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Celebration  
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**TRINITY  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH,**  
*Windsor Ontario*  
**1922 - 2022**



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022, 2 pm Worship Service  
of Word & Sacrament**

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*100 Years of Partnership, Fellowship & Service with God's Love &  
Blessing  
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*Welcome*

to this  
Special Worship Service  
of  
Word & Sacrament

**Celebrant: Pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik**  
Dean of the Thames Valley Ministry Area &  
Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
Leamington

**Worship Assistant:** Greg Peifer  
**Reader:** Carol Lavery  
**Organist:** Eric Swiatoschik  
**Interim Minister:** Pastor Jack Dressler

## *Order of Service*

### **Organ Prelude**

***Fanfare: Dena, Lane & Myles Peifer (Arrangement by Vern Peifer)***

### **Welcome Remarks**

**HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (LBW 320 v.1,2,3,6)**

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

### **GREETING**

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

**C. And also with you.**

### **DIALOGUE OF PRAISE**

**P.** Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

**C. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord!**

**P.** God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

**C. God has blessed us and brought us to this place.**

**P.** God has caused God's name to dwell in our midst.

**C. God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**

**P.** God has shown us God's glory in God's mighty word.

**C. God has shown us the way of truth and life.**

**P.** Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

**C.** Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord!

**P.** For 100 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

**C.** For 100 years, God has shown us his grace.

**P.** For 100 years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

**C.** For 100 years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.

**P.** For 100 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

**C.** For 100 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

**P.** Praise the Lord for 100 years! Praise God for 100 more!

**C.** Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LBW 543 v.1,3)**

*1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!*

*Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!*

*3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;*

*surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.*

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.*

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**P.** Let us pray

**C** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P.** Most high God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use will make it holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with joy and peace, through Jesus

Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy (LBW 165 v1,4)**

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

**A LITANY OF THANKS**

**P.** O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Pastors, Elders, and Staff Members,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your

Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** For hundreds of children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**P.** And for a free and prospered land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

**C. We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (LBW 229 v 1,2)**

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!

We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### **FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you — for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

### **PSALM: Psalm 150:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

<sup>5</sup>Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

### **GOSPEL ACLAMMATION- Listen, God is Calling (WOV 712)**

***Trio- Janis Hillman, Dagmar Raulin & Dena Peifer***

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:18-19**

**P.** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

**P.** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON-** Pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik (Dean of Thames Valley Ministry Area)

*Matthew 16:18-19*

*"<sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

This is one of the all-time favourite and often used scriptures for church anniversaries. In Jesus' remark to Peter, "and upon this rock"... scholars have debated over who or what Jesus is referring to. Because the Greek term 'petras' (Peter) is defined as a little rock, it is widely held that Jesus was not referring to Peter, but to Himself as the rock and chief cornerstone of the church.

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone"*, further supports the idea that the foundation (Christ), upon which the church is built is permanent and indestructible.

God's church, will be an assembly founded on Jesus' identity as the Messiah of the living God. The church is the "ekklesia" or the assembly, or synagogue, or gathering. Jesus uses the words "my church," and we remember that the church belongs to Christ. The church does not belong to its members, its pastors, or its power groups. The church always belongs to Christ.

We also remember that Jesus was going to build his church, and that building process has been going on for centuries. Jesus was and is forever building this community of believers that belongs to him. Christ is forever building this congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church as well.

Jesus' asserts that "the gates of hell" would not prevail against the church. Jesus confidently declares the stability and security of this new community against all attacks, even from the forces of evil.

My friends, we live in a time where every other month a new poll comes out showing a decline in religious belief, a decline in church attendance, a decline in personal religious practice and so on. We hear often of church closures, downsizing and decline. We go to meetings and see the bills for maintaining the building and supporting a Minister's salary are always increasing. At the same time, reading the treasurer's report of the decline of donations or giving.

As of now you have filled out your congregational profile and begun the divine wait of connecting with a Pastor searching for a call. It is easy to become discouraged, but Trinity has faced this process of waiting many times in its history. It faced economic upset in the depression era - I am sure the members wondered at that time, how they could support the church. Trinity faced the unknown when



it's sons were sent to war in World War II, the plaque outside the sanctuary names them all.

Trinity has endured heartache, upset, conflict and mourning. I remember with love and fondness Meta, Otto, Martin, Keith and Katie - just a few of the saints that are now with Jesus. I invite you all to take a moment to reflect on the saints of this congregation and name them in your hearts.....

But also, more importantly Trinity has worshipped, rejoiced, served and celebrated together as well. A century of relationships and all of life's experiences shared. This is why we treasure and honour the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trinity.

One of the biggest challenges today is not just confusing the church for the building, but rather confusing the church with the institution. So much of the church's energy these days is directed into institutional survival. It's a normal response; nobody wants it to fold on our watch. But what we are witnessing is the folding of the institution. None of that is the church.

The gospel text today reminds us, that the true source of life and strength of the church is Jesus Christ, the son of the living God. It is in Jesus that we find our strength, our unity and, most importantly, our future.

The church does not belong to its members or its pastor its. The church always belongs to Christ.

We also remember that Jesus was going to build his church, and that building process has been going on for centuries and will continue. Jesus was and is forever building this community of believers that belongs to him. Christ is forever building this congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, as well.

With a century under your belts, with experience, courage and reliance on Jesus Christ, you will face with faith, the future for that which is to come. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY - *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (WOV 723):***

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.*
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.*
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.*
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.*

*God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## **PRAYERS**

**P.** The Lord God in goodness has blessed us with **100** years of mission and ministry as **Trinity Lutheran Church**. We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place. As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Church.

We are a remembering people, but we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy fellowship of believers: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come.

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving. Our eyes look forward in hope. Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

**C.** Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us. When we prayed, you heard us. When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst. You have accepted our humble sacrifices of

**praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. And you have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses.**

**A.** Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord, that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.

**C. We dedicate our lives to your service.**

**A.** Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

**C. We dedicate our lives to your service.**

**A.** Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

**C. We dedicate our lives to your service.**

**A.** Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.

**C. We dedicate our lives to your service.**

**A.** Break down those prejudices and barriers which divide us, and make us all one in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**A.** Renew us by the Spirit, given at our baptisms, so that we might be challenged to move beyond our ruts, our apathy, and our anxieties of inadequacy.

**C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**A.** Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that you give us as members of your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers, so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

**C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**A.** Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us. By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

**C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**A.** Bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us and with all your saints, we may evermore praise your name.

**C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**P.** Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly yours. Use us as you will, to the glory of your holy name and the welfare of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

### **PEACE**

**P.** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C.** And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN: Praise and Thanksgiving (LBW 409 v2, 3)**

*2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.*

*3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.*

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#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**A.** Let us pray, Gracious Lord,

**We offer to you ourselves and our church: brick and mortar, wood and nail, bread and wine, hands to do your will, hearts that are ready to serve. Accept them for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **DIALOGUE**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**C.** And also with you.

**P.** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P.** We give you thanks, Almighty God, for in the beginning, you set the earth upon its foundations and created all that exists. As master builder and architect of the universe, you fashioned the orders of the world and humankind in your own image. You built for yourself the kingdom of heaven and marked out the limits of the earth.

**P.** And when your master work was complete, you called to yourself a people to be your own. You blessed them with gifts and made them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. And when they turned from you in their sin, you sent forth your own Son, a humble carpenter from Nazareth, to show us your love, to forgive us our sins, and to bring us into the eternal kingdom that you had built. It is he who has built us into a Church as living stones in your house of love.

**P.** For all this, we praise you and join the hosts of heaven in their unending hymn:

**C. (sing) *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

**P.** And so, as living stones built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, we who have been redeemed by Christ come humbly into your presence and gather at the table to which Jesus has called us, that we might receive your grace and find strength to do your will and to continue to build for your kingdom.

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.

With joy and with thanksgiving, almighty God, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

**P.** Therefore, with this bread and cup, we remember all that the Savior taught and all that he promised. We remember the Lord's example of faith and witness to your love. We remember the establishment of the church, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. And we remember the Lord's life-giving sacrifice and death, the glorious resurrection, and the ascension to your right hand. We look to the day when The Lord shall come again and announce to all the saved, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

**C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P.** We lift this bread and cup before you, O Lord, as an offering of sacrifice and praise. Send down your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us also, that, in the sharing of this bread and cup, we may be sanctified in grace and built into a holy fellowship of unity and peace.

**C. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P.** Great Architect of our Salvation, accept our prayers and praises for the sake of him who is our High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor and glory forever and ever.

**C. Amen**

**P.** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C. 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.**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### ***Hymns during Communion***

#### ***Beautiful Savior (LBW 518 v1,4)***

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

#### ***One Bread One Body (WOV 710)***

##### ***Refrain***

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

#### ***Blessed Assurance (WOV 699 v1,3)***

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

##### ***Refrain***

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A.** Let us pray. Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN- The Holy City**

***Duet: Lane Peifer & Eric Swiatoschik***

**BLESSING**

**P.** The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C. Amen**

**P.** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

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

**C. Amen**

**HYMN - How Great Thou Art (LBW 532):**

1 *O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;*

***Refrain***

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!*

2 *When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain***



3 *But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain***

4 *When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain***

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989.

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## **SENDING**

**P.** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C.** Thanks be to God.

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*Liturgy for the Anniversary of a Church by The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel*

# Thank You

Warm and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who so graciously offered their time and talents to this worship service.



Special thanks to the Anniversary organizing Committee, especially chairperson Lane Peifer for researching, gathering, organizing and displaying all of the historical information.

Special thanks to those assisting with worship, the ushers, greeters, communion assistants, the organist, musicians and soloists.

It takes a team to pull all the pieces together to making a meaningful worship experience. May this offering give glory to God!

## *The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee*

Janis Hillman

Lane Peifer

Dagmar Raulin

## *The 2022 Church Council*

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Dena Peifer

Bob Swiatoschik

Joe Woytta

The  
*Province of Ontario*  
officially approved the Corporation  
of  
*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,*  
*Windsor*  
on October 5, 1922.

*The Letters of Patent were submitted by:*

Conrad Albert May (Cabinet Maker)  
James Yensen (Machinist)  
Frederick Rau (Machinist)  
Arno May (Mason)  
Herbert Wichels (Druggist)

*The submission for*  
*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*for the following*  
*purposes and objectives:*

- To develop the religious life and activities of the members of the Corporation
- To carry on a religious undertaking in all branches
- And to do all things incidental and conducive to the attainment of the afore-said objectives

**AND SO – TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WAS INCORPORATED!!!!**

## *The Founding Members:*

Mr. H.H. Burt  
Mr. Andrew Gildner  
Mrs. Christina Gildner  
Ms. Florence Gildner  
Ms. May Gildner  
Mr. Charles Krause  
Mrs. Elizabeth Krause  
Ms. Meda Krause  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lapinski  
Mr. Arno May  
Mr. Conrad May  
Mrs. Rosetta May  
Mr. Irvine May  
Mr. Walter May  
Ms. Elizabeth May  
Mr. A.A. Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rau  
Ms. Hilda Rau  
Mr. Fred Rickwald  
Mr. & Mrs. H.R. Seyffert  
Mrs. Annie Wulchow  
Mr. Herbert Wichels  
Dr. J. Wichels  
Mrs. J. Wichels  
Mr. James Yensen

*Trinity's Record Holders:*

**Longest serving Pastor**

S.F.M Friedrichsen, 19 years

**Longest serving employee**

Meta Voss, Organist, 72 years

**Longest serving Sunday School Superintendent**

Ted Whitney, 25 years

**Longest serving Church council chairperson**

John (Jack) Colquhoun

**Longest serving Seniors Group chairperson** Carl Elligson, 24 years

**Longest serving Church Council member**

Keith Peifer

**Longest serving Senior Choir member**

Barbara Morrison, 73 years

**Longest serving Church Band members**

Lane Peifer, 58 years (and still going)

**Longest serving President of the FrauenVerein**

Katherina Roth and Maria Dietrich

**Longest serving Christmas Carol Service chairperson**

Greg Peifer, 33 years (and still going)

**Longest serving Custodian**

Rupert Winter

**Longest serving Church usher**

Harry Stieler and Norman Webber

## *Contents of the Church Cornerstone*

Although the Church cornerstone bears the date of 1948, it was not actually laid until January 23, 1949.

- A small edition of the Bible
- Copies of The Canada Lutheran
- The Lutheran
- The Foreign Missionary newspaper
- The Parish School newspaper
- The constitution and the by-laws of Trinity
- The annual report for 1948
- Pages from the Windsor Star pertaining to the ground-breaking
- Architect's sketch
- Announcements of the laying of the cornerstone
- Papers and leaflets from Sunday School
- A list of the contributors to the Sunday School
- The 1948 minutes of the Synod
- A copy of Luther's Small Catechism
- A devotional booklet
- A list of every member of the congregation
- A coin from 1948
- A copy of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet containing historical information about the congregation

## *Our Pastors Through the Times*

Rev. L.W. Sifferd (1923-1925)

Rev. H.E. Schildroth (1925-1929)

Rev. N. Keffer (1929-1934)

Rev. D.E. Elder (1934-1937)

Rev. O.F. Reble (1937-1945)

Rev. W. Nolting (1946-1950)

Rev. S.F.M. Friedrichsen (1951-1970)

Rev. W.E.A. Ludwig (1968-1977)

Rev. H. Ludwig (1977-1978)

Rev. E. Lange (1978-1986)

Rev. G. Nolte (1986-1988)

Rev. W. Kurchinski (1988-1992)

Rev. H. Ermisch (1989-1991)

Rev. J.A. Frederick (1993-1997)

Pastor Jack Dressler (1998-2006)

Rev. Ed Bastian (2007-2008)

Pastor R.M. Lees (2008-2022)

## *Anniversary Reflections*

by Betty Jo Mathis

We pause on this special day  
To think of blessings past.  
And how the Lord has cared for us  
From first day to the last.

Tho' few in number way back then,  
The Lord was in our midst.  
We got together ev'ry week  
And always bro't the kids.

We asked the Lord to bless this work  
He told us that He would.  
If true to Him we'd always be  
And on His precepts stood.

He's led us thru some waters deep  
Sore trials came our way;  
Sometimes we didn't understand,  
But weathered thru the fray.

Oh, many are the loyal folks  
Who worked and gave and prayed;  
And many are the loved ones gone  
Now to their rest are laid.

Today we have an eager group  
Who help the church to grow;  
They brighten all the corners here  
And keep the light aglow.

Yes God was in our midst back then;  
He's with us yet today.  
Oh, may we faithful be to Him  
And let Him lead the way.