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!

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

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

PRELUDE: "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" Nikolaus Herman (1480-1561), setting by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

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.**

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, \pm one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW #311

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.

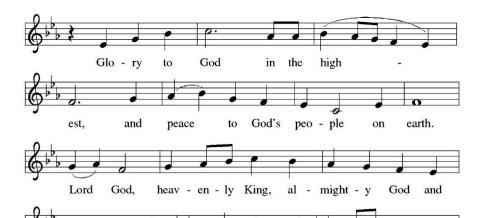


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



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Glory to God



we

give

thanks,

wor - ship you,

Fa - ther,

we



*SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
 - ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
 - ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
 - ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
 - ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 - ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
 - ⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
 - ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 - ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- ¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(please stand)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

*GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather

the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY This is the Spirit's Entry Now **ELW #448**

SERMON

Pastor Jake Lehman

*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.

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.

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

*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.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (*especially*). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. 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.

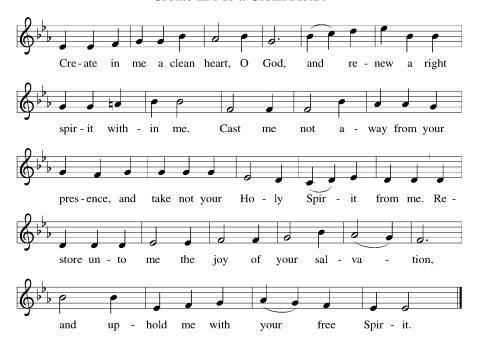


"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Glory Be to the Lord" Nigerian Christian Hymn, setting by Godwin Sadoh (b.1965) 11:00 - "We Saw His Glory" Erhard Mauersberger (1903-82)

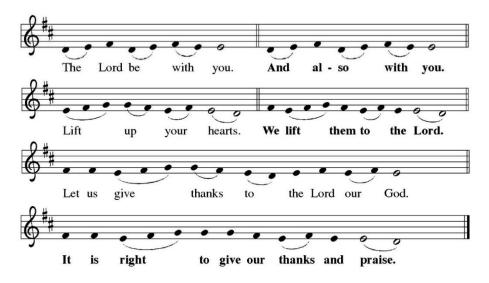
Please stand as we begin singing the "Create in Me" and the elements are brought forward

Create in Me a Clean Heart

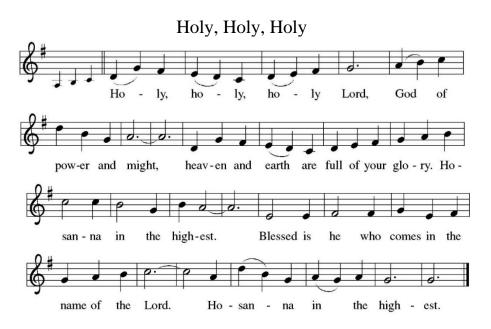


OFFERTORY PRAYER

*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:

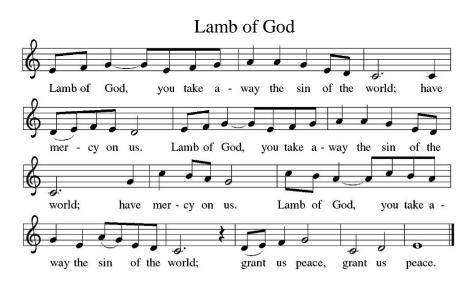


*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

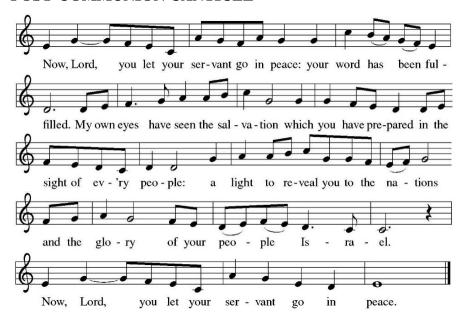
8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.

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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish Folk Tune, Debbie Harding, Piano
- 11:00 "Glory Be to the Lord" Nigerian Christian Hymn, setting by Godwin Sadoh

*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 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized ELW #304

*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Morning Star, O Cheering Sight"

Francis Florentine Hagen (1815-1907)

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:

ALTAR GUILD:

Rev. Ken Johnson **Pastor**

Rev. Jake Lehman **Outreach Pastor**

Nathan Mattson Organist/Director of Music Katie Grubaugh Office Administrator

Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry Heidi Albertson

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

Dr. William Musselman

Organist/Director Emeritus

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Jason Grubaugh, Paula Sportel

11:00 Tina and John Adams

Joyce Magerlein, Holly Wohlfert

LECTORS: 8:30 Arlen Gullickson

11:00 Holly Wohlfert

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Jaxon Grubaugh

11:00 Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmermann

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God

		Calendar of Upcoming Events
Sun	Jan 12	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00
		Choir 9:25
		All Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45
		Church Council 12:15
		Middle School Youth meeting 12-2:30
Tue	Jan 14	Clothes Closet 10-2
		Loaves & Fishes 11-1
		C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Jan 15	Blood Drive 11:30-4:30
Thu	Jan 16	Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30
Sun	Jan 19	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00
		Choir 9:25
		All Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45
		High School Youth meeting 12-2:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blood Drives: We are hosting American Red Cross blood drives once again at Trinity in 2025. The next date is Wednesday Jan 15, 2025! Everyone that comes to donate on January 15th will be entered to win a trip for 2 to THIS YEAR'S Super Bowl! Be sure to get registered

at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

(Sponsor Code: TLC) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

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

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>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 12th High School Youth Meeting: Sunday, January 19th

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!

Family Ministry: Our Family Loves Roller Skating Together! Sunday, January 26th 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. This is entirely reliant on donations from our congregation and not under Loaves and Fishes direction. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods (cans with a flip top if possible) 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 tkoretsky44@yahoo.com 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.

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.