

Trinity Utica and Our Redeemer Merger Statement

As the congregations of Trinity Lutheran Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, we prayerfully explore becoming one congregation in two locations, united in our confession of faith and mission. Grounded in the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God, and faithful to the Lutheran Confessions, we seek to proclaim Jesus Christ—crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins—through Word and Sacrament. Together, we aim to strengthen ministry, steward our resources wisely, and build a vibrant future for sharing Christ’s love.

Through this merger, we seek to:

- Strengthen and expand our shared mission to make disciples by faithfully preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments in our communities.
- Reach more people in Utica, Washington, and the surrounding areas with the saving message of Jesus Christ.
- Steward God’s gifts responsibly by sharing pastoral leadership, staff, and ministry resources for greater effectiveness and long-term sustainability.
- Build up the Body of Christ through unified ministry, while honoring the history and faithful witness of each congregation.
- Provide strong, Christ-centered opportunities for worship, catechesis, and lifelong growth in faith for all generations.
- Establish a unified vision that supports healthy congregational life, raises up future leaders, and extends the church’s witness for years to come.

We enter this process in prayer and mutual trust, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that in all things Christ would be glorified and His Gospel clearly proclaimed