



*Third Sunday after Epiphany*  
JANUARY 24-25, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

***Pastors***

Dan Gerriets, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

***Preacher***

Pastor Dan Gerriets

***Organist***

Nathan Elsbernd

***Cantor***

Colby Gochanour

***Special Music***

**Trinity Bronze Bell Choir**

Marta Eenhuis, Director

***String Quartet***

Pat Guetzko, Sophie Fitzgerald, Dan Garriets, Melissa Shallberg,

***Acolytes***

Calah Hesley, Johnathan Frein

***Scripture Readers***

Saturday: Liz Fitzgerald      Sunday: Warren Torkelson

***Ushers***

Sunday: Mike Brown, Arlyn Butler, John Rodriguez, Jon Wicks, Gary Wattnem

***Technical Support***

Carter Rockwell, Evelynn Hunt, Grace Koob

***Greeters***

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum      Sunday: Rich and Joan Murray

***Coffee Fellowship***

Penny Bennett, Tonya Brunsvold

***Worship Transportation***

Travis Hesley, Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

***Building Host***

Dana Rockwell

## ***Third Sunday after Epiphany***

Saturday, January 24, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

Nations wage war, gangs battle each other, families quarrel, communities of faith divide. We hear others say and even hear ourselves saying, “There is no other way.” In Jesus, the light of God’s kingdom draws near and a new way shines for us to follow.

We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around word, font, and table. Then we go to share the good news, that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

***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.

### **COLOR BULLETINS**

Are given today by Tim and Sherry Becker  
*in honor of Tim's mother,  
Elizabeth Heir's 95th Birthday*



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

## Prelude

(Saturday Only)

*Psalm 23*

(Sunday Only)

*Fanfare Flourish*

Ron Mallory

## 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

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

ELW 582

### \*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 and gracious God, when the world tells us there is no other way, you reveal a new way in Jesus Christ. By the light of the cross, draw us out of fear and division, gather us around your word, font, and table, and send us to share your mercy and peace with all whom we meet, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

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**Children's Message**

**Pastor Dan Gerriets**

## **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

L The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon**  
**the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

L Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

C **Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;**  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**

L My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

C **Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.**  
**Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,**  
**O God of my salvation.**

## Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> 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." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



Musical notation for the first line of the gospel acclamation. The music is in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the



Musical notation for the second line of the gospel acclamation. The music is in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

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

<sup>16</sup>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.”

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

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>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.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Gerriets**

**Hymn of the Day**

***Thy Strong Word***

**ELW 511**

## \*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



## Anthem

(Saturday Only)

***You Raise Me Up***

## \*Offertory

### *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'ly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Offering Prayer

P God of light, you have given us a new way in Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of your mercy, and send us to share your grace and peace with the world, 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 light of Christ shine upon your path revealing a new way where the world sees none. And may the blessing of almighty God ☸, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, go with you now and always.

C Amen.

\*Sending Hymn      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      ELW 815

#### \*Sending

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
C Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

(Saturday Only)

*May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- \*Solar Energy Project / Proposal
- \*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

### **ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH Sunday, January 25 | 11:30 AM - Noon | Fellowship Hall**

Brunch will be served before the meeting for a free-will offering and no RSVP needed.

Menu: Egg casserole with sausage, fruit and sweet rolls.

### **CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, January 27 | 9 AM | Rm 300 and on Zoom**

The Care-Giver Support Group is an opportunity for care-givers to receive helpful information and ongoing support. Facilitators include Staff from Elderbridge and Becky Elsbernd, Trinity Parish Nurse. In-person meetings are held the forth Tuesday of each month and you can join by Zoom if that is easier for you. Please call Becky at 641-423-0536 or e-mail [becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org](mailto:becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org) for additional information.

### **HEALTH FAIR FOR KIDS Sunday, February 1 | 9:15 AM | Education Wing**

Our annual Health Fair for Kids is on Sunday, February 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Wing. This year our focus is on Unique Needs Awareness. Students in grades 1-6 will rotate to four stations to learn about the unique needs of us that require creativity and adaptation.

### **COMMUNITY FAITH NIGHT AT NORTH IOWA BULLS | Thursday, February 5 | 7 PM**

Sign Up by February 1st to get a \$5 Ticket to the Hockey Game! Let's get a big Trinity section for a fun night out in North Iowa! Call the office or sign up on the clipboard just outside the office.

### **TRINITY COMMUNITY SNOW BALL | Sunday, February 15 | 5 PM | Gathering Space**

Trinity will host a Dance Party for children ages 1-10 and a parent or adult chaperone. This special Snow Ball evening event will include dancing and a light meal of chicken soup, crackers and cake pops. There is no cost to attend thanks to the generous Thrivent Action Team funds. Any questions can be directed to [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

### **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: *Applications are 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/](http://trinity-mc.org/scholarships/). *Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1.*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

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

**Menu:** Tuna Casserole, Salad, Cranberry Fluff, 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 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 explore the wedding in Cana!

**Campfire Kids** is collecting letter writing supplies if you any extra for an upcoming adventure!

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### **SPORTSBALL SUNDAY Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8**

Trinity will celebrate the time-honored tradition of Sportsball Sunday on this weekend.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to wear attire from their favorite sports team. If you don't have a favorite sports team, any attire for "Team Jesus" is great. You'll be invited to place your vote with spare change for predicting who will win the big game on Sunday. Proceeds will benefit our Camp Scholarship Fund. We can't wait to see who you will be cheering on!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 AM Quilting Worship  
9:00 AM Lectio Divina (RM 322, Zoom)  
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
9:00 AM Caregivers Support Group (Rm 300, Zoom)  
12:00 PM Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
4:00 PM Trinity at Community Kitchen  
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 29

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

#### 5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, 97.9 KCMR  
9:15 AM Health Fair for Kids (Education Wing)  
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Contemporary)

### WINTER AND WET WEATHER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Hi, my name is Jace Sunken, and I'm a senior at Newman Catholic High School. Every senior must complete a service project to graduate, and mine is a winter/wet-weather clothing and apparel drive. Anything relating to that, such as coats (winter and rain), blankets, pairs of mittens, boots, and umbrellas, are all good items that can be donated. All donations are going to various homeless shelters in upper Iowa and the Salvation Army. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart at the East Entrance for final collection after services on Sunday, January 25. Thank You!

### 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!

### JAMS Backpack Food Drive Sunday, February 1 to Sunday, February 15 Drop Offs at both Entrances

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Backpack Food Drive will begin February 1 and end on February 15. There will be two drop boxes, one by the office (east entrance) and one by the west entrance. Lists of foods that are needed will be located in the front of the box. If you prefer, you can make out a check, put "JAMS" in the memo line, and drop it off at the office or in the collection plate. Thanks in advance to all who donate to this much-needed, twice-a-year program!