



**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 25th, 2024

# Trinity Lutheran Church

304 E. Ferris St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

## +++GATHERING+++

**Prelude**      When Morning Gilds the Skies      Robert Hobby, Hal Hopson

**Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign the Friendship Registry**

*(Stand)*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn ELW #853**

When Morning Gilds the Sky

## **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.**

*Red Hymnal - ELW Hymns  
Purple Hymnal - ACS Hymns*



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



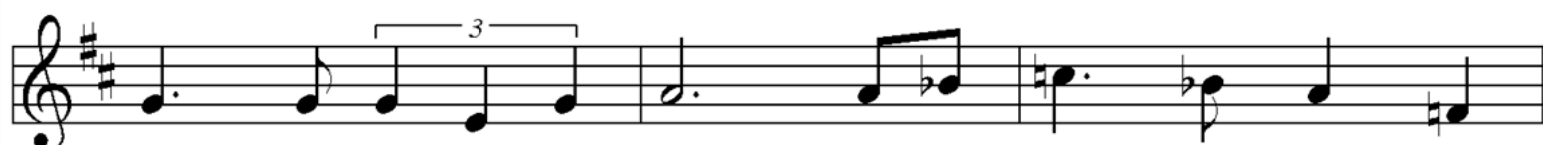
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



**☐** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**I**  
**II** For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



**☐** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



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### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(Sit)

+++WORD+++

**First Reading: Joshua 24: 1 - 2a, 14 - 18**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.<sup>2a</sup> And Joshua said to all the people,<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.<sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34: 15 - 22**

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> **The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup> **God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup> Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup> **O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

## Second Reading: Ephesians :10 - 20

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.<sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.<sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## Gospel Acclamation

WOV, Setting 5



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

## **Gospel: John 6:56 - 69**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

<sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

<sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

## **Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day** ACS #1085

Hope of the World

## **Apostle’s Creed**

*Let us join together in the confession of our faith.*

**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.**

*(Sit)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts, especially Keith, Dewey, Tierney, Lester, Daniel, Jim M., Harold, and Jim W. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+++MEAL+++**

### **Offering Music**

For the Bread Which  
We Have Broken

Ronald Arnatt

*(Stand)*

### **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

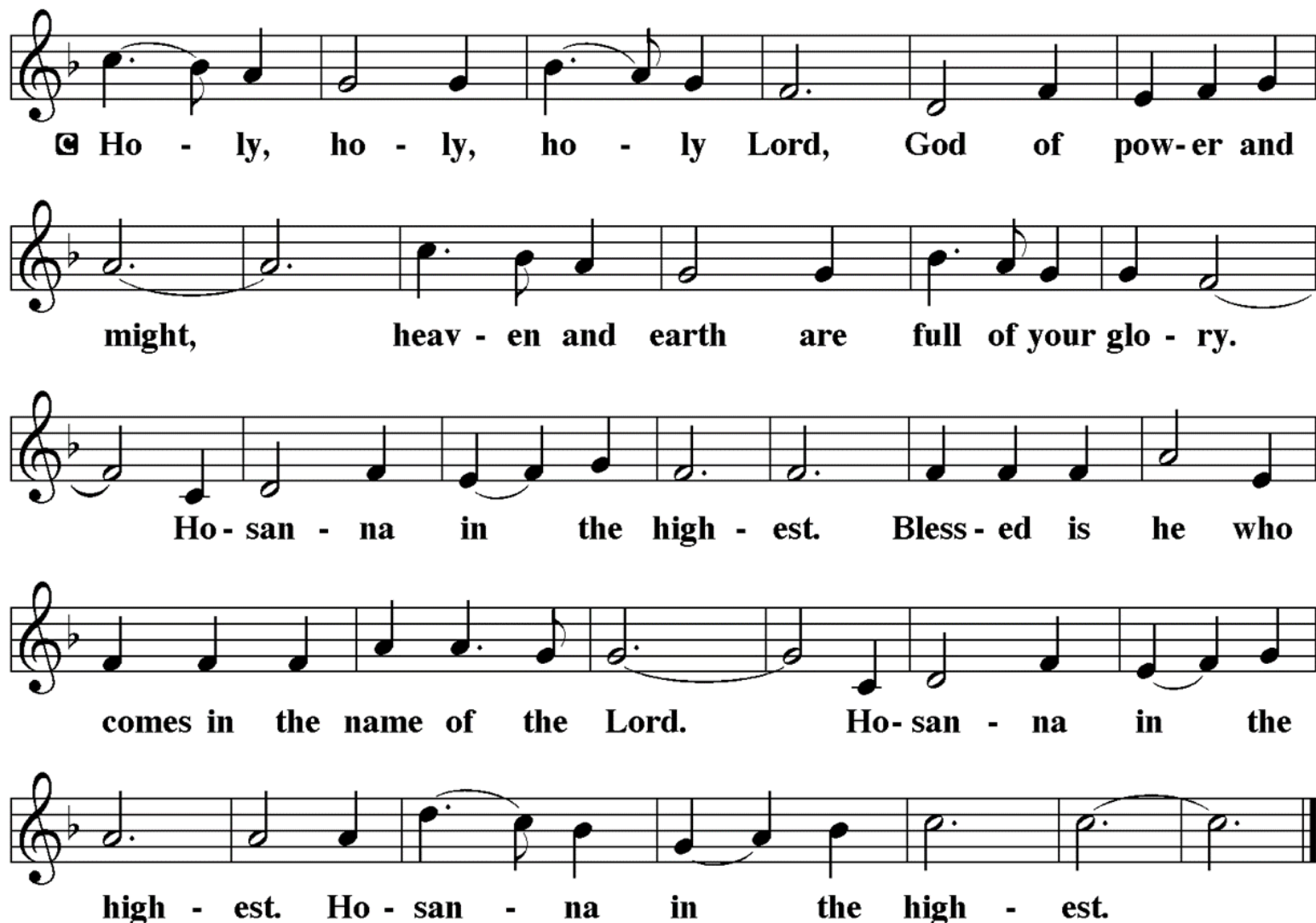
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
 It is indeed right, our duty and our 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;  
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting  
 life.  
 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:



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

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

Lamb of God WOV, Setting 5



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**



**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Communion Music*

*Meditation*

*Jules Massenet*

**Post Communion Hymn ELW# 496**

**On Bread, One Body**

*(Stand)*

## **Prayer After Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**+++SENDING+++**

## **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn ELW #618**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Hal Hopson

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

**Today's Altar Flowers** were provided by Heather Hellenga,  
*"in loving memory of my parents, Robert and Virginia  
Hellenga, on their wedding anniversary."*

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Hillary Hoffman

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Ushers: Carol Brown, Keith & Roberta Majors

Communion Setup: Jenn Robinson

Assisting Minister: Nick Elders

Reader: Mark Holmes

Wine Servers: Jennifer Holmes, Jenn Robinson

Coffee Fellowship: John & Lynn Armstrong

Acolyte: Lucia Crawford

Closing Duties: Sarah Brakenbury

Bread Provider: Jennifer Holmes

## Announcements

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service.

### **Altar Flower Delivery:**

Both altar flowers are going to Hawthorne Inn this morning. If you are willing to deliver one or both, please see Pastor or Hillary.

### **God's Work, Our Hands:**

Join us on September 8th for a special "God's Work, Our Hands." service, led by our congregation in a meaningful lessons and hymns format. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun, and inviting friends and neighbors to experience our community of faith!

### **Sunday School:**

Kick off the fall season on September 15th with our Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade and Confirmation classes for grades 6-8, starting in the morning. In the evening, our Youth Group for grades 5-12 will gather for fun, fellowship, and faith-building—it's the perfect time to get involved!

### **Prayer List:**

If you or your loved ones need prayers, please fill out a salmon-colored form (found on the bulletin table in the Narthex), and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate

#### **Name**

#### **Prayer**

|                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Daniel                                | Prayers for healing            |
| Keith                                 | Prayers for healing & recovery |
| Dewey                                 | Prayers for healing            |
| Teirney Ritchie                       | Prayers for healing & recovery |
| Lester C. Johnson Sr.                 | Prayers for health             |
| Harold Shumaker                       | Prayers for healing & recovery |
| Jim Musolf                            | Prayers for transitions        |
| Jim Woods                             | Prayers for healing & recovery |
| The Family & Friends of Shirley Adams | Prayers for Peace              |

### **This Week at Trinity**

|                       |          |                             |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sun, August 25</b> | 9:30 am  | Worship                     |
|                       | 10:30 am | Coffee Fellowship           |
| <b>Sat, August 31</b> | 5:00 pm  | Worship <b>led by Grace</b> |

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday  
Cell phone: 618-803-8778  
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191  
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday  
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion  
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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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 people of 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.