



Trinity Lutheran Church

Recognition of Church History and

Dedication of Historical Marker

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

PROCESSION

Following the Prayer after Communion, we will process from Luther Hall, out the main entrance, and to the historical marker at the front of our property. Please bring your belongings with you, as worship will conclude following the dedication.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

INTRODUCTION

P Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we dedicate this historical marker.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Luther Hall are now designated as historic sites in the State of Michigan, and we give thanks for all the faithful people that have shared in this congregation's history since its beginning in 1849.

We give thanks especially for the dedicated work of Sandra Dufur who spent many months searching through church documents, accessing historical records from the city and newspapers, and compiling all the information required for the application.

We give thanks for the Michigan Historical Commission, and for all those who helped review our application and prepare the marker.

We give thanks for Gene and Tom Stockford-Shively for installing the marker on our church property.

And we look forward to the day when we can gather to fully celebrate this occasion and share our church's history with the congregation and community. Until that day, we trust in God's blessing on us and on the ministry of our church.

PRAYER

P 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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-17

A A reading from Genesis.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

A A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



DEDICATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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, O God, creator of the universe, for you have laid the foundation of the earth. You determined its measurements, and you stretched the line upon it, when the morning stars sang together and the heavenly beings shouted for joy. You fill the whole world with your presence; all the earth is holy ground.

We bless you for the good things of your creation that have shaped and sustained our house of worship. We give thanks for the founding members of this congregation and for all those who have shared in our history.

We pray for your Holy Spirit to descend on us again today as we dedicate this historical marker. Tend and keep these buildings as places for witness and welcome, sacraments and service, built on the strong foundation of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Let your Spirit guide Trinity Lutheran Church into the future with courage, faithfulness, and love. Rejoice with us, strengthen us when we are weak, and embolden us to be your light for the world.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

C Amen.

P Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The congregation is invited to sing together.

This Little Light of Mine

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

A Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith.

C **Thanks be to God.**

