



TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

at Capital University

2026 Synod Assembly Report

Grace and peace to you, dear friends, in the name of the Triune God.

Forming Leaders

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University *forms leaders for Christ's church at work in the world*. We are a small seminary with a big impact. In this interim time, faculty and staff have been dwelling together in the book of Exodus, reflecting and discerning where God is leading and the Spirit is moving. And the Spirit is moving!

For Christ's church

This academic year, our faculty and staff have found renewed energy in special projects. These are appropriately named, "Energy Projects." These projects include: Seminary Without Walls, Interfaith Hub, Graduate Certificates, Capital Collaborations, and Everyone a Trinity Ambassador.

You can read more about these projects and more in Interim Dean Wrenn's e-Newsletter, "By Cloud and Fire."

At Work In the World

It is you, our stakeholders, who make our mission possible. We are grateful for your prayer, partnership, and generosity. This coming year we ask you to continue to make a difference in the lives of our students.

To read more about how you can make an impact read Pastor Mary Ann's e-Newsletter, "At Work in the World."

Small Seminary. Big Impact.

This academic year, our impact begins and ends with change. Capital University welcomed a new President, Dr. Jared Tice and a new Provost, Dr. Kiersten Moore. Trinity welcomed: Dr. Suzanne Schier, Graduate Admissions Counselor of Seminary Discernment and Emily Clausing, Administrative Assistant. Next academic year we will welcome four more faculty and staff members: an Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Director of Assessment; an Assistant Professor of Lutheran Theology and History and Director of Grants; an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care; and a University Pastor. Together with the University, we are undergoing a strategic planning process to move forward in our mission of transforming lives and forming leaders.

Throughout all of this change and planning, we take courage from the enduring presence of the LORD our God, who goes before us with grace, mercy, and truth:

The LORD went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day,
to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light,
so that they might travel by day and by night.

-Exodus 13:21

Peace be with you.

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Forming Leaders for Christ's Church at Work in the World