# Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise January 12, 2025

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## **GATHERING MUSIC**

## PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRINITY WELCOME

#### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson

We need to give Christ a chance to make use of us, to be His word and His work, to share His food and His clothing in the world today. If we do not radiate the light of Christ around us, the sense of the darkness that prevails in the world will increase.

**Mother Teresa** 

Every child of Heavenly Father born in the world is given at birth, as a free gift, the Light of Christ.

Henry B. Eyring

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are called by God, All: Drawn to the water,

One: Sprinkled with love, All: Claimed forever.

One: We are loved by God, **All: Never forgotten**,

One: Treated as honored and precious,

All: Receiving divine blessing.

One: We are sent by God,

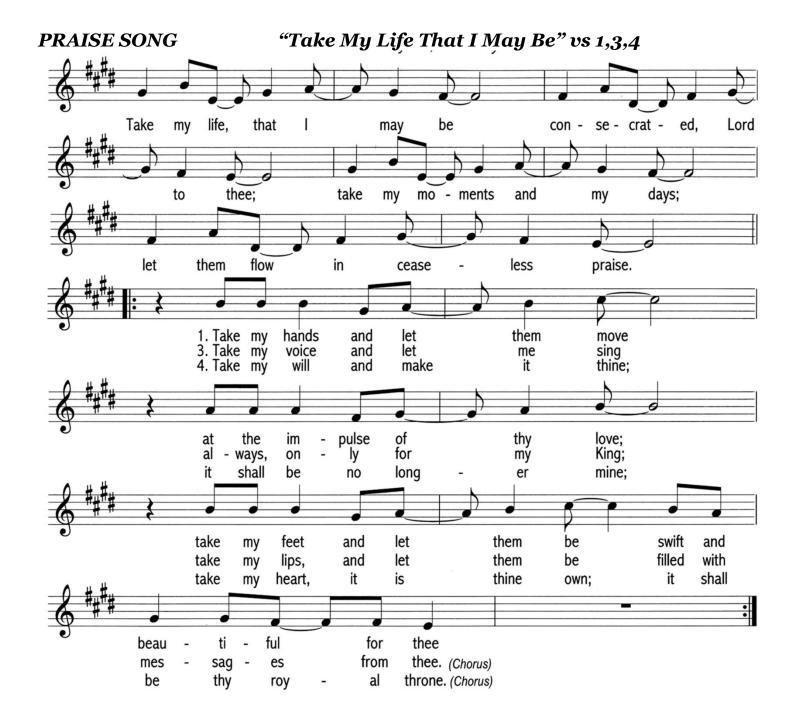
All: To befriend the world,

One: Cherish the young,

All: Comfort the grieving,

One: Lift up the fallen,

All: Forever shining with the light of God's love.



## **OUR CONFESSION**

All: Loving Jesus, your love for us reaches from the cradle to beyond the grave. There is no place or time or situation in which we are cut off from your care. Remind us of that love whenever we forget who we are, forget our blessing in baptism or act out of fear or anger. Forgive us for finding life boring or predictable, filled with routine and sameness when you have placed us in a world filled with your goodness. Turn our world upside down occasionally and surprise us with grace and joy. Keep us forever amazed at your love. Restore our souls and fill us with light and love. Amen.

Leader: The light of God's love that comes in Jesus has set us free from darkness. Let us then live in the light each every day.



THE READING Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, God's Message,

the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in! That's how much you mean to me! That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

"So don't be afraid: I'm with you. I'll round up all your scattered children, pull them in from east and west. I'll send orders north and south: 'Send them back. Return my sons from distant lands, my daughters from faraway places. I want them back, every last one who bears my name, every man, woman, and child whom I created for my glory, yes, personally formed and made each one."

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

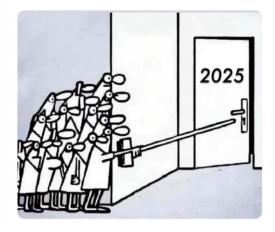
When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**MESSAGE** 

"Do Not Be Afraid"

**Pastor Cristy Schoob** 

I have never related so much to a cartoon in my life.





THE OFFERING

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries.

## THE PRAYERS

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: "God of mercy"; "Hear our prayer.")

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

## THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

All: Here in this place

One: Is bread to ease our hunger,

All: Water to mark our acceptance,

One: Touch to open us to healing,

All: A chalice to announce our forgiveness,

One: A prayer to link us with the Divine, All: A Word to offer us blessing,

One: A community to ease our loneliness,

All: A life that gives us joy!

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat this is my body given for you, do this to remember me."

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, signed in my blood and shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin, do this as often as you drink it to remember me."

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All: We come to share this meal as the family of God.

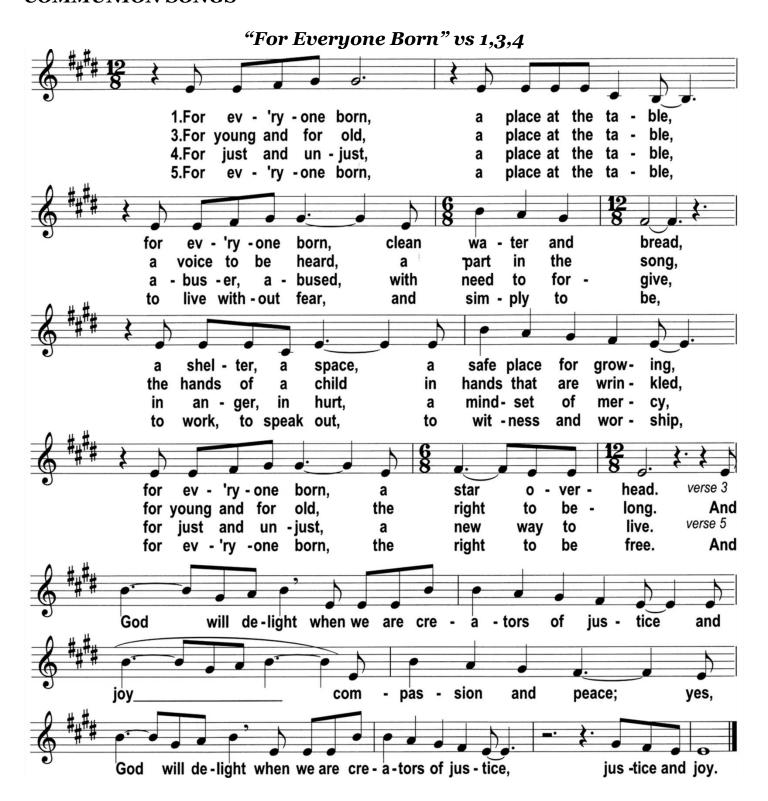
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer. There are individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.





## THE BLESSING

## THE SENDING OUT

Leader: You are heirs of God, members of Christ's body and sharers in the promises of the gospel. Go now into the world, full of the boundless riches of Christ, and reveal to all people the magnificent mystery of God's plan for creation. Go let your light shine.

All: Amen.



## THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the Heritage Room for a coffee hour after the worship service.



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## WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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