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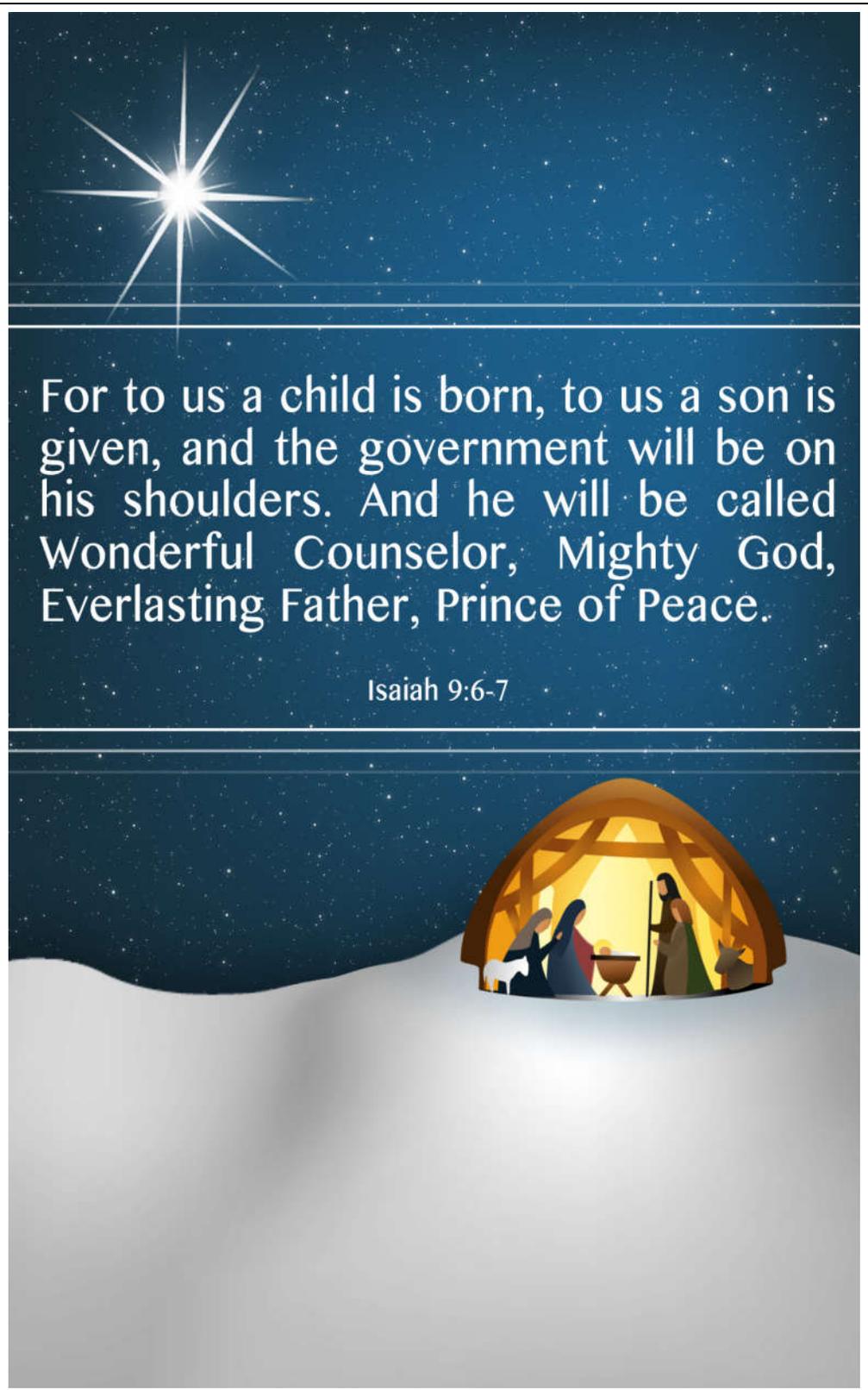
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**December 24, 2020**  
**4:00pm & 11:00pm**



Isaiah 9:6-7

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



December 24, 2020

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:

Variations on 'Adeste Fideles' (O Come, All Ye Faithful)

*Taylor*

**CAROL** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**DUO** "Birthday of a King"

**CAROL** "The First Noel"

**FLUTE DUO** "The First Noel"

**CAROL** "I Am So Happy Each Christmas Eve" vs 1, 3, 4 with Bells

**INSTRUMENTS AND DUO** "Child So Lovely" Venezuelan Folk Song

**TRIO** "Silent Night" 2 flutes and clarinet *Gruber/Arr. D.Bish*

**DUO** "O Holy Night" *A. Adams*

**CAROL** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *Intro: Trumpet Solo*

**DUO** "Love Came Down at Christmas" *Intro: Clarinet Solo L.Sowerby*

### CHRISTMAS WELCOME

[Please stand]

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Come All Ye Faithful" with Bells** (LSB 379)

**O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels: Refrain**

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God  
In the highest: Refrain**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

[Please remain seated for remainder of service]

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: For over 2,000 years, Christians have commemorated the Christ Child's birth. The prophet Micah prophesied that the first Christmas would be in Bethlehem.

**LESSON Luke 2:1-5**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

**CAROL OF PRAISE** “Angels We Have Heard on High” Vs. 1 & 2

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song? Refrain**

**LESSON** Luke 2:6-7

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

**CAROL** “Angels We Have Heard on High” Vs. 3 & 4

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise. Refrain**

**LESSON** Luke 2:8-19

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary



**DOXOLOGY** - *Trumpet Introduction*

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can, I give Him;  
Give my heart!**



**PRAYERS**

**Pastor:** We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We gather on this holy night, O Lord, thankful for the gift of salvation that You have given to us. We celebrate the birth of the Christ child as the One who brings an end to hostilities between God and man and heals the division that sin creates. Grant us to rejoice daily in the forgiveness You declare. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Father, may we never lose sight of the gift You gave on that first Christmas night. In the midst of our haste, enable our strife to be stilled with the peace that only Jesus gives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Father, You sent Your Son into this world to accomplish salvation of our souls and to restore our broken relationship with You. Through the blood of Christ on the cross, health and healing, life and salvation, consolation and peace is ours. May we be firmly grounded in Your generous gifts that preserve life here and eternally. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** As we draw near to the newborn Christ child on this night, we enter into the presence of holiness. Gathered around His manger, looking through faith upon His face, we are unworthy guests. Yet His very presence in our world testifies to God's love for us. He earnestly desires to bring an end to our struggle with sin that offends and opposes His Word. In His grace He grants us forgiveness of our sin. Confident in the love God has shown

toward us through Christ Jesus, we confess our grievous faults before God and one another.

**People:** **Father, we humbly bow before You on this night filled with awe at Your great love for us. We know we are unworthy of such love because of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Yet in the midst of our failings and desperate need, You have given us the gift of Your only Son as our infant Savior. We give You thanks for sending the Christ child into our world, demonstrating Your perfect love in action, as Jesus lived and died for us. Forgive our sin this night and fill us with the everlasting peace only You can give as we continue to live in the reality of being both saint and sinner, dependent upon this Jesus who was laid to rest in the manger and shed His blood on the cross. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Standing in the presence of our Holy God, I announce His peace to you! The separation between God and man, woman, and child has been healed by Jesus Christ. He was born in our midst to give us Christmas peace. He died and rose to give us eternal peace. Bearing this news of God, I announce God's grace to you and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### **SACRAMENT**

The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a means of receiving God's grace. We believe that in the holy supper, the true body and blood of the Savior, along with the bread and wine, comes to us. We are encouraged by Jesus to commune frequently and God tells us through St. Paul that we must examine ourselves in preparation for a worthy reception of the sacrament. This includes a confession of our sins, a proclamation of our faith, and a determination to lead a more godly life in the future. If you also acknowledge your sinfulness and your need for a Savior, and recognize Christ's physical presence in the bread and wine, we invite you to join us at the Lord's table.

### **THE PEACE**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be always with you

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. For in the fullness of time, You gave Jesus Christ, to be born for us, so that we might be delivered from bondage of sin, and receive power to become Your children. Therefore we praise You, and with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the  new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

## **INVITATION**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

[Please return to your seats after receiving Communion]

**CAROLS:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Verses 1 & 3 (WR191)

**It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when, with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

### **"What Child is This?"**

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”**

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined, To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**

**Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.**

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!**

**“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

**For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, Angels singing,  
Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!**

**“Away in a Manger”      *Intro: Clarinet Solo***

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the [bright] sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

**PRAYER**

**Pastor:**      O God of peace, in this meal You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come when all the hungry will be fed with good things.

**People:**      **Send us into the world to tell everyone what You have done and to proclaim the greatness of Your name. We pray in the name of the One who is coming again, and whose day draws near, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR LIGHT**

**Pastor:**      Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**(Please bring your candles to light at this time)**

**DUO              “All is Well”      *Smith/Kirkpatrick***

**‘All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice. For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of Love’s light. Sing alleluia All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell, That He is in the manger. All is well, all is well. Alleluia!’**

**CAROL** "Silent Night"

*Intro: Clarinet Solo*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our king!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

**CLOSING CAROL**

"Joy to the World" *with Bells*

*Arr. Alfred Fedak*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

**CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION**

Pastor: God grant you the light in Christmas, which is FAITH; the warmth of Christmas, which is LOVE; the radiance of Christmas, which is PURITY; the righteousness of Christmas, which is JUSTICE; the belief in Christmas, which is TRUTH; the all of Christmas, which is CHRIST!

People: Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

**"Joy to the World"**

*Alfred Fedak*

[Please give your candle to the usher as you exit. Thank you]

***We thank our musicians: the vocal duo- (Cass Panuska and Torlef Borsting), flute (Rachel Kelm, Joan Egeland), clarinet-(Leon Jurczyszyn), trumpet- (Dave Czohara), and the Trinity Bells for giving us all a joyful, reverent, and stirring Christmas Eve Worship Service. We are all grateful!***

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**OUR MISSION:** *The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ by serving the spiritual, family and personal needs of the community. We believe that the primary reason for our existence is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ by providing worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship to foster spiritual growth.*



**Please join us tomorrow for our Christmas Day Service**

9:30 am Pre-Service Music

10:00 am Christmas Day Communion Service



**The Office is Closed on Monday, Dec. 28, Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, January 1. Merry Christmas!**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:**

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**Barbara Fuehrmeyer-**In Memory of Loved ones

**Glenn & Joanne Huehns-**In Memory of our parents

**Jim & JoAnne Kiger-**In Honor of our children, grandchildren & great grands (2)

**Larry & Jackie Knoll-**In Memory of Paul Burtzlaff & Sal Vanacore (2)

**Dan & Joyce Lindstrom-**In Memory of loved ones and honor of our family (2)

**Brenda Makin** –In Memory of my husband David

**Jack & D.J. McElwain-**In Memory of our Parents

**China Menendez-** In Memory of Mom & Dad (2)

**Marianne Merrow-**In Memory of my parents Robert & Gertrude Lung

**Shirley Minier-**In Honor of Jeffery & Kirk Minier

**Louise & John Moore-**In Memory of our parents (2)

**Ralph & Donna Munden-**In Memory of our beloved family members no longer with us

**Doug & Joyce Mussey-**In Honor of our parents (2)

**Gary & Sharon Nelson-**In Memory of Roger Hammett & Jessica Hickey; Nelson & Barrett Siblings & parents (2)

**Jay & Patti Paxton-**Memory of Loved ones & Honor of Sara Stumbaugh (2)

**Steve & Sharon Pruszynski-**In Memory of our Parents

**Kenny & Judy Reeves-** In Memory of Kenneth J Reeves Sr., Victoria Reeves, Beatriz Janson; and in Honor of Richard Whetzel (3)  
**Ellen Rentola-**To beautify the church  
**Rusty Ryan-**Memory of Husband Jim & Parents Pat & Clarence Schultz & Daughter Michelle (2)  
**Gerry & Janet Sandaker-**In Memory of our Parents & granddaughter (2)  
**John & Janet Sanner-**In Memory of beloved Daughter Jonna Marie Russell  
**Dorothy Scarlett-**In Honor of my Children & Grandchildren  
**Richard & Mary Kay Schroeter-**In Memory of Ann Schroeter  
**John & Trudy Spyker-**In Memory of Loved ones  
**Madelyn Stahl –** In Memory of Dear Friend Barbara Watkins  
**John & Sandy Starr-**In Honor of our Faithful Pastors and Wives  
**Carolyn Steinbeck-**Memory of Husband Bill & Son Kenneth Steinbeck (2)  
**Ron & Jan Stobart-**In Honor of all Covid Medical Heroes (2)  
**Bob & Marilyn Tomsik-**In Memory of Loved ones  
**Jim & Helga Weaver-**In Honor of Baby Jesus (2)  
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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in both worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastors would like to be of service to you in any way they can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Dan or Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.