

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Created to Praise  
February 1, 2026  
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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***GATHERING MUSIC***

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

L: Gracious and holy God,

**C: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *ELW pg. 76***

***TRINITY WELCOME***

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

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."*

**- Ronald Reagan**

*"If you want peace, you must work for justice."*

**-Pope Paul VI**

*"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."*

**- Albert Einstein**

***CALL TO WORSHIP*** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Leader: We gather to worship God who calls us to do justice.

**All: We worship in community with our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Leader: We gather to worship and follow God who calls us to cherish kindness.

**All: From whom all good things come.**

Leader: We gather to worship God who calls us to journey humbly.

**All: God, we are here as your people. Help us to follow you as you guide us.**

## PRAISE SONG

### "God, We Gather As Your People"

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they

trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. (sing v.2)  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few, may their faith in you re - new. (sing v.4)  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the  
church doors o - pen wide. May there be room e - nough for  
ev - 'ry-one in - side. For in God, there is a wel - come, in  
God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others and bless you with the gift of peace.

**All: Amen.**

## RESPONSE

## "Do Justice"

Rac - ing a - round chas - ing i - dols  
Peo - ple bro - ken fall - ing piec - es  
Dead - ly hun - ger des - p'rate cry - ing

un - ful - filled emp - ty ves - sels.  
dig - ni - ty lost, lov - ing ceas - es  
wound - ed liv - ing chil - dren dy - ing.

World on the edge, out of con - trol  
Hope - less eyes lone - ly fa - ces  
Nails in the flesh, pierc - ing fear,

will we sur - vive, God on - ly knows  
yearn - ing hearts, hurt - ing plac - es.  
why can't we see, Christ hang - ing here?

Do jus - tice, love mer - cy,  
walk hum - bly with our God, with our God.

*(You may be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

***Pastor Robb Kosky***

**WORD**

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

**First Reading**

*The first reading is Micah 6: 1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*The second reading is 1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## The Gospel

**Matthew 5: 1-12**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## ***The Gospel Response:***

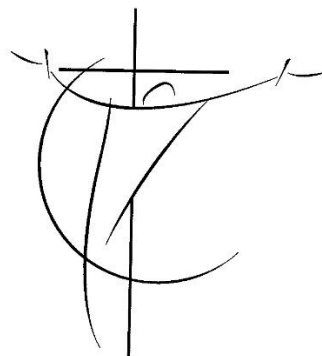
P: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

(You may be seated)

## ***MESSAGE***

**Pastor Robb Kosky**



## ***MESSAGE RESPONSE***

### ***“Lord of Justice”***

The musical score is written on six staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life, help us to do what you  
know is right Oh, oh, oh, Lord of jus - tice, Lord of life,  
guide us through the day and night. *Fine* To the strang - er may we give  
To the wound - ed may we give  
wel - come, to the hun - gry may we give bread. To the  
heal - ing, to the voice - less may we give words. To the  
nak - ed may we give cloth - ing, to the  
cap - tives may we give free - dom, to the  
home - less a re - place to lay their head.  
tor - tured are - lease from all the hurt.

## ***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)*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray. God of majesty,

**C: no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.**

**Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

## 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

### "Be Bold, Be Strong"

Be bold! Be strong! For the  
Lord, your God is with you; Be bold! Be strong!  
For the Lord, your God, is with you.  
I am not a-fraid, I am not dis-mayed, 'Cause I'm  
walk-in' in faith and vic-to-ry. Come on and  
walk in faith and vic-to-ry, For the Lord,  
your God is with you.



### ***"Here at the Table"***



Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and  
lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -  
ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.  
Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,  
Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,  
Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,  
bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,  
bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sigh - ing,  
bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,  
bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.  
bring your cry - ing, bring all of your pain.  
bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

### ***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. Radiant God,

C: we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### ***SENDING***

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

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

# THE SENDING SONG

## "Ubuntu"

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

*Chorus*

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul  
 shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where  
 jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The  
 peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our  
 hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to  
 work for the peace of the land and so we do life!

*Verses (echo song leader)*

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union  
 ... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother  
 ... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,  
 ... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us  
 ... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

*Bridge*

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;  
 2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,  
 3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,  
 made to be seen and be heard and to be known  
 moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flames  
 Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

## ***THE DISMISSAL***

L: Go in peace. Do Justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.*

### **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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