Welcome to Trinity!

We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome! Join us on facebook, <u>https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/</u>

Recorded services will be archived on our website. *www.trinityevanston.org*



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023 9:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Church

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> **Brian Johnson** Interim Pastor

Philip McPeek Director of Worship & Music *Lauren Busey* Director of Faith Formation

Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



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JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to live-steam all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. **www.trinityevanston.org** with a link to our facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/</u>

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness: (Stand as you are able)

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.
- P Righteous God,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.
- P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

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Greeting:

- P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Canticle of Praise: "This Is the Feast"



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Prayer of the Day:

- P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.



God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Word for the Children

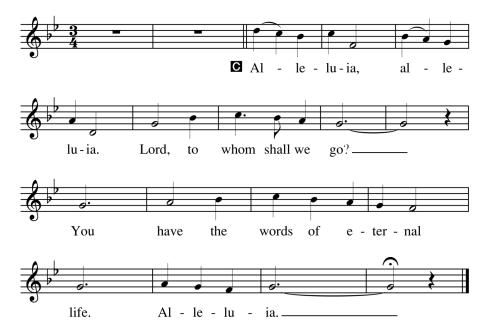
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 67 (Read responsively)

- L ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- C ²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
- L ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- C ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- L ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- C ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
- L ⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.



- P The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

[¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW, No. 588 (Stand)......""There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness There's a wide-ness of 1 in the sea: prom-ised grace made good; 2 There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind: 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all: there's a kind-ness God's jus - tice which is in more than lib - er - ty. there is mer - cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing his blood. in and the heart of the Еter - nal most won-der - ful - lv kind. is great - er good be - cause of e - vil, mer-cy through the fall. larg - er place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up There is no in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this: we make this love nar - row by false lim - its of our own: But too Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word, There is place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly iudg-ment giv'n. no cre - a - tions in that up - per home of there is room for fresh bliss. we mag-ni strict-ness with a zeal God will not and fy its own. and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

Apostles' Creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 of Intercession:

Р Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

- Hear us. O God. А
- С Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

- Р Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- С Amen.

Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements

ministry we share!



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: <u>bit.ly/TLCgives22</u> Or scan this QR code: However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the



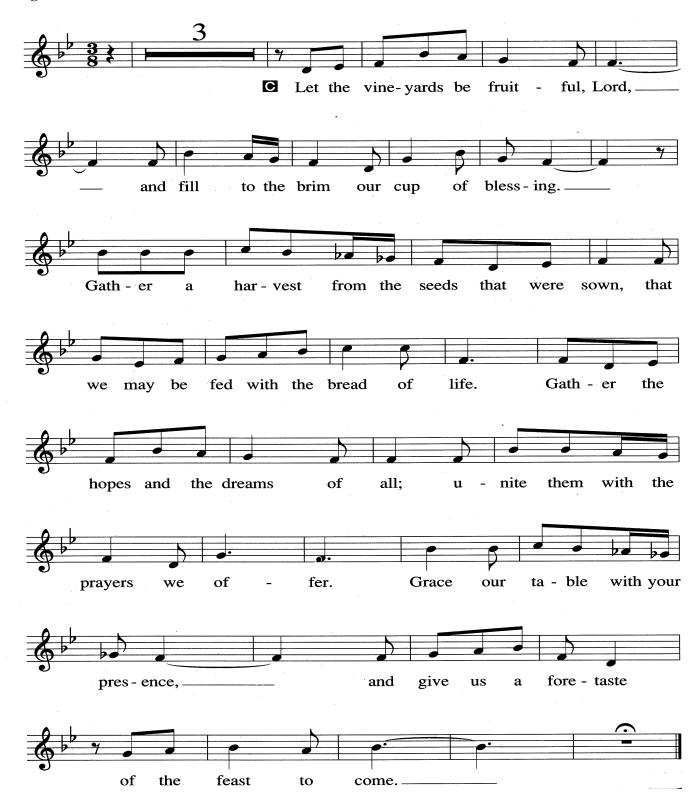
- 1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.
- Great God, in Christ you call our name 3 and then receive us as your own not through some merit, right, or claim,

but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

Stand as you are able.

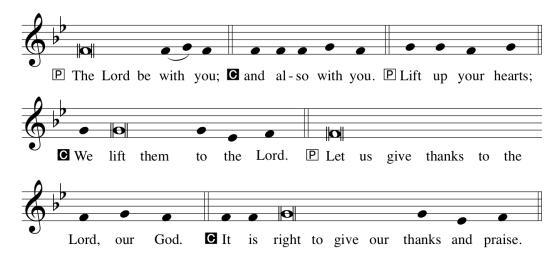
Setting the Table:



Offering Prayer:

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving:



P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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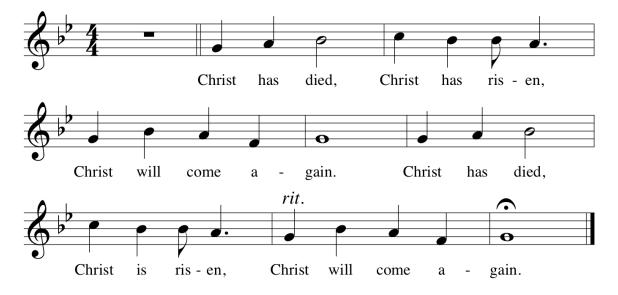
Thanksgiving at the Table:

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

> 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.

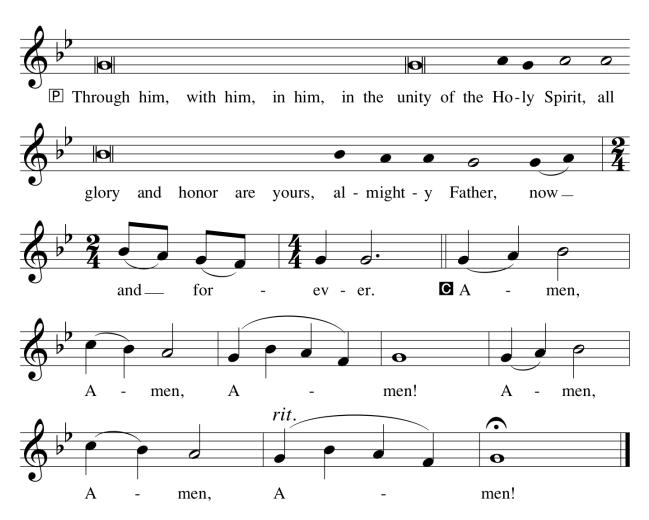
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.



P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;





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The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the language of your heart.

Our Father who art in heaven,	Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,	hallowed be your name,
thy kingdom come,	your kingdom come,
thy will be done,	your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.	on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;	Give us today our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,	Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those	as we forgive those
who trespass against us;	who sin against us.
and lead us not into temptation	Save us from the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.	and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,	For the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory	the power, and the glory
forever and ever.	are yours, now and forever.
Amen.	Amen.

Invitation to Communion:

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please be seated.

Communion Instruction

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups. Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

Gluten free wafers are available. Grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.

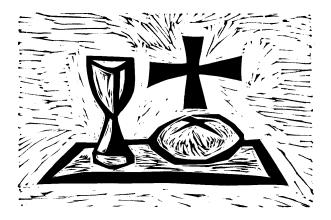
For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

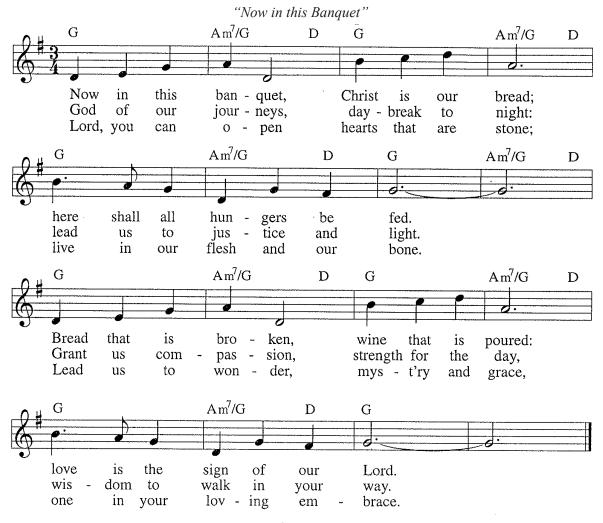
Lamb of God:



Music during Communion:







*may be sung in canon

Soloist or choir:

- 1 You who have touched us and graced us with love, make us your people of goodness and light.
- 2 Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love; open our eyes to the glory of God.
- 3 God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk, bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way
- 4 Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind: "Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind."
- 5 Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.
- 6 Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

Prayer after Communion:

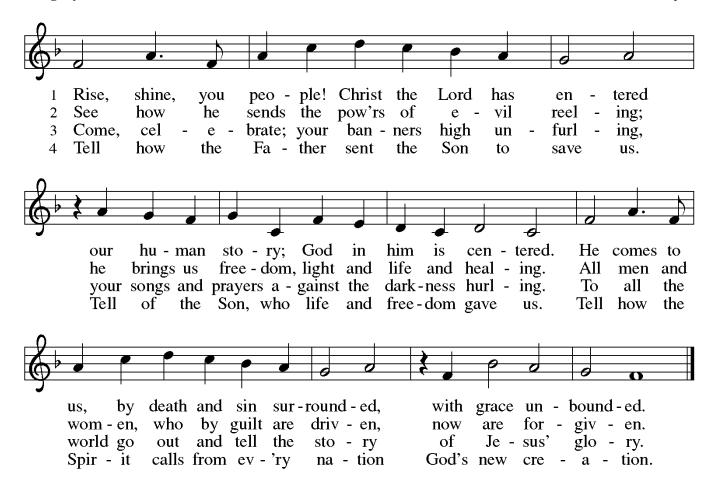
- A Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..
- C Amen.

Sending

The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing: (Stand)

- P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C Amen.



Dismissal:

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

COFFEE HOUR IS SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE in the GATHERING SPACE.

Join us for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome!

MISSION POSSIBLE FOR AUGUST: LSSI—Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS — There are dates available. The cost of flowers is \$40, and your dedication will be printed in the bulletin announcements. Find the chart is located by the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or in the Narthex. For more information, contact the office — Paula (847-673-8564), office@trinityevanston.org. Thank you. Donors may take the flowers after worship.

TRINITY PRAYER LIST: Contact the office if you desire to add someone to our prayer list. To make changes, contact the office@trinityevanston.org You may reach out to Pastor Brian directly via email: brian.johnson@trinityevanston.org **MEMBERS:** Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch) Joan Borgeson Katie Grassmann (colleague of Charlie Slamar) injuries from riding accident. Sanah Khan (friend of Cathi White, recovery from reconstruction surgery) Robert Gertenrich Dave Kallstead (cousin of Roy Skogsberg, recovery from hip surgery) Geof Hiltwein Signe Kilen Robert Lins (friend of Laurel Lovestrom, cancer surgery) Keaton McCormick (Arlene Sigle's sister's grandson, complicated medical issues) Judi McKiernan Bill Olson (rehab at home) Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor) Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera's sister-in-law, recovering) Hortense Plummer **Bill Sachse** Ryan (Lorna Van Houten's son, healing) Sherri (friend of Gina Musielski, healing from medical challenges) Donna Schroeder Dave Skvarla (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from open heart surgery) Arlene Sigle Gail Slamar Debbie Stahr (sister-in-law of Julie McWilliams) Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer) LaVerne Stamer Linda T (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from a fall) Lorna Van Houten (healing in preparation of upcoming surgery) Steve and Dawn Taskav Chris Viau Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS) Dave Yandell (hospitalized) Jennifer McWilliams (niece of Gary McWilliams, treatment for breast cancer) Tim McWilliams (nephew of Gary McWilliams, recovering from a stroke) FAMILY & FRIENDS: Theresa Wilson (cousin of Carol Wilson, facing lupus and cancer diagnosis) Jack Bakke, (brother of Bob Bakke, hospitalized/cancer treatment) Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell) Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun's dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow transplant this summer) SYMPATHY: Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee) Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from fall) Family and friends mourning the death of Amelia (Mickey) Gaza, who died on July 21 at Eleanor Ehresman (friend of Carol Wilson, battling leukemia) the age of 90. We especially remember the Gaza and Wielgus families. Services were held.

Sunday, Aug 20 FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & HOT DOG ROAST 5:00-7:00 pm lauren.busey@trinityevanston.org

Sunday, Aug 20 ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL 10:45—11:45 am at Trinity. Officer Wilken of the Skokie Police Department .will lead us in an Active Shooter Drill in order to help raise our awareness of what to do in the event of an active shooter on Trinity premises. Officer Wilken and his team will lead us through some scenarios to help clarify what we can do to prepare ourselves. All are welcome, but please be aware that these scenarios are meant to be realistic and can be potentially scary for some especially children.

Summer Edition of Metro Word with an update on Synod Assembly:

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