TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering Music

Worship Band

Words of Welcome

Ringing of the Church Bell

On dedication day in 1923, the Cedar Creek bell, now in the tower at Trinity, rang out, and parishioners walked together to Trinity, their new church! And so began the celebration!

*Gathering Hymn #641 All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness, and as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. All are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat; A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us. All are welcome All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. All are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

*Apostolic Greeting:

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

C: And also with you.

*Song of Praise #413 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God, in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use have made it holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with joy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greetings from Rev. Stephan Sandness

Special Music: Brighter Than the Sun Trinity Choir

Children's Lesson Rev. Kristen Anderson

Special Music: Bless This House Deb Oelkers & Nancy Matti, piano

First Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-30

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. 25Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 27But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! 28Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; 29that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. 30 Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive."

Psalm 84 (read responsively)

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-9

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: In Christ Alone Hosanna

(Randy & Kathy Demmer, Harry Follmuth, Deb Oelkers)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-18

³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus

answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "A Leap of Faith"

Rev. Kristen Anderson

Hymn of Praise #654 The Church's One Foundation
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev-'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses with ev-'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

*The Apostle's 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.

Special Music: The Prayer Piano duet by Judy Follmuth & Nancy Matti

Offering & Children's Noisy Offering

Offering Song: To God Alone

Can you take me by the hand?

Can you use me as I am?

Break me into who you want me to be

When the time is finally right

Will you open up my eyes?

Show me everything you want me to see

This life is not my own

Chorus:

To God alone be the glory
To God alone be the praise
Everything I say and do
Let it be all for you
The glory is yours alone
Yours alone

Take the offering I bring
You want more than what I sing
Can I give you every part of me
Turn these pennies into gold
Take this life I call my own
Until I am running after your heart
I am needing to let go (Chorus)

We will rise, and we will fall But you remain after all You're glorious and beautiful You're beautiful (Chorus)

*Words of Institution

*The 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 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table! Communion will be by intinction. In the chalice, the dark red is wine and the light color is grape juice. There will be two stations on the main floor and one station in the balcony. Gluten free wafers and a separate chalice are available at each station for those who need it. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to you in your pew.

Music during Distribution: *To The Table*One Bread, One Body

Worship Band

^{*}Post-Communion Blessing

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

*Dismissal:

P: Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith, Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Singing of the Table Prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we,

May strengthened for thy service be. Amen.

You are invited downstairs to the fellowship hall for a catered meal immediately following our worship service. There is no cost for the meal, but a free will offering will be received.

Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Worship Band: Shelly Brown, Heather Eggler, Colleen Fish

Dave Jorstad, Brady Kyllo, Larry O'Malley, Lila Rehnelt

Acolyte: Anna Mork **Lector:** Melanie Dobson

Ushers: Diane Boley, Dan Brockmiller, Linda Koski, Chris Pack, Kevin Purrier, Brenda

Thissen

Communion Assistants: Megan Olive, Denise Phillippe, Verna Holtan, Kathy

Demmer

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**The countdown to 2028 has begun! Trinity will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of our congregation in 2028. Be a part of the planning for this special celebration as together, with the Spirit's leading, we build for our future!