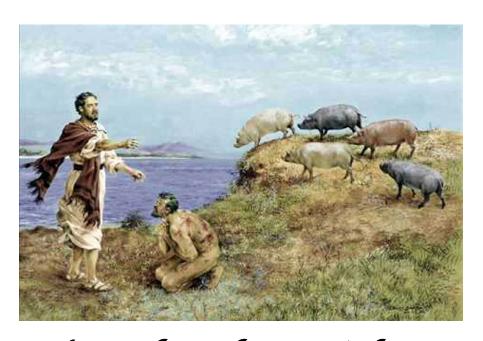
# Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2024 @ 9:30 AM



**WELCOME** as we gather in the name of God! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst.

We welcome our visitors today. If you are looking for a church home and want to know more about living together as Christians, please contact Pastor Boyd during the week.

If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us for worship in person or through our social media channels. They may also contact the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken in-person service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. Services may also be viewed on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website:

Website: http://trinitybrewsterny.org

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756">https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756</a>.

YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\_as=subscriber">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\_as=subscriber</a>

**PARENTS:** Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.

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#### INTRODUCTION:

The demons possessing a man recognize Jesus as the son of God and have the audacity to ask him a favor. Jesus does as the demons ask, simultaneously freeing them and the possessed man. God names us and claims us as children so that no other name—no other claim—can separate us from God or from each other.

#### + GATHER +

Prelude: "The Lord Bless You Richly" Johann Friedrich Peter

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this day, bringing the whole of our selves before God. And yet...

Sometimes the world feels so complicated.

Sometimes everywhere we look, we feel afraid.

Sometimes it just feels out of control.

Sometimes it's too tragic for us to hold.

And yet, this is where we encounter Christ

Right where we are, close to home or in a foreign land.

Just as we are, living the good life or barely managing.

Even now, to insiders and outsiders, Christ comes.

With power and purpose, Christ comes to meet us here, and we come out to meet him too.

Turn us today toward your power of life, O God.

Whatever pulls us away,

whatever traps us in the shadow of death,

whatever we are trying to push away and pretend there's nothing to see, turn us to face it with you.

With the power of your holy name, speak into our community and show us what abundant life looks like here in this place.

#### CONFESSION

Claimed and called by God, we humbly come to offer up all those ways that we did not live into the covenant of our own baptisms

Silence for reflection and self-examination

The earth is yours, O God, the world and those who live in it.

You care for and about every aspect of life in your creation,
and your call extends to the smallest parts of our lives
and to the biggest underlying systems of the world we take for granted.

We confess that we prefer to confine you to the little things,
the personal sins we can focus on so we don't have to notice the big
picture.

We admit that we have put you in a box of private and personal spiritual life,

confined you to church buildings and an hour of worship, and so we have stripped the Body of Christ of its power.

Forgive us for twisting your desire for relationship into

a personal and powerless friendship that does not challenge the empires of our day.

Forgive us for leaving the forces that harm our neighbor to hold sway, and for believing it wasn't our problem to solve.

Forgive us for narrowing our focus so much that we no longer see your vision.

What have you to do with the world outside of here, Son of God? Give us courage to speak up and challenge all that shackles us to the ways of death.

to seek solutions to the legions of problems

rather than simply letting them carry on because it's easier for us to ignore,

to care more for our neighbor's humanity and well-being than the cost-benefit analysis and bottom line.

Teach us once again that because of your love, we are meant to act. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Friends God has come near — though the kingdom may feel far off, the truth is that in Christ, God comes to us in order that we too might know ourselves close to God. Hear and believe the good news: the time is fulfilled, God is with us, so that we may be with God. Let your life reflect

this forgiveness revealed through the Father, and the + Son and the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.** 

**GATHERING HYMN: Listen, God Is Calling ELW 513** 

Refrain
Listen, listen, God is calling,
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy,

Jesus gave his mandate: Share the good news That he came to save us And set us free. Refrain

Let none be forgotten
Though out the world.
In the triune name of God
Go and baptize.
Refrain

Help us to be faithful, Standing steadfast, Walking in your precepts, Fed by your Word. Refrain

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919

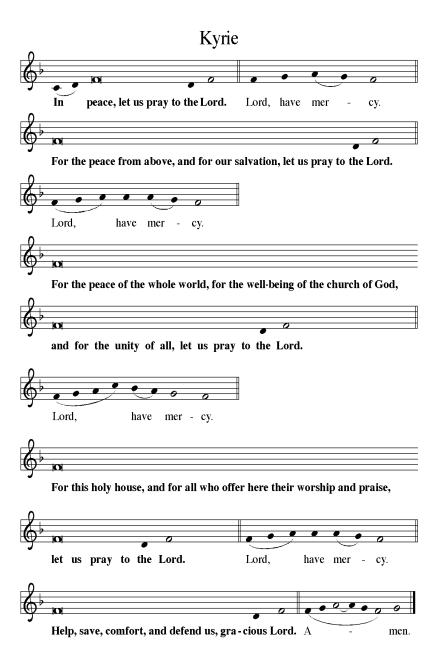
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#### GREETING

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.** 



# Glory to God



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, Your steadfast love endures forever, through all generations. Inspire us through your word and meal to share this love with our neighbors near and far. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

#### Children's Sermon & Song

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd** 

"This Little Light of Mine" ELW #677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

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#### + WORD +

READING: Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
"I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations." '

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

# Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Mark 5:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' Then

Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighbourhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd** 

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go; You alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all the fami'ly you saved by your love, We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

Music: Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus and L'Arche Community

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the good news of Jesus Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

# A brief silence.

You reached out to a man whose behavior was frightening to so many, restoring him to whole-ness. Push us through our discomfort with others' challenges, that we might extend love and grace to all who need it. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.** 

Your miraculous creation is at the same time both strong and delicate. Help us to appreciate its bold beauty, while working to ensure the balance it needs to thrive. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.** 

Strengthen all those who work tirelessly to change systems and policies that marginalize those with mental illness or developmental disabilities. Guide our leaders to proclaim a message of inclusivity for all people. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.** 

Demons need not be literal to diminish our lives and cause us pain. Cast out all those things we cling to or which cling to us that deprive us of full, healthy lives. Bring wholeness to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Thomas, Morgan, Cyndi, Fred, Tom, Matt, Tyler, Brian, Elizabeth, and Donna and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember each day that nine million children in the United States regularly do not have enough food to foster healthy growth and development. We are mindful of those who also have nowhere to call home. In your name, push us to end to food insecurity and homelessness in our nation. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember all your saints who overcame challenge and even tragedy and credited their enduring faith in you. Let their example inspire that same faith in us as we navigate the pains and trials of everyday life. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or online in the comments.

*Pastor:* Confident that in Christ Jesus you answer prayer, we lift to you all for whom pray, aloud and in our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always And also with you

You are invited to share signs of peace with others Please check with those around you if they are comfortable with a handshake, elbow bump or other physical signs before reaching out. Peace signs and humble bows are a healthy alternative.

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

## Offering

You are invited to use this time as moments of silence for prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)



Anthem: "I Will Make an Everlasting Covenant" Johann Friedrich Peter

OFFERING SONG: "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685 (vs. 1, 4, 6)

Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

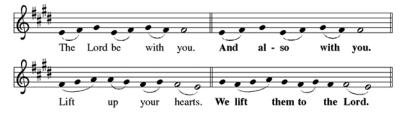
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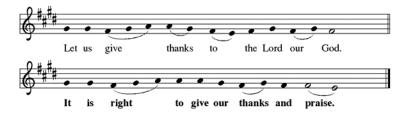
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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Holy God, we offer now our gifts and our tithes out of what you have generously given to us. Use them for the sake of all who suffer, that the world might know your healing love. Amen.

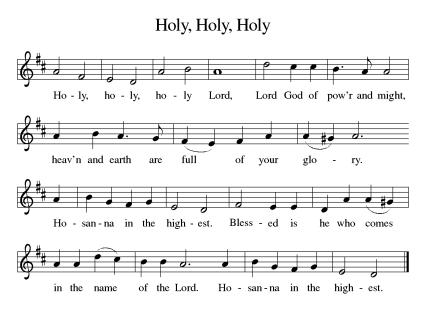
#### GREAT THANKSGIVING





#### PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed our right, responsibility and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and in his healing of others he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In response to God's infinite love and boundless grace

We rejoice and give thanks at all times and in all places

To the one who created order out of chaos

Who penetrated the night of sin with the light of the world,

whose light cannot be overcome by human resistance

We thank you, God, living Spirit,

For sending a star to guide the wise to Christ

But even more we praise you for the signs and witnesses

In every generation that lead us to your Christ.

We thank you that Christ identified with sinners,

Preached good news to the poor,

Proclaimed release to those shackled by ignorance, prejudice, and injustice,

And brought life and immortality to light by living the gospel life.

Words of Institution

For we remember....do this in remembrance of me.

We bless you for the gifts that you have lavishly given us:

For new definitions of power and wisdom,

For removing the estrangement of sin,

For inviting all to faithful discipleship,

For promising courage in the struggle for justice and peace

For your presence in trial and rejoicing

For the sacrament of your extravagant love,

And for inviting us to dwell in your presence forever.

Mighty God, we worship and praise you

With magi and shepherds, apostles and martyrs,

We sing your glory

At the name of Jesus, let every knee bow,

Every tongue confess,

And every heart join in the song of witness. Amen

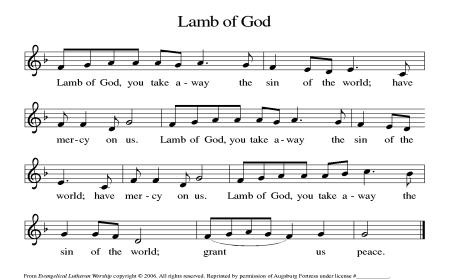
We pray with and for all people, joining in the prayer Christ taught, saying...

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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,
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

Jesus, who frees us from all our demons through his holy body and blood now invites you to the table of healing and wholeness in his name. Come and eat, for all is prepared. **Thanks be to God!** 



THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS

All the baptized are welcome to feast in the Eucharist. You may receive only the bread or wine and still experience the full benefit of our Lord's meal. Those who do not receive bread or wine are invited to come for a blessing.

All members and visitors, please complete a Record of Communion card (in the pew racks) and hand it to an usher as you come forward.

Ushers will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.

Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life ELW 485

"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons."

Refrain
"And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give Is my flesh for the life of the world, And if you eat of this bread, You shall live forever, You shall live forever."

"Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you."
Refrain

"I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, Even though you die You shall live forever." Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who have come
Into the world.
Refrain

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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Words for additional Communion hymns may be found on the card inside the back cover of your hymnal.

AFTER ALL HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES, THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.

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

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ Jesus. Now send us forth to be your people, the Church in the world and to proclaim your truth of love and grace this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

+ SENDING +

# **Mission and Ministry Announcements**

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

#### BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN: O Christ the Healer ELW 610** 

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends

How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 Text © 1969 Hope Publishing Company

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#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and be Christ's light in the world!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Sing, O Ye Heavens" Johann Friedrich Peter

**Worship notes:** Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources:

- + Introduction, Prayer of the Day, Offering prayer, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (@ Clergy stuff)
- + Call to Worship, Confession Absolution (Bible Worm, Rev. Teri Peterson.)
- + Eucharistic Prayer (Touch Holiness: resources for worship ed. Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi)
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

#### **Music Notes:**

Johann Friedrich Peter was born on May 19, 1746, in Heerendijk, Holland, to German parents Susannah Peter and Moravian pastor John Frederick Peter. Peter was educated in Holland and Germany before coming to America with his brother Simon in 1770. He began to compose music for the church shortly after his arrival in America, and for a time, served as an organist and violinist in the Moravian congregations of Nazareth, Bethlehem and Lititz in Pennsylvania. In 1780, he moved to Salem, North Carolina, and received his ordination as a Moravian deacon. He married Catharina Leinbach in 1786 in Salem, North Carolina and lived there until their departure in 1790. All of Peter's known compositions are sacred concerted vocal works or anthems composed for worship services with the exception of his six string quintets for two violins, two violas, and a violoncello that among the earliest examples of chamber music known by a North American composer. He died at the organ after a children's service in Bethlehem, PA.



Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Erich Roden by his wife Barbara Roden. You are missed every day.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 @ 9:30 AM			
<b>ASSISTING</b>			
MINISTER	USHERS		ACOLYTE
Joanne	Dawn	Charlie	JP
Halbekath	Marinich	Germain	Maston

# Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Jake Groundwater, Jan 23 Erin Markert, Jan 23 Jennifer Morello, Jan 24 Thomas DeMarchi, Jan 25 Kyle Steike, Jan 25 Daniel Minieri, Jan 27 Heather Larocchia, Jan 29 Anna Trieller, Jan 31





Sunday, Jan 21, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, Jan 28, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, Feb 04, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

#### **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

As a people of God, we desire to experience the presence of God in our lives that we might be the presence of God in the lives of others.

### Trinity Lutheran Church

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