

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
January 25, 2026
The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Hope is being able to see the light despite all of the darkness” -**Bishop Desmond Tutu**

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.” -**Dalai Lama**

“There are two ways of spreading the light, the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

-**Edith Wharton**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand as you are able)

Leader: For people in darkness

People: Christ is the light.

Leader: For people in despair,

People: Christ is the hope.

Leader: For people who are grieving,

People: Christ is a comfort.

Leader: For people anxious,

People: Christ is the calm assurance.

Leader: For all people gathered here,

People: Christ is for you

Leader: For everyone gathered here,

People: Hear the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others.

Leader: For all in this place,

People: Let your praise arise.

PRAISE SONG***“Everyone is a Child of God”***

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in common time (indicated by '4') and a key signature of one sharp (indicated by '#'). The vocal line is in soprano C-clef. The lyrics are integrated into the musical notation, with some words underlined to indicate sustained notes. The score includes a repeat sign with a '2' above it, a fermata over the word 'God.', and a 'Fine' at the end of the fourth staff. The fifth staff begins with a repeat sign with a '1' above it. The sixth staff ends with 'D.S. al Fine'. The lyrics are as follows:

We are waiting, we are watching, we are
 You are good - ness, You are mer - cy, You are
 hop - ing to see in the dis - tance, in the
 deep mys - ter - y, in the dis - si - lence You have
 dark - ness a light that sets us free. To see ev' - ry - one
 spo - ken a love that sets us free.
 _____, ev' - ry - one is a child of God. See ev' - ry - one
 _____, ev' - ry - one is a child, a beau - ti - ful child of God. *Fine*
 Set us free. Set us free to see ev' - ry - one *D.S. al Fine*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,

C: the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and
 forgiveness.

C: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

**C: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you
 took delight.**

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

C: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

L: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us
 heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

L: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.

C: Above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

L: Shower us with your Spirit,

C: and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

L: To you be given honor and praise

**C: through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and
 forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Choose Love”

1. It's your world. It's your life. You can and your
2. If you search for what's right
make it what- ev - er you like. It's your time - right
quest for peace be - comes a fight, don't lose faith, don't lose
now; put your foot down, stand tall and be proud. And your
hope; those are two things you tru - ly own.
days can be shaped with hands of love or of rage; choose love.

1. 2 | 2. 3 | Fro - zen in this mo - ment, some -
times it's so hard to move. Fro - zen in these
mo - ments, some- times it's so hard to choose. When it
comes to you, choose love.

(You may be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

The first reading is Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE

"I Will Follow"

1. All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure. I will
 2. Light in - to the world, Light in - to my life, I will
 trust in You, You a - lone. High- er than my sight, seek,
 live for You, You a - lone. You're the One I

high a - bove my life. I will trust in You a - lone.
 know - ing I will find all I need in You a - lone.

CHORUS

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.

When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You.

Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, 1,2,4. I will fol - low You, yeah.

I will fol - low You, yeah.

2nd time to Bridge. At end, sing 4th ending 2X.

I will fol - low

Repeat chorus

BRIDGE

In You there's life ev - er - last - ing. In You there's

free-dom for my soul. In You there's joy, un - end - ing joy. Chorus.

THE PRAYERS (Please stand as you are able)

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(Each petition ends "Merciful God" Congregation responds "Hear our prayer")

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING (You may be seated)

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

Offering Prayer (Please stand as you are able)

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Pastor: In the waters of Baptism, you have claimed us – both light and darkness - and called us your own.

All: We come to be strengthened, reshaped, and made new to shine with your light.

Pastor: In this family meal we celebrate the gift of God in Christ Jesus.

All: In sharing of the bread and wine we find forgiveness of sin and God's resurrection presence.

Pastor: God gives us this gift to share.

All: We come to eat and drink and to be changed.

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Jesus, let your body and blood flow through us to remold us and renew us with your presence.

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.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

THE DISTRIBUTION (You may be seated)

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

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
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.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS “Love is Greater Than Fear”

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some lines repeated in parentheses. The lyrics are as follows:

1. When I can't take the first step; When all I'm hold-ing is - my
2. When I can't seem to for - get; When I can't see the morn-ing light

breath. I pray - that you are there.
yet.

I pray love is great - er than fear.

Love is greater than great - er than great - er than fear. Love is

3. When I can't find a - noth - er way; When I don't

have the words to say. I pray - that you are there.

I pray love is great - er than fear.

Love is greater than great - er than great - er than fear. Love is

4. Love is greater than great - er than great - er than fear. Love is

Love is greater than great - er than great - er than great - er than fear. Love is

Love is great - er than great - - er than great -

- er than fear. Love is

“Round the Table”

4/4

Come to - geth - er 'round the ta - ble_ Come and taste the won - der,
a heal - ing touch and a deep con-nec - tion_ from the liv - ing
cen - ter of it all._ Seek - ing mean - ing on the_ run
Bring a friend or en - e - my
Hear cre - a - tion groan for_ life.

you try and save the day._ But all is read - y
or one you hold or blame. With each oth - er of
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of

will you_ come? Love in - vites the way.
we are_ one, here in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

"May Love Rise Above"

THE COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

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

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God,

C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stay after worship for our Annual Meeting followed by our Chili Cookoff.

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