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Rededication Service

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



Our Hope for Years to Come



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

A Parents' Room is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child.

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HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.



**REDEDICATION SERVICE
OF
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Hymn • *“To Your Temple I Draw Near”*

[CW93 226]

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| <p>1. To your temple I draw near;
Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word;
Here believers meet their Lord.</p> <p>2. I through Christ am reconciled;
I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In your courts to seek your face.</p> <p>3. While your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.</p> | <p>4. While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.</p> <p>5. While I listen to your law,
Fill my soul with holy awe.
Till your gospel brings to me
Life and immortality.</p> <p>6. While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.</p> <p>7. From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”</p> |
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Invocation

PASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.*

CONGREGATION **Amen.**

P *Today we celebrate the Lord's presence among us through his means of grace, we give him thanks for his countless blessings upon his people here and everywhere, and we dedicate our newly renovated sanctuary for the continued proclamation of his name. Let us lift our hearts and voices to praise the God of our salvation.*

Dialogue of Praise

P *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

C **Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

P *Sing to the Lord, praise his name, proclaim his salvation day after day.*

C **The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**

P *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs and make music in your heart to the Lord.*

C **It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

P *Come, let us shout for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

C **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and power!**

Prayer of the Day

P *Let us pray.*

O almighty, everlasting God, you have joined together all believers into one spiritual temple in Christ. Continue to look with favor on all who gather for worship in this sanctuary, which has been built and renovated to be a dwelling place for your glorious name and a house of prayer for your people. Bless our coming in and our going out both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A **Amen.**

Dedication

☐ *Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together to set apart this church for the worship of the triune God, for the building up of the body of Christ, and as a witness to the eternal gospel. We, the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, dedicate this building and all that is in it to the glory, honor, and worship of God, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let it continue to be a place for the gathering of the people of God, for proclaiming the gospel in Word and sacraments, and for bringing life, comfort, and hope to us and this community.*

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, you graciously give us all good things in Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to this place and to all who worship here. Let your Word be proclaimed among us in all its truth and purity. Strengthen us by your saving Word and sacraments. Make us confident in our prayers, joyful in our songs, generous in our offerings, and eager in our witness so that everything done here may bring you glory and build up all who gather here; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Hymn • “Here in Thy Name, Eternal God” *

[TLH 635]

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| <p>1. Here in Thy name, eternal God,
We dedicate this house to Thee.
Oh, choose it for Thy fixed abode
And keep it from all error free!</p> | <p>4. When children’s voices raise the song,
“Hosanna to the heavenly King!”
Let heaven with earth the strain prolong.
Hosanna! Let the angels sing.</p> |
| <p>3. Here, when Thy messengers proclaim
The blessed Gospel of Thy Son,
Still by the pow’r of His great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.</p> | <p>5. Thy glory never hence depart.
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
In every bosom fix Thy throne.</p> |

**This hymn was sung at the original dedication of the church on August 11, 1963.*

The minister proceeds to the baptismal font and lays his hand on it.

- ☐ *We dedicate this baptismal font in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters when you created heaven and earth, and at the end of his ministry, your Son called us to carry the waters of Baptism in the name of the triune God to all nations. Through Holy Baptism you wash away our sins, bring us to share in the death and resurrection of Christ, and give us new life and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Let this font stand as a sign and testimony of your never-ending grace. To you, Lord God, be praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

- ☑ **Amen.**

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Confession

- ☐ *Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life.*

We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

- ☑ **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

☞ *As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:*

☞ **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

☞ *God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.*

☞ **Amen.**

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Hymn • “Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy”

[ELH 242]

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| <p>1. Baptized into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Thy Spirit now shall live within.</p> | <p>5. Yea, all I am and love most dearly
I offer now, O Lord, to Thee;
Let me confess my faith sincerely
And help me Thine own child to be!
Let naught within me, naught I own
Serve any will but Thine alone.</p> |
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The minister proceeds to the ambo and lays his hand on it.

☞ *We dedicate this ambo in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.*

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. You stepped into Simon Peter's boat and made it your podium as you taught the crowds. Give us faithful pastors who proclaim your gospel with urgency and compassion. As you blessed Peter with a miraculous catch of fish, give power to the preaching of your Word, that all who gather here will repent of their sins, put their confidence in you, and live as witnesses of your glory and grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

Hymn • “*Speak O Savior; I Am Listening*”

[CW93 283]

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| <p>1. Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,
 As a servant to his lord.
 Let me show respect and honor
 To your holy, precious Word,
 That each day, my whole life through,
 I may serve and follow you.
 Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
 And my heart's most precious treasure.</p> | <p>4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
 Let your words in me take root.
 May your Spirit e'er be near me
 That I bear abundant fruit.
 May I daily sing your praise,
 From my heart glad anthems raise,
 Till my highest praise is given
 In the endless joy of heaven.</p> |
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The minister proceeds to the altar and lays his hand on it.

P *We dedicate this altar in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. As your faithful servants offered sacrifices to you on altars that symbolized your presence, let this altar remind us that your grace in Christ Jesus is always with us and never ends. May the proclamation of forgiveness and absolution flow from this altar to all penitent sinners. May our prayers from this altar rise to your throne in heaven and may our offerings placed here extend your kingdom. May the body and blood of Jesus, given at this table in the bread we eat and the wine we drink, nourish and strengthen us until we gather at the marriage feast of the Lamb with all his saints; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Hymn • “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*”

[ELH 8]

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| <p>1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ, the head and cornerstone,
 Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
 Binding all the Church in one,
 Holy Zion's help forever,
 And her confidence alone.</p> | <p>3. To this temple, where we call Thee,
 Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
 With Thy tender loving-kindness
 Hear Thy people as they pray,
 And Thy fullest benediction
 Shed within its walls away.</p> |
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**5. Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.**

In thanksgiving to God for giving us this beautiful church home, we now dedicate ourselves to his service.

P *To the glory of God the Father who created us and preserves us;
To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for our salvation;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit who has called us by the gospel, sanctifies us, and keeps us in
the faith.*

C **We dedicate this building and ourselves.**

P *To the proclamation and teaching of both law and gospel of Jesus Christ; To the scriptural
administration of the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; As a house of prayer
for all who call on your name and worship you in spirit and in truth:*

C **We dedicate this building and ourselves.**

P *For commemorating the spiritual milestones in a Christian's life and death; For teaching the truth
to the people of today and the generations of tomorrow; For celebrating our Christian heritage,
fellowship and friendships:*

C **We dedicate this building and ourselves.**

P *For growth in faith of believers and for the conversion of the lost; For the promotion of
righteousness and godliness; For turning the proud to repentance and for giving comfort and
assurance to sinners:*

C **We dedicate this building and ourselves.**

P *In memory of those who labored in days gone by and with gratitude to those whose gifts and
labors have brought us to this joyful day, we gather to rededicate this building.*

C **Grateful for our salvation in Christ and mindful of our Christian responsibilities and
opportunities, we dedicate ourselves anew to the service of our Triune God.**

☞ *Almighty God, Lord of hosts, the heavens, even the highest heaven cannot contain you. Yet you are pleased to have on earth a house as your dwelling place where your people gather in your name. We praise you for the fellowship of those who will gather here. We pray that all who seek you may find you in this place and be filled with joy and peace and hope; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

☞ **Amen.**

Hymn • “Built on the Rock”

[ELH 211]

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| <p>1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand
 Even when steeples are falling;
 Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land,
 Bells still are chiming and calling,
 Calling the young and old to rest,
 But above all the soul distressed,
 Longing for rest everlasting.</p> | <p>3. We are God’s house of living stones,
 Builed for His habitation;
 He through baptismal grace us owns
 Heirs of His wondrous salvation;
 Were we but two His name to tell,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 With all His grace and His favor.</p> |
| <p>2. Surely in temples made with hands
 God, the Most High, is not dwelling,
 High above earth His temple stands,
 All earthly temples excelling.
 Yet He whom heav’ns cannot contain
 Chose to abide on earth with men—
 Built in our bodies His temple.</p> | <p>6. Here stands the font before our eyes,
 Telling how God did receive us;
 Th’altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice
 And what His table doth give us;
 Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.</p> |

First Reading • 1 Kings 8:22-30

²²Then Solomon stood in front of the altar in the presence of the whole congregation of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. ²³He said:

O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heavens above or on the earth below. You keep the covenant of mercy and faithfulness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart. ²⁴You have kept the word which you spoke to your servant, my father David. What you have said with your mouth you have fulfilled with your hand, as it is today.

²⁵ Now, LORD God of Israel, guard for your servant, my father David, the promise you made to him when you said, “You will never fail to have a man sitting on the throne of Israel in my presence, if your sons guard their ways by walking in my law just as you have walked before me.”

²⁶ Now, O God of Israel, let the words which you spoke to your servant, my father David, be confirmed.

²⁷ But will God really dwell on the earth? In truth, the heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this house, which I have built! ²⁸ But turn your face toward the prayer of your servant and toward his plea for mercy. O LORD my God, listen to the cry and the prayer which your servant offers before you today.

²⁹ Let your eyes be open toward this house night and day, toward this place where you said, “My Name will be there,” to hear the prayer which your servant offers toward this place.

³⁰ When you hear the plea for mercy of your servant and of your people Israel, which they pray toward this place, then hear in your dwelling place in heaven—hear and forgive.

📖 *The Word of the Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 100 • “*All People that on Earth Do Dwell*”

[CW93 233]

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| <p>1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.</p> | <p>4. For why? The Lord, our God, is good;
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.</p> |
| <p>3. Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.</p> | <p>5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav’n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.</p> |

Second Reading • Hebrews 12:1-3

[NIV84]

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

P *The Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

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Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 122:1

P *Alleluia. I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Alleluia.*



A Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²²After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

☐ *Here ends the Gospel.*

🗨 **Thanks be to God!**

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*”

[ELH 160]

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| <p>1. O God, Our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home!</p> | <p>4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.</p> |
| <p>2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.</p> | <p>5. Thy word commands our flesh to dust:
“Return, ye sons of men!”
All nations rose from earth at first
And turn to earth again.</p> |
| <p>3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.</p> | <p>6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.</p> |

7. Like flowery fields the nations stand,
Pleased with the morning light;
The flowers beneath the mower's hand
Lie withering ere 'tis night.

8. O God our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while life shall last
And our eternal Home!

Sermon · *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Remember what Jesus did as we move forward.

-Stand-

Apostles Creed

☩ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

-Be seated-

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

☩ 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.

Blessing

☞ *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace ☩.

☑ **Amen.**

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

[ELH 6]

1. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 To God the Father let us bring
 Our songs of adoration.
 To him through everlasting days
 Be worship, honor, pow’r, and praise
 Whose hand sustains creation.
 Singing, Ringing:
 Holy, holy, God is holy.
 Spread the story
 Of our God, the Lord of glory.
2. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
 In whom we are elected.
 He bought the Church with his own blood;
 He cleansed her in that blessed flood
 And as his bride selected.
 Holy, Holy Is our union
 And communion.
 His befriending
 Gives us joy and peace unending.
3. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
 For our regeneration.
 The saving faith in us he wrought
 And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
 Made us his chosen nation.
 Glory! Glory!
 Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
 There is manna
 And an endless, glad hosanna.
4. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto our Triune God we sing;
 Blest be his name forever!
 With angel hosts let us adore
 And sing his praises more and more
 For all his grace and favor.
 Singing, Ringing:
 Holy, holy, God is holy.
 Spread the story
 Of our God the Lord of glory!

To God Alone Be The Glory!

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