



Baptism of our Lord
JANUARY 10-11, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerriets, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerriets

Organist

Ryan Hulshizer

Cantor

Saturday: Julia Hines Sunday: Kylie Hansen

Acolytes

Amy Zieman, Johnathan Frein

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Liz Fitzgerald Sunday: Candy Marshall

Ushers

Sunday: Tim Latham, John Rodriguez, Joe Sanchez, Julie Sanchez, Gary Watnem

Technical Support

Stella Johnson

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Dan and Nancy Clarke

Coffee Fellowship

Joann Johnson, Gary and Sharon Lindgren

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Jane Anthony

Building Host

Jim Reisinger

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in memory of Kristine Gatewood, Candy's Sister
by Pat and Candy Marshall

COLOR BULLETINS

Today are in honor of
Mark and Jan Feustel's 34th Wedding Anniversary

The Baptism of our Lord

Saturday, January 10, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

Why was Jesus baptized? Christians have wrestled with this for centuries. If baptism is about repentance and the cleansing of sin, and Jesus was without sin, then why did he need to be baptized?

Some point to Jesus' baptism as his first miracle - the Son of God humbling himself enough to be baptized by John. Jesus has no sins to be forgiven. Yet he aligns himself with us, recognizing our needs and aligning with us, to save us. Jesus embraces and unites himself with us in baptism, foreshadowing his saving act on the cross.

BAPTISM TODAY

at the Sunday, 10:30am Service, we celebrate the Baptism of

Blaire Louise Maroo

Blaire is the daughter of Spencer and Mackensie Maroo.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. An **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (the door under the stained glass window door).

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in several places throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.



Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who enters the waters with us and saves us in love.

C **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

C **you had no sin, yet you chose to stand with us.**

P You entered the waters in humility,

C **yet we resist repentance and change.**

P You unite yourself with the broken,

C **yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, O God, and draw us back into your mercy.**

P Hear the good news: Jesus entered the waters for our sake and united himself with us on the cross. In him, your sins are forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

We Shall Gather at the River

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*Greeting

P Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, you sent your Son into the waters of baptism, not because he needed forgiveness, but because we did, choosing to stand with us in humility and love. Wash us in your grace, claim us as your beloved children, and lead us to live for the sake of others, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Gospel Acclamation

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The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes. The second staff continues with the same musical pattern, and the lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerriets

Hymn of the Day *Remember and Rejoice* **ELW 454**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Announcements

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards



*Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

P Generous God, as Jesus entered the waters to stand with us, we bring these gifts as signs of our trust in your mercy and love. Receive what we offer, and use our lives and resources to serve others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING

*Blessing

P May the God who met us in the waters of baptism claim you as beloved and send you forth in grace.

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

*Sending

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, January 12 | 1pm | Gathering Space

Our next book is *Little Wolves* by Thomas Maltman. The story is set on the Minnesota prairie in the last 1980s during a drought season that is pushing family farms to the brink. The book weaves together elements of folklore and Norse mythology while being driven by a powerful murder mystery.

DINNER FOR SIX February, March and April | Please Sign Up by Sunday, January 18

Looking for a meaningful way to connect with others in our church? Join our “Dinner for 6” program, running February–April. Individuals and couples will join a group of six that gathers once a month for a shared meal. Participants may host in their home or organize a restaurant meal where everyone pays their own way. Groups will be assigned, and monthly hosts will coordinate the date and time. **Sign up by January 18 on the clipboard outside the office.**

LUNCH AND LEARN Thursday, January 22 | Noon—1:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Start the new year off with some smiles and tips on how to navigate the “golden years” with grace and ease. Smiling, even if it is fake, is scientifically proven to release mood-boosting hormones while reducing stress hormones which improves mood, lowers blood pressure, and boosts immunity. Connie Bleile, director of assisted living with Good Shepherd Inc., has been blessed to work with resilient individuals who inspire her to share stories, keeping our faith in humanity alive and well. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be provided for a free will donation. Please sign up on the clipboard outside the office or call the church to get a head count for lunch.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: *Due on Sunday, March 1st*

College scholarship applications and reapplications for the 2026-2027 school year are available to pick up on the ledge outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity’s website at trinity-mc.org/scholarships/. ***Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1.***

CARE MINISTRY AT TRINITY

Care Ministry extends God's love through visits, calls, postcards, and home communion to people who are unable to participate in the life of the church as they wish. We have approximately fifty volunteers who make connections with over 80 people each month. If you would like to receive contact from our Care Ministry volunteers or if you would like to volunteer with Care Ministry, please call Becky Elsbernd at 641-423-0536 or e-mail becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org .

COLOR BULLETIN AND ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEETS

New sheets for 2026 been posted outside the office. If you would like to honor a celebration or memory of a Loved One, this is a nice way to remember them and add to our Worship Service as well!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

COMMUNITY MEAL THIS WEEK: 6:00pm to 6:30pm

Menu: Spaghetti Bake, Breadsticks, Tequilaberry Salad, Fruit, Cookies

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE SERIES:

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Gathering Space.

Seeing the World like Luther: Grace, Freedom, and a God Who Meets Us Where We Are

A six-week adult education series exploring not just what Lutherans believe, but how we see God, ourselves, and our neighbors. Led by Pastor Dan Gerriets and Josh Guyer.

- **January 14** — *Simultaneously Broken and Beloved*: A Lutheran Way of Talking About Sin
- **January 21** — *A God Who Hides*: The Cross as the Key to Reality
- **January 28** — *Sacred Stuff in an Ordinary World*: Word and Sacrament as God's Promise
- **February 4** — *Freed... for What?*: Christian Freedom, Love, and Vocation
- **February 11** — *Church for Sinners, Not Saints*: Why This Way of Seeing Still Matters

All are welcome—whether Lutheran, from another tradition, or simply curious. Come for thoughtful discussion, honest questions, and a fresh way of seeing the world through the lens of grace.

***Choir Rehearsal** | Choir Room | 6:30pm—7:30pm

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

YOUTH PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

***Nursery** | 6:30pm—7:30pm | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is UNSTAFFED but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

***Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6** | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:30pm

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming here at Trinity on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week we discover Jesus at the Temple.

Campfire Kids is currently collecting the following items if you happen to have them!

Just drop them off at the office.:

letter writing supplies,
fishing equipment,

old wedding attire,
sea shells, and Mardi Gras beads

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM	Rolling Bandages for Global Health (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 AM	Lectio Divina (322)
9:30 AM	Altar Guild (300)
1:00 PM	Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
5:30 PM	Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
12:00 PM	Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM	Lydia Circle (Rm 208)
6:00 PM	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Alive Adult Series (Gathering Space)
6:30 AM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:30 PM	Youth Programs (Education Wing)
6:30 PM	Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM	BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM	Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, 97.9 KCMR
10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (Contemporary)
11:30 AM	Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

TRINITY ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, January 25 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

This will be an in-person only meeting. Our agenda includes:

- Reports from staff and leadership
- Election of 2026 Committees and Council
- Approval of 2026 Mission Plan (Budget)
- Updates on TLC's strategic initiatives, including potential ministry partnerships