



## 2023 Synod Report

Grace and peace to you, dear partners in mission,

Trinity Lutheran Seminary forms leaders for Christ's Church at work in the world. Our current students come from a variety of church bodies across Ohio and across the country. The experience of our ELCA students, who number half of the student body, is enriched by learning alongside faithful, committed Christian leaders from other traditions. We welcome both degree and non degree seeking students. Degree seeking students are enrolled in either the Master of Divinity Program or the Master of Theological Studies Program.

Our 2+2 Master of Divinity curriculum is unique as students complete two years in the classroom and two years on internship. This unique curriculum continues to form students in deep and meaningful ways for the challenges of post pandemic ministry and beyond. Students, supervisors, and congregations find this unique model of formation vital for forming relationships and creating transformational ministry experiences.

Our Master of Theological Studies program continues to grow with most students hailing from the Columbus area. Many of these students are already serving as pastors and leaders of local communities of faith. Others are executives and leaders of non-profit organizations seeking to live out their baptismal call.

Almost all Trinity students, whatever their degree program, receive full-tuition scholarships! You make this possible. We are forever grateful for your faithful generosity.

With formation comes transformation and change. This academic year we bid farewell to the Rev. Dr. Brad Binau (Capital '77, Trinity '81) Professor of Pastoral Theology and the Rev. Julie Hutson (Trinity '05) Director of Contextual and Experiential Formation. Next academic year we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Olehile Buffel as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology. Dr. Buffel, a Lutheran pastor, hails from South Africa.

Dear partners in mission, we ask three things of you.

- Encourage potential candidates for ministry to explore Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.
- Make a financial gift to support the mission of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.
- Keep us in your prayers.

In Christ,

The Rev. Kathryn A. Kleinhans, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Seminary