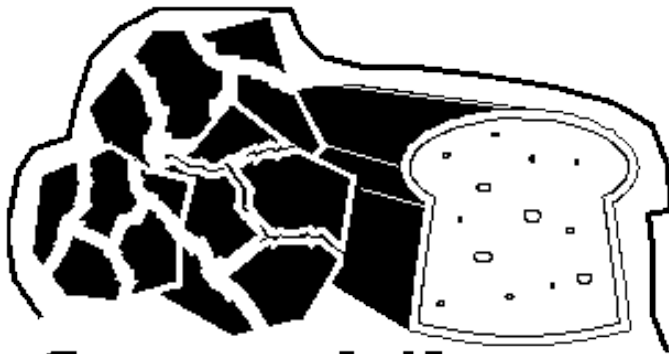


# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

“Sharing the Caring Christ with all People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



Command these  
Stones

*The First Sunday in Lent*

February 14, 2016

8:00 a.m.

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association  
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

# WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage  
and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one  
who loves you most – Jesus Christ!

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Paul Cloeter
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Andy Freihammer
		10:30am	Chad Ramler
Lector	8:00am		Rich Austin
		10:30am	Pastor John Bakou
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Sadie Bartels, Amber Kutzorik
		10:30am	Garrett Feuling
Altar Guild			Judy Lazer, Christine Miller
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 5	Marie Mendel
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Barb Mingo
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 5	Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel, Amy Schaefer
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Tom Skuza, Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 5	Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim & Kathy Stueve. Trevor Jevne, Andy Behrendt
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Mark Helgeson, Jim Gerchy, Dick Mingo, Norm Greenwaldt, Bob Koroll, Dan Reberg, Russ Riehm

## **The First Sunday in Lent**

Divine Service Setting 1 (LSB pg 151)

February 14, 2016

8:00 a.m.

**AS WE GATHER** As soon as Jesus leaves the Jordan after His Baptism, the Spirit leads Him into the wilderness. This marks the opening skirmish between Him and Satan, and the war is on! The conclusion comes when the devil thinks it is “an opportune time,” as Jesus dies. But by dying, He destroys death, and all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved, Paul assures us in the Epistle. God kept His promises as He led the people to the Promised Land, the psalmist relies on Him for all things, and so do we as the battles in our lives continue, even though the war has been won.

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** “O Love, How Deep” LSB 544

### **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### INTROIT

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C: I will rescue him and honor him.**

P: With long life I will satisfy him

**C: and show him my salvation.**

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

**C: the Most High, who is my refuge—**

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**C: no plague come near your tent.**

P: For he will command his angels concerning you

**C: to guard you in all your ways.**

P: On their hands they will bear you up,

**C: lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**C: the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

**C: I will rescue him and honor him.**

### KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

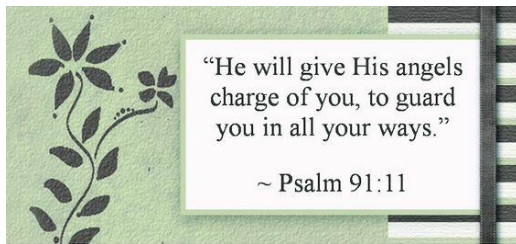


**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



“He will give His angels charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.”

~ Psalm 91:11

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, Your Son was victorious over sin, death, and the devil, from His first temptation to His death on the cross.

**C: Strengthen our faith so that we may rely on You, our protective refuge, in every time of trial;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your

God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

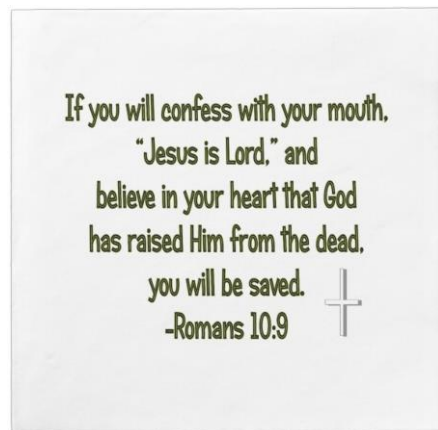
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:** "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" LSB 418

**EPISTLE:** Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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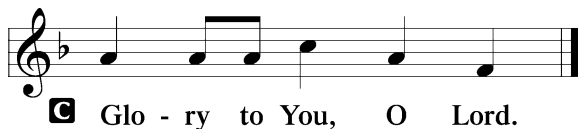
## LENTEN VERSE



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**C:** 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will 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

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424

**SERMON:** "Winning is the Only Thing" (Luke 4:1-13)

## OFFERING

*(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

## OFFERTORY



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

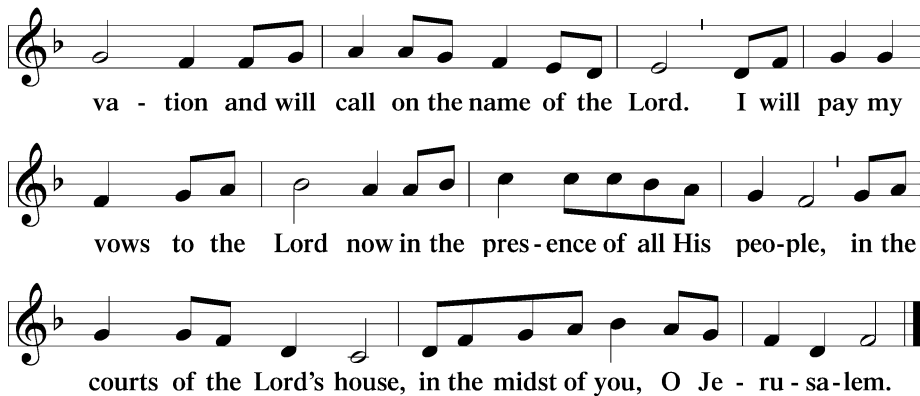


me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-





va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace.



☐ A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657

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# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Announcements for February 14, 2016

### **First Sunday in Lent** CHURCH OF THE WEEK

TODAY Worship Z5 8:00am  
 Bible Study & SS 9:15am  
 Youth Study 9:15am  
 Building a Christian Marriage 9:15am  
 New Member Class 9:15am  
 Worship Z1 (HC) 10:30am  
 Anyuak Worship 12:00pm  
 Anyuak New Member Class 2:30pm  
 Creative Crafts 4:00pm

MONDAY Narcotics Anonymous 6:45pm

TUESDAY Bible Class 10:30am  
 Friends in Harmony 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am  
 Soup Supper 4:45pm  
**Ash Wed. Worship Z2 6:00pm**  
 Confirmation Classes 6:45pm  
 HS Youth Night 6:45pm  
 Financial Peace Univ. 6:45pm  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm

THURSDAY Brownie Meeting 6:30pm  
 Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am  
 MSYG Tubing 4:00pm  
 Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm

### **IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** **NEXT WEEK**

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

8:00am Worship Z3 (HC)  
 9:15am Bible Class & SS  
 9:15am Christian Marriage Study  
 9:15am New Member Class  
 9:15am Youth Study  
 10:30am Worship Z4  
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship  
 2:30pm Anyuak New Member Class

### **Scripture Lessons:**

*Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17-4:1*  
*Luke 13:31-35*

### **Church Office Hours:**

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm  
 Open during the noon hour.  
*Church Office Phone 252-3670*

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
2/7/16	8:00am	120	General Fund Offerings	\$6,777.33
2/7/16	10:30am	145	Building Debt Offerings	\$631.00
2/10/16	6:00pm	274		
	Total	539	Total	\$7,408.33
<b>MISSIONS</b>				
Missions this Week		\$375.00		
Received to-date		\$2,401.00		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		

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**Sharing the Caring Christ with All People** Luke 4:1-13: Satan is alive and well in the world around us. Is this reason to fear? No! It's reason to trust with all our hearts that God is indeed our Refuge and Fortress. He alone is our Safe Haven. The world in which we live needs to hear the Good News that Satan is defeated in Christ and that he is crushed with the truth of God's Word and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. **Instead of despair, share the Good News with your whole heart and then may your heart overflow to those around you with the saving message of the Good News of Christ.**

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**Today's Radio Broadcast** by the Sewing Guild in praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. We have sponsorship openings in February and March. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at [www.800wval.com](http://www.800wval.com).

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**Flickering Screens** You may have noticed the flickering in the left side projection screen. The aging projection system will need to be replaced this year. Thanks to all who donated funds for the new projectors! They have been ordered and should be installed next week.



**Sunday Morning Fellowship** Our servers for February are Helen and Carl Oltz. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "C & D" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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**Lenten Soup Suppers** will continue Wednesday, served from 4:45 to 5:45pm. Volunteers needed for set-up, serving, clean-up or to make soup. Sign-up sheet to bring desserts is on the kitchen door. To volunteer, talk to Gail Reginek, 253-9462. Come to enjoy great soup and fellowship before the 6pm Lenten worship.

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**Worship with us this Wednesday at 6:00pm**

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this way!

**Altar Guild will have a meeting** on Monday, February 22 at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Worship Area. Please join us, even if you have never helped before, and learn about how you can serve your congregation in



**ChristCare Groups Create a Contagious Climate of Giving**

“If we establish a pattern of serving one another in the group, then extending love and care to other people is a fairly natural next step.

When you see someone struggling with home repairs, children with problems at school, a need to be picked up at the car repair shop and so forth, you can follow the same habit that you’ve developed in your group. You will say, ‘I had a great experience in a similar situation in my small group. I wonder what would happen if I offer to help here, too.’ As you leave the group, you begin to look for ways individually to do random acts of kindness.” If you’d like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295 or Craig Cooper, 237-5507.



**Church of The Week Homeless Ministry**

**Hosted by Trinity Feb. 15 – Feb. 21, 2016**

This annual outreach begins tomorrow night and provides overnight shelter and meals for the homeless. In addition to providing overnight shelter in our Fellowship Hall for 25-35 people each night, we will be preparing and serving a community meal for 100 people at Place of Hope every night at 5:00pm. This is a once a year opportunity for us to show God’s love to others in need just as God has shown His love to us in Christ. There is still an opportunity to sign up to host our guests overnight. See the board in the Narthex.

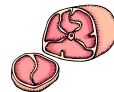


**Baby Bottle Boomerang is Back!** The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a meaningful way for each of us to participate with the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) in their life-giving mission. Please return your baby bottle

**TODAY.** Your financial help will minimize replacement expenses. Thank you!

**Would You Be Able to Help a Family in Need to Have a Ham for Easter**

– If you have/acquire receipts from Coborns with ham credits (stamps) on them that you will not be using, or if you have Ham Cards that you will not use, please give them to us. We can put several small cards or credits together to help us provide hams for local families in need. Please drop your receipts or Ham Cards off at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Remember that we need the whole receipt not just the Ham Stamp portion.



Thank you for helping us with this project. *We still have a supply of turkeys. If you know anyone who could use one, please let me know.* –Craig Cooper

**Building A Christian Marriage** will continue next week (February 21<sup>st</sup>) during the Sunday morning Bible study time. ***New couples are always welcome*** to join this small group as we work our way through “The Art of Marriage” materials. Last week our focus was on these words from Ephesians 5: *“Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ....Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church....This is a huge mystery, and I don’t pretend to understand it all.”* Our next topic will be healthy conflict resolution. Talk with Pastor Dave for more information.

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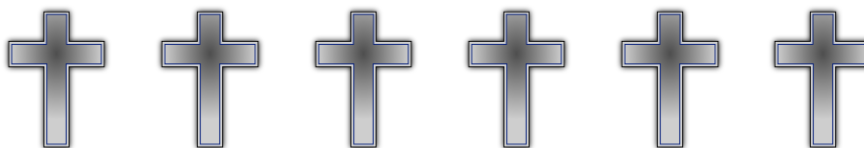
**MSYG Is Collecting Mittens, Socks And Hats** for the church of the week participants. Please bring your contributions and place in the box in the Narthex. Bless you for keeping someone warm this winter!

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**News from Prince of Peace:**

- The Prince of Peace Lutheran School 7/8th Grade Annual Fundraiser is now on! We are selling butterbraids for our class trip. Orders are due February 22 and will arrive in time for Easter. Please see a 7th or 8th grade student or come in to the school to place your order.
  - Prince of Peace Lutheran School will be hosting an Open House for Grades 1 through 8 on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for interested families to visit and learn more about the “small school...big education” opportunity offered at Prince of Peace and the blessings of enrolling children in a Christian school. Please visit with Pastor Dave or contact him at 251-1477 or [admin@princeofpeaceels.org](mailto:admin@princeofpeaceels.org) for further information.
  - Prince of Peace is in the process of accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant at our main campus. This is a part-time position of 27.5 hours per week (7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and does include retirement benefits and some paid holidays. You can obtain a job description and application from the school office. Applications will be received through the end of February. The goal is to have this position filled by May 1<sup>st</sup> so that some of the training can take place while school is still in session.
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# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

<b>Church Office</b>	<b>252-3670</b>
<b>Pastor Paul Cloeter:</b>	<b>333-6319</b>
<b>Pastor Dave Strohschein</b>	<b>253-3255</b>
<b>Pastor Harvey Ehlers, Emeritus:</b>	<b>282-1931</b>
<b>Director of Christian Outreach – Craig Cooper:</b>	<b>237-5507</b>
<b>Pastor John Bakou:</b>	<b>217-8254</b>
<b>Administrative Assistants: Judy Rehwaldt &amp; Katie Meemken</b>	<b>252-3670</b>
<b>Traditional Music Director – Daniel Reineke:</b>	<b>656-0963</b>
<b>Contemporary Music Director – Ruth Immerfall:</b>	<b>291-9293</b>
<b>Prince of Peace School:</b>	<b>251-1477</b>
<b>Youth Ministry - Terry Kurash:</b>	<b>251-4071</b>
<b>Parish Nurse - Jennifer Machula:</b>	<b>267-1587</b>
<b>Prayer Chain – Delores Volkers:</b>	<b>252-2101</b>
<b>E-mail &amp; Website:</b>	<b><a href="mailto:office@trinitysr.org">office@trinitysr.org</a>      <a href="http://www.trinitysr.org">www.trinitysr.org</a></b>

## WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a “time out,” please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service, you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am – 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service. Please call Sue Morey (252-5610) with any questions regarding the nursery. **Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.



## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES:

**Large Print Editions** of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request. **If you need further information**, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us!

**Bible Study for Adults on Sundays:** we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.

**Coffee & Fellowship** – after the 8:00am service, come by the kitchen, have a cookie, coffee and time for fellowship. Come and meet old friends and make new friends!