

Dear Friends in Christ:

Jesus had some parting words for his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew. These words are so famous, we know them by a simple title: The Great Commission.

In this Great Commission, Jesus told his disciples to:

Matthew 19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰ **and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.**

Right after Jesus gave this Great Commission, his disciples set to work, figuring out how to do it.

They remembered what Jesus said and did and wrote about it. They remembered how Jesus had treated people, and they tried to treat people the same way. They remembered who they were before they met Jesus, and how being with him had changed them. And they wanted everyone in the world to share this same experience of Jesus, and to know the good news that he was alive and loved them.



Just as the first disciples worked to make Jesus' Great Commission happen, we do the same at Trinity Lutheran Church.

As we begin to plan the ministries we might do in 2018, we will ask for your support for these ministries. We will ask for your prayers to help us discern how and whom we might better serve. And we will thank you for your work, your finances, and your prayers for our current ministries that bring Jesus to the lives of many.

Throughout the months of October and November, our pastors will preach about Jesus' Great Commission and how the people of Trinity are faithfully carrying it out now: ministries from Youth and Family, to Community and Global Service, to Word and Sacrament, to Education.

As you consider how you will support our ministries for 2018, come and hear what we are doing today and see the lives that Jesus is touching through you. And come and give thanks for his promise that he is with you always.

Peace,
Pr. Bryan Robertson

"Trinity Lutheran Church exists to...
CALL people to Jesus;
EQUIP people with a faith that functions in daily life;
SEND people into the world in Jesus' name."