

# An Invitation

## Visit Us Again Soon

We are indeed happy that you visited with us today, and we sincerely hope that you will come again soon. We invite you to make Trinity your church home.

Please feel free to join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. We feel blessed by your presence and hope that you feel welcome here at Trinity.

Pastor Mokry is always available and happy to answer any questions you may have concerning our church, as are the ushers and greeters.

Our church office is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Pastor Mokry or the church secretary can assist you with any needs you may have. Please call for worship schedules and special service and event information.

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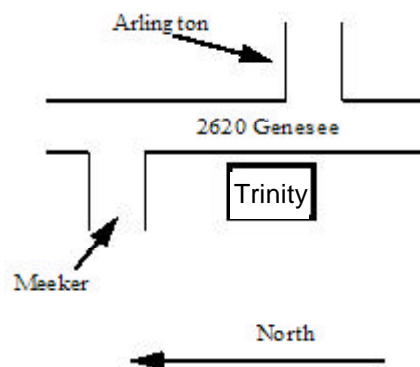
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## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



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# Welcome to Trinity

## Trinity's Background

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was established in August 1881. In 1882, the first church building was purchased on Hamilton street in Utica. The present church site was purchased in February 1955 and the building we now occupy was completed in 1958. We recently improved our facilities with a new addition in 2001. In 120 plus years, nine pastors have served the congregation. Our current pastor, Reverend Richard M. Mokry, a native of Rome, NY, was installed October 27, 2002. In 1995, congregation members agreed to accept a mission statement that is affectionately known as SOS. Our mission:

**Strengthen Faith**  
**Outreach with the Gospel**  
**Serve others**

## What We Believe

We believe in the one true Triune God who is three-in-one—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—the Creator of the Universe. God has revealed himself to us in the Bible, which is His word in every part, without error. There, He has told us that we are sinful by nature, and unable to save ourselves. Nevertheless, God loved us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ into the world to pay our debt for our sins.

Jesus suffered, died and arose from the dead and has guaranteed our salvation.

All who trust and believe in Jesus and the work He did on the Cross are declared to be justified by God. God the Holy Spirit uses the Bible and the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper to bring us to faith and to assure us of the forgiveness we all need.

The spiritual leadership of Trinity is entrusted to our Pastor and the Elders of the congregation. The administration of church affairs is conducted by elected officers who make up the Church Council. There are several boards and committees which perform the various tasks necessary for the operation of the church. The Voters' Assembly, which is the highest authority in the congregation, meets three times a year, or more often if necessary, to oversee all congregational activities. Confirmed members, at least 18 years of age, may participate in the Voters' Assembly and become an elected or appointed officer of the congregation.

We are a dynamic, Gospel-oriented, Spirit-filled church. We are constantly seeking ways to reach the lost and unchurched. We also exist to serve those who have been deemed as Christ's lambs.

Trinity offers a Christ-focused style of worship each Sunday. We believe that Christ *should be* and *is* the only central focus of worship.

## Trinity Programs and Groups

**Trinity Christian Preschool** Our preschool provides children the opportunity to grow and develop spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. Classes are held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for 3 & 4 year-olds.

**Choir** You are welcome to join the choir at rehearsals on Thursday evenings.

**Hand Bell Ringers** New members are welcome. A three-octave set of English hand bells are used.

**Altar Guild** Each guild member serves a one month term. Service includes ordering plants and flowers for special occasions and remembrances.

**Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)** LYF includes grades 7-12. The youth meet once per month to plan projects and participate in social activities. The group also assists in many other functions and performs tasks for our church.

## Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

Classes are available for all ages each Sunday.

**Fellowship Activities** Parish Fellowship plans congregational activities throughout the year and Pairs & Spares holds bi-monthly dinner gatherings.

**Trinity Prayer Chain** If you or someone you know needs prayer, you are encouraged to call the Church office at 732-7869.

**Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)** All women in the congregation are invited to join LWML. Members grow spiritually through Bible studies, rallies, retreats, conventions, workshops and acts of service within the congregation and in the community. LWML meets on the first Tuesday of the month, September through June at 7 p.m.

**Nursery** A nursery is located in the parlor; the service is on closed circuit TV.