



Stained Glass Dedication

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Welcome ~ Matthew Leighty, Worship Anew Executive Director

"What a Friend We have in Jesus" ~ Worship Anew Choir

Dedication ~ Pastor Sean Esterline, Interim Pastor (Trinity Lutheran)

Doxology ~ Worship Anew Choir

Reception

Dedication Service

L In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen.**

L In His great love for us the eternal God has taken on human flesh and joined Himself to His own creation. Heaven and earth are now filled with His glory as He uses the things of this world to bring us His blessing. "He has made everything beautiful in its time" so that we may behold the beauty of the Lord and inquire in His holy temple. It is fitting, then, that these Stained Glass Windows be sanctified by Word and prayer for use at Worship Anew.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

R **who made heaven and earth.**

L Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, Your Son is the express image of Your glory so that when we behold Him we contemplate Your unending mercy. Bless and sanctify these Stained Glass Windows, which are offered in honor of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that all who behold them may, by Your grace, be strengthened in the true faith and worship You with a steadfast heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R **Amen.**

L May the Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these Stained Glass Windows and all who behold them.

R **Amen.**



This window depicts Jesus knocking at the door, inviting us to open with repentant hearts so that we may dine with the Lord and enjoy His presence.

The History of the Stained Glass at Worship Anew



After the closure of Trinity Lutheran Church in Evansville, Ind., the congregation sought out Worship Anew to house their stained glass windows.

In order for the windows to be moved, they had to be extracted from the church, taken apart piece by piece, cleaned, repaired, and then put back together for the installation. Through the work of stained glass restoration artist, Jules Mominee out of Evansville, as well as the team at Window Creations out of Ottoville, Ohio, four of the original Trinity stained glass windows were restored and brought to Fort Wayne.

These 180-year-old windows now provide a stunning backdrop for choirs on Worship Anew as well as greeting visitors they enter the atrium.



Above, this window beautifully captures Jesus preaching at the Sea of Galilee, a central location for much of His earthly ministry.

At left, this window depicts one of God's angels, like those who comforted Christ in the garden and later delivered the joyous news of His resurrection.

At right, this window portrays Martin Luther holding his 95 Theses, symbolizing his courageous stand for the true interpretation of God's Word and pointing people to scripture as the ultimate source of wisdom, comfort, and hope. The German at the bottom is from the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," as explained at right.



"Mit unser Macht ist nichts gethan."

from the hymn: "A Mighty Fortress" - opening line of stanza 2

[Nothing is done by our strength.]

(By our power is nothing done)

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott."

from the hymn: "A Mighty Fortress" - opening line of stanza 1

[A mighty fortress is our God.]



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