



# Trinity Lutheran Church

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
October 15, 2023

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

304 E. Ferris St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
*"the welcome place"*

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Scripture calls us to reimagine a world where our social and economic systems are not built to disparage or impoverish, but instead to provide for and benefit all. This week we revisit the story of the widow's mite, a scripture that begs for reimagination and reinterpretation from the harmful ways it has been used. Instead of commending the widow's giving practices, perhaps Jesus is condemning the economic system that created her poverty. The Jewish practice of the Jubilee year invites us to imagine leaving the edge of the harvest for the poor and immigrant to reap; in the fiftieth year, the harvest is shared and disparities are rebalanced. In light of these stories in scripture, we are called to reimagine our own money stories.

**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

**Prelude** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Charles Callahan,  
John Horten, David Cherwwien

**Welcome, Announcements & Friendship Registries-Please Sign In**  
**Temple Talk** Hillary Hoffman

*(Stand)*

**Call to Worship**

Can you imagine unfettered love?

Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?

Can you imagine a home—safe and bright,

With impromptu dancing, meals around table, and laughter late into the night?

Can you imagine faith like a compass

That guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;  
That asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?  
Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow  
wild and free?

Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?

A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far  
between?

Can you imagine?

**Yes, we can imagine.**

Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.

And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and  
prayers.

**Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered love.**

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

God of Grace,

You invite us to dream of a better world,

**But instead we bury our heads in the sand.**

**We are afraid to recognize how much must change.**

**We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we  
have a job to do?**

So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

**We passively allow things to stay the same.**

**We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry,  
or shame.**

Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never  
change.

**Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.**

Teach us to imagine again.

**Humbly we pray.**

**Amen.**

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*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song** ELW #715

Christ, Be Our Light

### **Greeting**

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

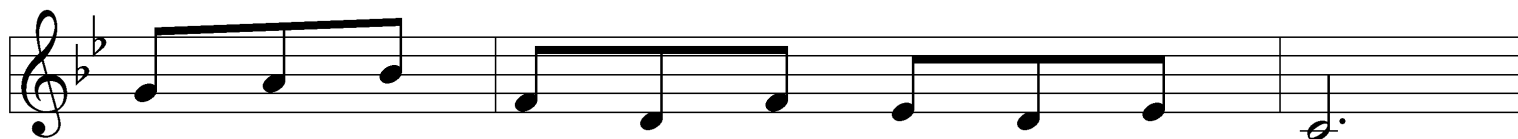
**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

# Glory to You



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



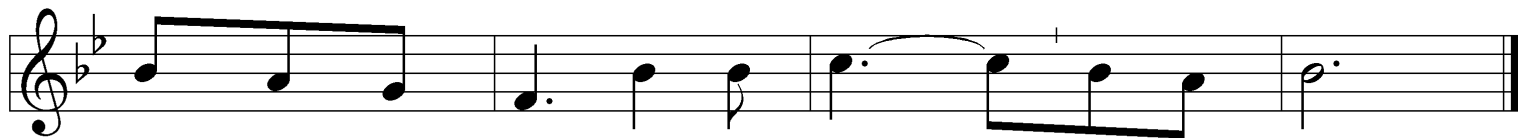
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of Illumination

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Holy God,

We want to see what you see.

We want to see what you see,

But we stumble through roadblocks of bias and narrow perspective,

Fear and limited information.

We are too small to imagine the type of love and beauty you can sow.

So in this moment, we ask that you would clear the roadblocks that keep us from you.

Blow the dust out of our ears.

Thaw out the frozen parts of our hearts.

Tell the logical arguments we form about what will and will not work to take a backseat.

And as you do,

Breathe fresh air into our lungs and fill our minds with endless possibilities.

We want to see what you see.

We want to reimagine this life we're living.

Clear away the roadblocks.

**Amen.**

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*(Sit)*

**+ + + WORD + + +**

## First Reading Leviticus 19:9-10, 25:8-12

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor

and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall count off seven weeks<sup>a</sup> of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Poetic Reading:** Love, By Another Way by Sarah Are

I used to think that love was simple. You would know when you know, What was meant, would be.

But I fell in love

And it's not that easy.

It's compromise and identity, Mountains and valleys, Apologies and memories, Imbalance, recentering.

It turns out,

Love took reimagining.

I used to think that Church was simple. Church was community, not the walls, Faith and hope mixed with call.

But then the world grew violently sick And the way to be Church Was to keep distance.

So doors were closed,

And people sent home.

It was all love, by another way.

And yet it was not how we imagined Sunday.  
I used to think that justice was simple,  
That I could make a difference, all by myself. There was a clear  
right and wrong,  
a way I could help.  
But then I learned of privilege and bias, Of white savior complex  
and our  
Church's silence.  
And all at once, it wasn't so easy.  
I needed to learn. I needed to listen.  
I needed to reframe my original vision.  
I guess what I'm trying to say is Life will throw first drafts our way.  
The chance to dream,  
To lead, to sing,  
To love, and give,  
To pray, and be.  
But in order to grow,  
To follow God's lead,  
We have to do the work— Reimagining.  
And despite our best efforts,  
Love will fail.  
Churches will close.  
Justice will leave the vulnerable exposed. And when that  
happens,  
We must own our part, Say we're sorry  
And try to restart.  
So write it all down. And write it again. A first draft,  
A second,  
An epilogue, and then Share it with me  
And we will pray.  
And the spirit will move, And maybe one day,  
We can write this world inside heaven's gate.  
For I am  
Starting to believe that what matters in life



Will never be easy.  
So we must imagine and imagine again. We must dream and try,  
die and rise. And in our rising, may we see  
The next right reimagined thing  
Until step by step we are home.  
Love, by another way.

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(Stand)

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

ACS Setting 12



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



*Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

### **Gospel Mark 12:38-44**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large

sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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

*(Sit)*

**Children’s Message  
Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day ELW #706**

The People Walk

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Let us join together in affirming our faith.*

**We believe in God the Creator,  
who, like a painter with a canvas,  
imagined creation and breathed it into being.  
We believe in Jesus,  
who many years later,  
walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who prods us and pulls us,  
leads us and guides us,  
carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.  
And we believe in the power of imagination,  
a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams,  
create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope.  
So in response, together, as God’s church,  
We dare to dream.**

**We strive to love.  
We try to imagine a new day.  
And we walk together,  
All with God's help.  
Amen.**

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(Sit)

**Prayers of Intercession.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all people may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Especially, we pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, create paths of peace where it seems hopeless. End cycles of violence. Liberate hostages. Heal all who are suffering. Strengthen us all to stand against antisemitism of any form.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation especially Dena, Bonnie, Bev, Jean, Sara, Jen, Lynette, Tony, and the family of Jack Lundeen.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

*Silence*

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The Book of Common Prayer (Episcopal )*

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

*(Sit)*

## **Offering Meditation**

*Friends, I invite you into a time of embodied prayer, holding the dried beans you were given as you entered worship. In scripture, we learn of the Year of Jubilee—a time every fifty years when the*

*edges of the crops are left for the poor and the hungry to glean, when families return home for rest and Sabbath, when debts are canceled and the harvest is shared. In our time of prayer, let us imagine what Jubilee could look like in our world.*

*You are invited to take your red bean and clench it tightly in your left hand. As you do so, silently give thanks to God for all that you have—for the resources that nourish you and the love that sustains you.*

*Let us pray.*

*Brief silence.*

*You are invited to take your white bean and clench it tightly in your right hand. As you do so, silently pray for those who do not have enough, for those who hunger—for food, for rest, for justice.*

*Let us pray.*

*Brief silence.*

*And now, you are invited to clench the beans in both of your fists and imagine the world God hopes for us—a world of enough for everyone. Imagine unfettered love— free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you. Imagine a home— safe and bright, with impromptu dancing, meals around table, and laughter late into the night. Imagine faith like a compass— that guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope; that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty. And imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free, where peace is the narrative and hope the currency; a world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between.*

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

*Rachel Trelstad Porter*

*(Stand)*

## Offering Prayer

Jesus of Nazareth,

In scripture we hear of a woman who gave her last coin away. You pointed her out, but you did not say, “Go and do likewise.” So we cannot help but wonder—did you point her out to ask, “Why does this one have so little when others have so much?” Did you point her out to help us see the injustice that led to her suffering?

Maybe.

So today, for her, and for you, and for every person who cannot afford to give to God And put food on the table, we offer our gifts. We pray that you would use them for your good.

Right what is wrong.

Balance the systems of injustice.

Use these gifts to build the world that we can only imagine But you can bring forth.

In hope we pray, **Amen.**

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creator God,

Prayer has never been easy for us.

Our mind flutters with news updates and questions of faith—our thoughts like a river that won't stop.

So today we take a deep breath—

Inhaling your name into the cobwebs of our lungs,

Willing your presence to wipe away the dust of self-doubt and fear. And with that breath,

We join with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven as we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*adapted from A Sanctified Art*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*We remember and we speak that truth out loud, praying together,*  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us  
today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

The dinner table is always a place where we tell stories.  
We tell stories of growing up and falling in love, of making  
mistakes and figuring it out.  
We tell stories that make us laugh, stories that make us cry, and  
stories that help us remember.  
This table is no different.  
For at this table we tell stories about a God who loves us  
unconditionally.  
We tell stories about a man who fed the hungry, washed the feet  
of his disciples, and said, “This is my body—for you.”



So friends, as you come to this table today, bring your stories—  
Stories about who you are and who you want to be.  
Stories of shame and disappointment, stories of fear and faith.  
Bring your money stories, your faith stories, your love and  
heartbreak stories—bring them all. For no matter the narrative,  
God welcomes us at this table.

You belong here.  
There is a seat saved for you.

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*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.*

(Sit)

## Distribution of Communion Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

ACS Setting 12



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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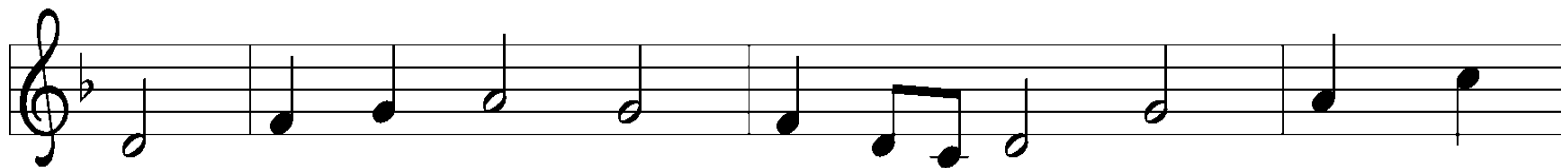


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

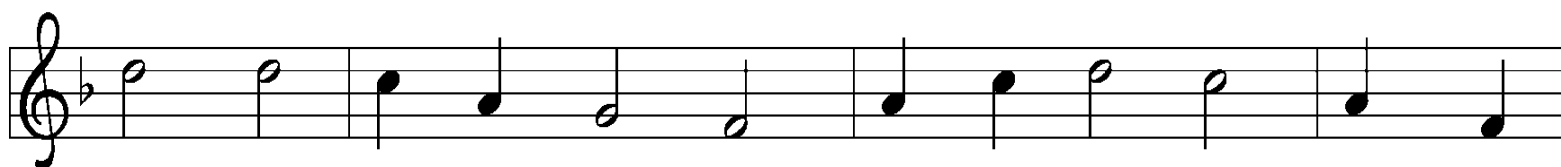


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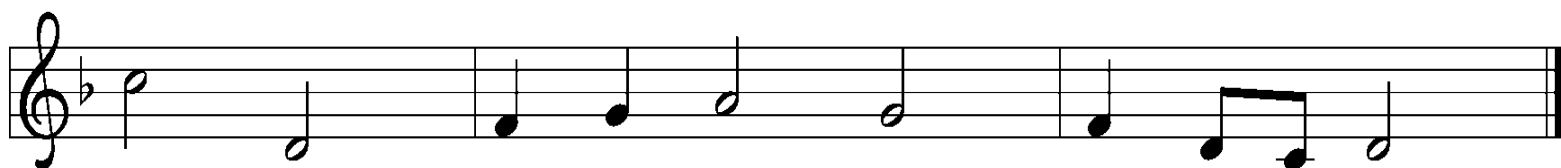
**Post Communion Hymn ELW# 467 We Place Upon Your Table, Lord**



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and  
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and  
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.  
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.  
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

(Stand)

**Prayer After Communion**

Holy God,

As we leave this table, help us to remember this moment.

Help us remember that with you, all are invited.

Help us remember that with you, there is a seat for everyone.

Help us remember that with you, there is enough food to go around,

that even Judas was invited to the meal,  
and that there is manna in the wilderness.  
Help us remember so that as we go, we can build tables like this  
in the world. We need more tables like this in the world.  
Gratefully we pray,  
**Amen.**

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**+ + + SENDING + + +**

## **Blessing**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Song ELW#314**

Arise, Your Light Has Come

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the story.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Allegro

George F. Handel

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***As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.***

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Norm Tippey

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Usher: John & Lynn Armstrong, Carol Brown

Communion Setup: Janet Page

Assisting Minister: Hillary Hoffman

Reader: Roger Williamson

Wine Server: John McClean, Janet Page

Closing Duties: Bill Sime

Acolyte: Ryan Tapper

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Phyllis Anderson, Louise Allen

Organist: Bette Mohr

Director of Choirs: James Hutchings

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes  
Temple Talk: Hillary Hoffman

## **Announcements**

**Coffee Fellowship**-Everyone is welcome, meet us in Fellowship Hall

**Bells Practice** \*New Time\* is now at 11 am on Sundays

**Sunday School** does NOT meet today

**Adult Bible Study**-Starts on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

**Committee Meeting** Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**Choir Practice** is at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Views & Brews with Pastor Carrie & Scott Carnes**

10 am Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Innkeepers

7 pm Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at The Vault

**Favorite Hymns**- Please let us know what hymns you'd like to hear in our special service on November 26<sup>th</sup> (please reach out to the office via phone or email by **Monday 10/16**)

**Church Potluck-Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Join us for good eats & fellowship!

**Tidings Deadline**-Please give the office your blurbs for Tidings by October 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Join us on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the following:**

- 1. Commitment Sunday**-Please bring your completed form with you to service and leave it in the wooden box, it will be labeled in the sanctuary.
- 2. Quilt Blessing**-Help us bless the quilts our Tie That Binds ladies have created out of love for an important purpose.
- 3. Final worship service for our mandala project**, week 4 is titled, Restore.

## Endowment Meeting after worship on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Prayers:** If you're in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one, please fill out the salmon-colored slips in the Narthex and drop them into the collection plate.

### Current Prayer List:

Praying For	Prayer
Bev	Quick recovery & Healing
Dena (Hilma McDorman's daughter)	Comfort, Peace, & Health (Has cancer)
Bonnie	Peace & Comfort
Jean	Health answers, Comfort
Lynette & Tony	Peace
Sara	Peace & Comfort
Jen (Andy Crawford's sister)	Health
The family of Jack Lundeen	Comfort

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday  
Cell phone: 618-803-8778  
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191  
Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, Worship at 5:00 pm, Holy Communion  
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#### **Vision Statement** **Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

**Mission Statement**  
**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

**Welcome Statement**  
Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

- Our Guiding Principles**
1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
  2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
  3. We invite and welcome everyone.
  4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
  5. We serve local and global communities.