes! We were able to replace incorrectly installed vents and replace underlayment on two pitched roofs as well as partially replace the underlayment over the nursery. These roofs had the worst leaks on campus. We were able to replace the A/C unit in room 403 and two split A/C units in the 400 bathrooms. The nice thing about that is we now have some units that don't require the no longer made R22 freon. Because we needed to recertify room 106 for infant care we replaced the sink, countertop and faucet. What a change to the room! As many of you know, we have had issues with many of our glass doors. All were resolved although we do have one set of doors that will eventually need more

work or replacement. Ron and Miriam Hilk generously painted the entry and bathrooms entries in the FLC, the hall and women's bathroom in the Admin building, and the electrical boxes and repaired areas on church. Thank you! We can't tell you how much we



appreciate you! You may have noticed the beautiful trees we had in the sanctuary for Christmas! Those were new this year and we are very grateful to have them. We have long struggled with outdated server equipment and internet. We have moved forward with new server equipment, software, and IT company are very excited to see the improvements when school returns!

CARE MINISTRY: THE "HANDS AND FEET" OF JESUS Jan Reynolds

We make a point to be aware of any difficult circumstance in which our visitors, friends or members might find themselves. At the heart of the Care Ministry is our desire to encourage others through prayer, visits, phone calls and other sources of encouragement. With the invaluable help of Phil Larsen, our licensed Deacon, we visit members in the hospital, assisted living facilities and in private homes encouraging them with prayer and the Word and Sacrament.

Our "Helping Hands Committee," coordinated by Kathy Brown, prepares meals for short durations like after childbirth, just home from the hospital, or meals for a bereaved family. These meals are tailored to the individual needs and diet restrictions of the family. Prayers of intercession, praise, and thanksgiving are offered by the members of our Prayer Chain, under the loving care of Suzanne Suarez. Charlene Nichol is our Hospitality Chairman and works closely with Wilma Rupprecht who chairs our Funeral Hospitality Committee. Jan Reynolds has training in Grief Recovery and has resources for community services and senior living.

One of the anchors of our Ministry is YOU- we rely on each of you to help us be aware if you or a family member is having out-patient surgery or has been admitted to a hospital. Or, perhaps you or someone you know, needs a call or visit for encouragement with prayer and Holy Scripture. Please call or text me at 623-523-1158, or phone the church office at 623-935-4665 and leave a message. Together we can be sure the spiritual needs of all who worship here are met in a timely manner.

Family Ministry and Outreach Deaconess Ruth Fisher

The Gospel has been shared from person to person, since New Testament times. In John 1, Andrew went to get his <u>brother</u>, Simon, to meet Jesus, the Messiah! Philip was called by Jesus to follow Him, and then went to tell his <u>friend</u>, Nathanael, about Jesus. When Nathanael reacted negatively, he said, "Come and see!" **The people of Trinity have carried on this joyous sharing Jesus with family, friends, and neighbors.** The fruit of this is found in 10 baptisms in 2019, some have Christian families for 3 generations and some have friends who told them about Jesus! **In 2020, we already had 10 baptisms by the end of March! Trinity's Deaf Ministry** led by Lindsey and Jeremy Wright interpret our 9am Worship service, and has expanded to include each Sunday's Sermon on YouTube in American Sign Language (ASL). It has even had

international views! Please pray that this will reach out to the Deaf Community and draw people to Jesus our Savior and to Trinity! While ASL classes are held to teach communication with the deaf, it definitely has also built relationships between church, community, and school families. Teaching the God's Word continues to be a priority: Confirmation for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade, CROSS Training Parents Bible Study, and Friday Parenting Group. In 2019, 10 students were confirmed in the Christian faith. This year, 12 eight grade students are on the confirmation path. CROSS Training Parents Bible Study is filled with eager Christians digging into God's Word and equipping themselves as parents to teach the faith. Friday Parenting Group continued their interaction this spring on ZOOM, chatting, sharing coping tips, ideas on teaching the Easter story and meaning to children as well as our Bible study and prayer time. Our Outreach and Family Ministry offers individual counseling, prayer, and connecting people to community resources and a call into a deeper relationship to God. Our Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Christmas Angel Tree and their amazing teams provide multiple opportunities to share the Gospel and to draw people to Trinity. San Mateo Lutheran Church in Mexico was blessed by our Wrap Up Hope ingathering with gifts of Spanish Bible books, hats, gloves, games, candy, and a Three Kings party. This Mexican church has grown in numbers and depth, definitely impacting the community around them. During the quarantine, following Pastor Bolte's example, Pastor Silva gave each Sunday sermon recorded on Facebook. Each year Vacation Bible School gathers children to learn Bible Stories while teaching and training our older youth and adult in sharing the faith. We treasure each volunteer in all these areas as together we share the joyous news of Jesus our Savior with family, friends, our community, and the world.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL Astraea Rohloff, Principal

Our teachers work diligently to provide a top-notch education for our 1-year-olds up to our 8th graders. We do not fully know how the effects of the spring shutdown will change our enrollment numbers, so we are being conservative with our budget and trusting that God will protect our school. During the physical closure of our school, we were able to launch online and continue live instruction and deliver a Christ-centered education to our students at home. If closures arise



again, we will be prepared to immediately launch that if the need arises. What a blessing our devoted returning and new families have been! Our teachers provide a Christ-centered education like no other and our students are excelling. We are seeing a positive trend of word-of-mouth referrals. We thank the congregation for your continued support of our mission at Trinity Lutheran School.