Mission Statement

The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.

How does "Swaddling Clothes" work?

From various donors, we assemble a collection of items associated with pregnancy and motherhood—maternity and baby clothes, diapers, formula, bottles, etc... Then, on the second Saturday of each month, Trinity hosts a "shopping day" where you can survey our collection and take whatever you need, up to a certain number of items. If any of the items you take can be re-donated to Swaddling Clothes when you are done with them, we ask that you do so to help those in need after you.

We also partner with a number of other organizations, providing you with referrals if you are seeking counseling, health care, employment, etc... And, of course, being a part of a Lutheran congregation, we are always ready to share pastoral care and a Gospel word with those who need them.

The Sanctity of Life

God's eternal Son began His earthly life as an embryo. And when that embryo was a grown man, He shed His blood for the entire world, including those who were nothing more than a few cells in their mothers' wombs.

For this reason, God never wants abortion to happen. And, as Christians, one of the greatest ways we can help keep our neighbor far from this temptation is by making pregnancy less frightening.

If you're frightened that you don't have the resources to care for the child in your womb or the children outside your womb, we're here to help.

If you're scared that you don't know how to navigate this new part of your life, we're here to help.

If you're worried about judgment or rejection, we're here with God's word of mercy and hope, a word that no one can take away from you.

Christ loved you from your very beginning. He'll love you to the end. That's why we're here.



About Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church is known by some as "the church up on the hill next to Wild Wood Park." Many people pass by it as they play Frisbee golf or see it atop the hill as they go for a morning stroll. However, Trinity Lutheran is more than a pretty land mark. We are a congregation dedicated to God's Word as it is revealed to us in the Scriptures, the Holy Bible.

We confess that we are sinners in need of a Savior. We also confess that Jesus Christ, true God and man is that Savior, who died on the cross for the sins of the whole world and rose from the dead victorious on the third day. All who believe in Jesus Christ receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

At Trinity we teach both young and old the good news of Jesus Christ. In our worship we not only make our requests known to God and offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise, but we actually receive the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith through God's almighty Word and Sacraments. According to Jesus' promise to be with us even to the end of the ages (Matthew 28:20), we believe that Jesus actually comes to us through his Word and Sacraments, to feed us the heavenly bread of immortality.

If you are interested in learning more about your Savior Jesus and receiving his gifts of Baptism and Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Preus by phone, email, or stop by during the normal business hours.

To give a donation or ask a question, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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You are welcome to join us for worship!

Sundays Mornings: Divine Service: 10:00 am

(September-May) Bible Class/Sunday School: 8:45 am

Wednesday Evenings:

(September -May) Wednesday School: 6:00 pm Wednesday Vespers: 7:00 pm

Saturday Evenings: Divine Service: 6:00 pm





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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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