

150th

Anniversary Worship Service

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Be a Beacon...Seeking and reflecting the Light of the Lord

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

We give thanks for all those who had a part in making this anniversary service a reality:

The Worship and Music Committee of Trinity
Bishop Lee Miller II, Upstate New York Synod
Trinity's musician: David Hofmeier
Trinity's Choir
Guest musician: Julie Conschafter
Readers and Acolyte
Bell Ringer, Light Coordinator and A/V technician
Altar and communion caretakers
Office staff for creating the bulletin
Those who helped with the reception after the service

*(For sections with an *, please stand as you are able.)*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

WORD

In celebration of 150 years of hearing and responding to the Word of God, let us hear that Word anew today as all God's people have before, thanks to the ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*Opening Hymn:

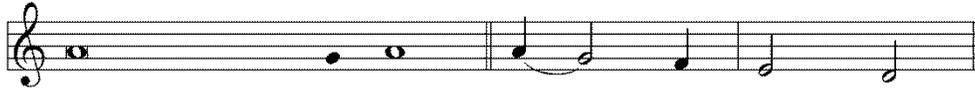
"A Mighty Fortress" Green Hymnal: #229

*Greeting

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

ALL: And also with you.

*Kyrie



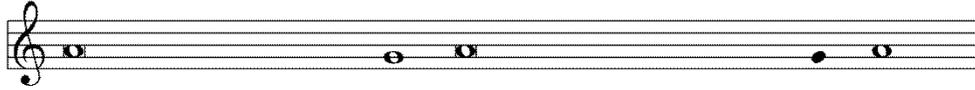
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



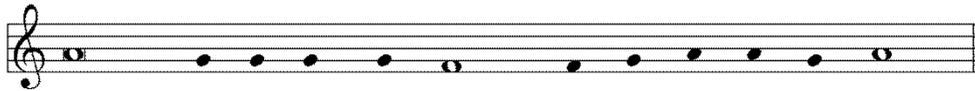
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



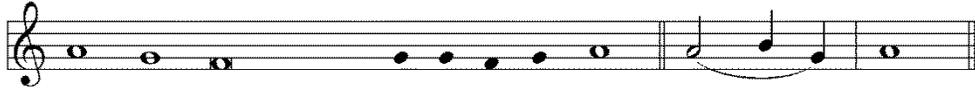
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

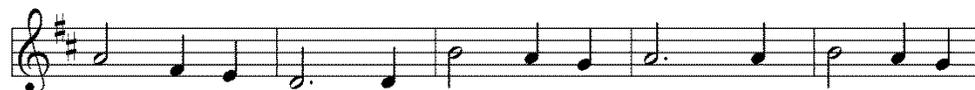


A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

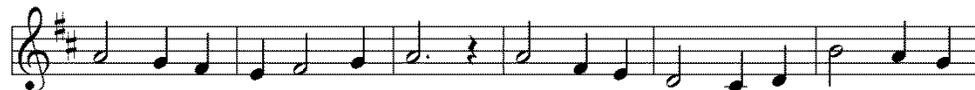
*Hymn of Praise:



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



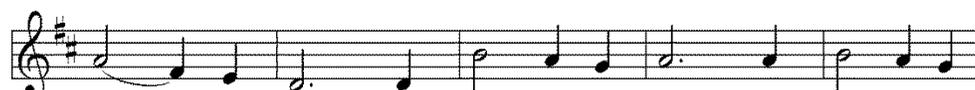
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



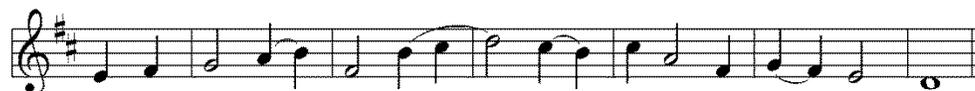
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-4a

L: A reading from Isaiah:

¹But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: "We Shall Stand"

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-9

L: A reading from First Peter:

¹Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. 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 offspring, a royal priesthood, a holy

nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you...into his marvelous light.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Anthem:** "God's Word is our Great Heritage"

Green Hymnal: #239

***Gospel:** John 10:22-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Bishop Miller

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

You will find the music at the back of the bulletin

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In celebration of 150 years of people being named as God's beloved and claimed as Christ's own through the waters of creation, let us give thanks and remember our own Baptisms into the life and love of Christ.

L: A reading from Psalms: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD.
(Psalm 98:7-8)

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Hymn: "We Have Passed Through the Waters"

You will find the music at the back of the bulletin

As this hymn is sung, worship leaders will pass among the congregation, sprinkling those present with water as a reminder of our baptism.

L: Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

L: As we celebrate and give thanks for the 150 years of ministry of the people of this community, we lift up those in need or who are suffering, and we pray for the life and ministry that is yet to come, responding after each prayer with the words '*hear us and be with us*'..

...All these things and whatever else you see that we and your creation needs, God, we lift up to you, trusting in your mercy and care.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION

Remembering and celebrating the power of the Resurrection, let us share in the life and love of this meal first shared with us by Jesus, as people have shared over the 150 years of Trinity's ministry.

***Sharing of the Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Take a moment to share Christ's peace with your neighbor, keeping in mind pandemic safety guidelines.

*** Offering**

The offering for today's worship service is being split 50/50 between the Community of Good Neighbors and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund:

- *The Community of Good Neighbors is an inner-city ministry start in the city of Buffalo that focuses on feeding people spiritually and physically through worship opportunities and a mobile food pantry.*
- *The Bishop's Discretionary Fund is a Synod resource that the bishop can use to help pastors and their families during times of financial strain and duress due to a major life event.*

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for your gifts.

After the communion elements are brought forward, we will pray the following:

L: Let us pray...

All: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: 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.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all 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'n 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.

L: 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**

L: LORD, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 to Communion**

L: All who hunger and thirst, come.
 The table is ready.

The Distribution of Communion

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Hymns during Communion distribution:

“One Bread, One Body” Blue hymnal: #710

“We are the Redeemed” Music at the back of the bulletin

“Faith of our Fathers” Green hymnal: #500

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God’s grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

RE-COMMISSIONING

We’ve heard the Word, gave thanks for our Baptism, and were fed in Holy Communion. Now, as we remember those who have shaped our faith, let us be renewed to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world as Trinity continues its ministry.

*Hymn: “Christ Be Our Light”

Music can be found at the back of the bulletin

A Celebration of the Saints who Shaped Us

We will share in a moment of silence as the lights are dimmed, remembering all the saints who shaped the life and ministry of Trinity these past 150 years.

Light Candles/Bible Readings

L: A reading from John: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. *(John 1:1-4)*

A brief pause

A reading from Romans: But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. *(Romans 5:8-10)*

A brief pause

A reading from John: [Jesus said]: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” *(John 3:16-17)*

A brief pause as the cross is illuminated

And a reading from Matthew: Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ *(Matthew 28:18-20)*

L: Let us pray:

We give you thanks, God, for the gift of your promise that you will be with us always to the end of the age. You promised to be with the ancestors of our faith, and with the people who were freed from Egypt and led to the promised land. You promised to be with Jesus Christ, and the disciples, who later became apostles who – like Paul – carried the Good News to all God’s people. You guided Martin Luther and those who renewed the church so that all may come to know your promise of love and grace for all. So too be with us as we remember and celebrate your Gospel promise that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the promise of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Through the centuries, the Gospel has been preached and disciples were raised, baptizing and teaching all of God's unconditional love and grace. We light these candles to represent God's promise to Jesus' disciples.

A series of candles representing Jesus' twelve disciples surrounding the Christ candle are lit.

On November 6th, 1871, fourteen families gathered together to form a community of faith as the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead to continue this mission and tradition of raising up disciples in the faith.

We remember those saints who formed this worshipping community 150 years ago:

As each name is read, a candle will be lit in their memory...

Johann Broeker
Gottfried Buchele
Ernst Hamann
Christian Jansen
Johann Kanitz
Christian Kelkenberg
Fredrick Laatz
Heinrich Pagels
Johann Reinick
Benjamin Schmidt
Joachim Schmidt
Louis Strang
Carl Toews
Fritz Vohs

We also remember the saints who formed St. John's Lutheran Church of Akron 125 years ago and give thanks for their ministry.

A candle is lighted in celebration and memory of St. John's Lutheran Church.

L: And now we remember those saints, our ancestors, loved ones and disciples in their own right, who have taught us and passed the faith on to us. Whether they were pastors, teachers, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, friends...we take time now to remember them whether they are still with us or are now alive with Christ in life everlasting.

A candle will be slowly processed down the center aisle of the sanctuary. As the candle passes the row in which you are seated, you are invited to turn on your LED votive. As you do so, you are also invited to say aloud or remember silently the names of the saints who passed the faith on to you.

When all have lit their votive, we will sing the following...

***Hymn: “Pass It On”**

Choir will introduce verse 1, then congregation joins in singing verse 1 and 3

Music can be found at the back of the bulletin

***SENDING**

L: Now it is our turn as saints on this day to pass our faith on, to teach, to baptize, to share the Word of God, to taste the goodness of our risen Lord, and to share the light of Christ. Let this 150th anniversary of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church serve as an opportunity to go from here and be a beacon in our community and world.

Amen.

L: So, 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.

All: Amen.

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

“On Our Way Rejoicing”: Green Hymnal #260

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please join us downstairs for a reception and mingling!

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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

We Have Passed through the Waters

1. Like sur-vi-vors of the flood, Like walk-ers thru the
2. Like small chil-dren washed and clean, Or drowned to live a-
3. Do you see the Spir-its fire? And hear the wind blow

sea, Like walk-ers thru the God di-vid-ed sea:
gain, Like peo-ple drowned and brought to life a-gain:
free? Do you feel the wind and fire— blow-ing free?—

— We are res-cued, we are claimed, we are loved and we are named,
— We are washed and we are saved, we are ris-en from the grave,
— We are cho-sen each by name, marked by wa-ter then by flame,

We are bap-tized! I am bap-tized! We have passed through the

wa-ters, And that's all that mat-ters! We have

passed through the wa-ters! O thanks be to God!

Words: Richard Avery
Music: Donald Marsh

“We Are the Redeemed”

Written by David Hofmeier and Pastor Richard Schlewitt for our 125th anniversary

Refrain:

**We are the redeemed, we are the sanctified,
We praise you, Father, Son and Spirit, one.
You give us life, you give us blessings,
Now guide us in your ways through all our lives.**

1. Saved by God’s grace, through faith in his own Son,
For Jesus’ sake, our sin will God forgive.
For us He died, he’s risen from the dead,
So all my days I’ll sing Alleluia!

Refrain

2. You bless the church, with saints both now and past,
Who live their lives in service to the Lord.
These are our roots, now give us wings, O Lord,
That we may serve our risen Lord, anew.

Refrain

3. Children of God, we follow His command,
To love as Jesus did and as He taught.
Jesus is Lord, we pray for His return,
When He will give His church, the crown of life.

Refrain

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Pass It On

from "Tell It Like It Is"

Words and Music by
KURT KAISER

D F#m G

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire

3. wish for you my friend this hap - pi - ness' that

A D

go - ing And soon all those a -
I've found You can de - pend on

F#m G A

round can warm up in its glow - ing

Him, It mat - ters not where you're bound

D G D/F#

That's how it is with God's love

I'll shout it from the moun-tain top

Em A F#m Bm Em7

Once you've ex - per - i - enced it you spread His love to

I want my world to know; The Lord of love has

D/F# G A D

1. & 2. ev - 'ry - one; You want to pass it on.

3. I come to me, I want to pass it on.

3. D G D/F#

I'll shout it from the moun - tain top

Em A F#m Bm Em7 D/F#

I want my world to know, - The Lord of love has come to me, I

G A D

want to pass it on.