## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

As the prelude begins, please observe a period of silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.

**PRELUDE:** "A Taste of Cana's Wine" David Evan Thomas (b.1958)

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

The \* indicates when the congregation stands, if able. Congregational responses are in **bold**.

## \*WELCOME

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

\*ENTRANCE HYMN Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW #310

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



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## \*SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,

and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;

and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM:** Psalm 36:5-10

- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

## \*GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have

kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Feast of Love

**ELW #487** 

**SERMON** 

Pastor Ken Johnson

\*CREED Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into Hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

## A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry*, *Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

## Amen.

## \*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.

#### **OFFERTORY**

During this time, we worship God with our offerings. There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



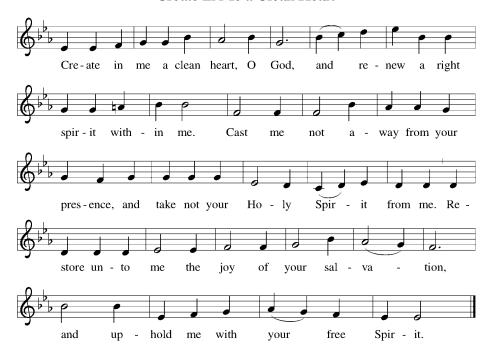
"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

## Offertory Music:

8:30 - "Jesus, and Shall It Ever Be" Henry K. Oliver (1800-85) 11:00 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" John Hughes (1873-1932), setting by James Kirkby (b.1949)

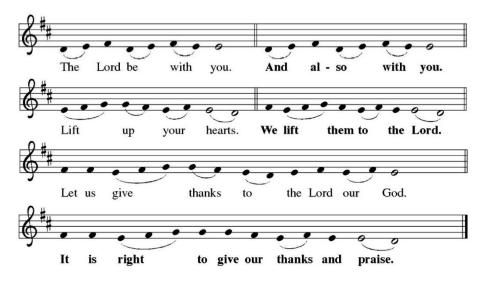
Please stand as we begin singing the "Create in Me" and the elements are brought forward

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

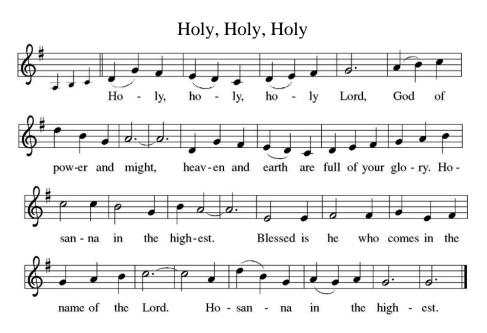


## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

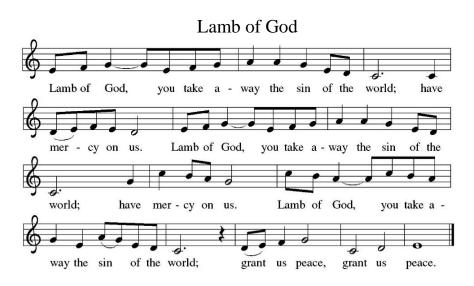


#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)



**HOLY COMMUNION** by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) *Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.* 

8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.

11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail after communing are invited to do so.

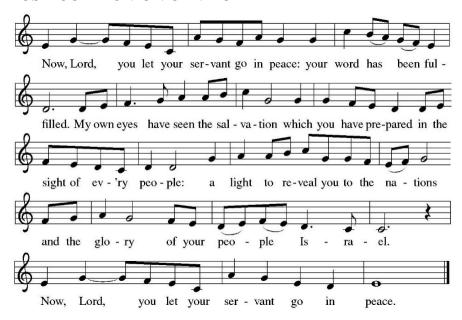
#### Communion Music:

8:30 - Two settings of "Amazing Grace" Martha Mier (b.1936),

B.C. Dockery (1931-97), Jennifer Gatz, Piano

11:00 - "Jesus, and Shall It Ever Be" Henry K. Oliver (1800-85)

## \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*HYMN How Marvelous God's Greatness ELW #830

\*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** "Fugue in A Major" Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

## All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.

#### OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson Pastor

Rev. Jake Lehman **Outreach Pastor** 

Nathan Mattson Organist/Director of Music Office Administrator Katie Grubaugh

Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry Heidi Albertson

Terri Schmidt Bookkeeper **Hospitality Host** Margaret Stevenson **Bob Koenes** Custodian

Dr. William Musselman

Organist/Director Emeritus

**ALTAR GUILD:** Teri Koretsky, Julie Peterson

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Tim & Jen Gatz

11:00 Keith & Julie Peterson

LECTORS: 8:30 Janet Gullickson

11:00 Marianne Fuerst

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Jaxon Grubaugh

11:00 Frederick Thurn, Clare Lehman

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandy Eschelbach, Linda Ward, David Mason, Rachel, Alex and Emma, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Rasma McMullen in memory of Ken McMullen.

|     |        | Calendar of Upcoming Events                 |
|-----|--------|---|
| Sun | Jan 19 | Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 |
|     |        | Choir 9:25                                  |
|     |        | All Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45        |
|     |        | Parent small group 10                       |
|     |        | High School Youth meeting 12-2:30           |
| Tue | Jan 21 | Clothes Closet 10-2                         |
|     |        | Loaves & Fishes 11-1                        |
|     |        | C.F.T. 11-12:30                             |
| Wed | Jan 22 | Men's Bible Study 7am                       |
|     |        | Meeting of the Men 5:30-7pm                 |
| Thu | Jan 23 | Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30           |
| Sat | Jan 25 | Violin choir 4-6                            |
| Sun | Jan 26 | Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 |
|     |        | All Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45        |
|     |        | Infant/Toddler small group 10               |
|     |        | Family Ministry event 12:20-3               |
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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 2 Following the 8:30 service (9:45-10:45) In Fellowship Hall

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting to hear about the many accomplishments that have taken place in the past year at Trinity and voice their vote for council positions.

<u>Personal Care donations for the Clothes Closet:</u> Feminine hygiene products, soap, toilet paper & toothpaste.

<u>Christ Clothes Closet:</u> The Closet needs donations of men's and women's socks and winter coats for all as they continue to give away cold weather gear throughout this season.

Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible study is Back! Due to popular demand, Pr. Jake is bringing back Scripture and Sandwiches for an eight week walk through the Sermon on the Mount! We'll meet each Thursday from 12-12:30 beginning on January 9th for a bit of bible study and conversation over lunch. The meetings happen via Zoom so you can join in from wherever you are! Use the Zoom info below or follow the link provided in the weekly emails to join! Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

# Middle School and High School Youth Meetings:

For our next Youth Meetings, we will be taking an adventure, but on different days. We'll meet in the youth room for lunch and then drive over to Airborne Adventure Park in Portage. We'll jump from 1pm-2:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Parents: Please pick up your youth at Airborne. I will need one parent to drive with our middle schoolers and possibly our high schoolers. Let me know if you can help. Please also fill out a waiver form for your youth. Sign up by emailing me or on our Facebook page by the Friday before your meeting.

Middle School Youth Meeting: Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> High School Youth Meeting: Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Stew and Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew Competition! Save the date of Saturday February 22 from 4:30-6pm for Trinity's second annual Stew & Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew competition! Bring your favorite homemade chili, cornbread, show off your homebrewing skills or just come out and enjoy some warmth and fellowship on a cold winter day! Cooks and brewers are invited to arrive around 4:15 with the tasting beginning around 4:30. This will be a people's choice competition, so all styles of chili and home-brewed beverages are welcome! Contact Harry Jachym (hjachym@gmail.com) with any questions!

Meeting of the Men! Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We'll plan to gather at O'Duffy's Pub near Trinity in the Vine Neighborhood on Wednesday January 22 from 5:30-7:00pm for a relaxed Jme of fellowship and conversation!

**Prayer Shawls** are available for gifting to members of Trinity and their extended families and friends in times of healing, grief, celebration, or any other occasion one feels the need of God's loving presence. To request a prayer shawl, or with questions about our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Sidney Mueller (269-806-0023), one of the pastors, or Julie Peterson, chair of the Caring Ministry team.

# Family Ministry: Our Family Loves Roller Skating Together! Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 12:20pm-3pm

It's time to get our groove on and boogey on down to Roller World for an afternoon of roller skating! We will meet at Trinity for lunch at 12:15pm and then caravan over to Roller World to be there from 1pm-3pm. We hope you'll join us for this fun experience. Cost is \$5 per person, paid to Heidi (checks can be made out to Trinity, memo: Family Ministry). If you're already out and about, you can meet us there at 1pm. Let me know if you are able to join us by emailing me (hmfuerst@aol.com) or sign up on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry). Please sign up by Friday, January 24th.

Bike repair workshop for El Sol Elementary School! Trinity is once again repairing bicycles to be donated to students and families at El Sol Elementary School! We have an abundance of donated bikes and we're partnering with Open Roads to make sure that the bikes are in top notch condition before passing them on to the students. The repair day at Open Roads will be on February 8th from 11-3ish and we're looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing do the repairs. No experience is necessary as the staff of Open Roads will be there to teach and guide us along the way! Sign up in the fellowship Hall by Feb 2nd to be a part of the crew!

**Emergency Food Box:** Trinity is partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as cans with a flip top lid, ramen, granola bars, crackers etc. should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) or Sandy Wallace (269-375-8876) with any questions.

**Helping Hands Needed at Quilters!!** No sewing required, please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. Quilters take a break in November and December for the holidays but resume again in the new year! For more information, contact Teri at <a href="tel:tkoretsky44@yahoo.com">tkoretsky44@yahoo.com</a> or at 269-567-4238.

**Men's Bible Study** - We will meet next on Wednesday January 8, 22 & February 5, 19. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary".

## Invitation to Connect with Scripture through the Daily Lectionary

It's a New Year, and sometimes that means trying to start a new habit! Why not try a daily bible reading? The cycle of readings we follow through the year each Sunday at Trinity comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is used by a wide variety of mainline protestant churches around the world. In addition to our Sunday readings, the Lectionary provides readings for every day of the year! The reading are short, so they don't take long to read and they are a great way to ground ourselves and create a habit of connect with Scripture in a meaningful way every day of the week!

The Daily Lectionary can be found online at https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/

(you can even sign up to have the daily reading e-mailed to you!). If you're not the digital type, the lectionary is also listed in the back of our church hymnals on page 1121. Whether you use the lectionary or another devotional practice, we encourage to pause in your daily routine to engage with scripture and recognize the presence and promise of God in our midst.

## **Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry Requests:**

Although basic food needs are being met, our pantry clients are most grateful for extras that are not often included in our Loaves and Fishes orders. Adding any of these items to your grocery cart would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the church office.

- cooking oil
- mustard/ketchup/mayo (small bottles are fine)
- cake mix/frosting
- corn bread/muffin mix
- cereal (incl. oatmeal, specially instant)

We continue to have a need for plastic bags but at this time, we no longer are in need of egg cartons.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - I am pleased to report that we were able to send off 59 shoeboxes this year. We had a lot of help and I want to thank these helpers especially: Margaret Stevenson, Teri Barrett, Becky Matyas, Marie Belleville, senior youth group Kaitlyn, Elyse, Kiley, Miryam and Jaxon. There were so many helping with shoeboxes and funds that I can't possibly name them all! The gifts are on their way and need our prayers that the children feel the love of God and want to continue to learn about Jesus through "The Greatest Journey". Blessings too to all who will be doing the delivering. Christmas joy to you all! - Linda Ward, coordinator