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LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
A CITY BUILT ON A HILL  
CANNOT BE HID.

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*



SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

***Pastors***

Dan Gerriets, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

***Preacher***

Pastor Daniel Hanson

***Organist***

Nathan Elsbernd

***Cantor***

Julia Hines

***Acolytes***

Levi Dodge, Leo Peterson

***Scripture Readers***

Saturday: Roger Rossum

Sunday: Kirk Hardcastle

***Ushers***

Saturday: Chris and Jace Suntken

Sunday: Phil Lee, Tony Siemons, Burton TeKippe, Jim Zach

***Technical Support***

Johnathan Frein Carter Rockwell, Ellen Gansen

***Greeters***

Tracy and Mindy Farland

***Coffee Fellowship***

Cynthia Zach, Sandra Willis

***Worship Transportation***

Travis Hesley, Tonya Brunsvold

***Building Host***

Dana Rockwell

**CAMP SUNDAY**

We welcome Chris Dahl, Executive Director at Riverside Bible Camp, to Trinity. Chris will be available to chat between Sunday Services in the Gathering Space.

He will be joining our youth in Sunday School as well.

## ***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Camp Sunday***

Saturday, February 7, 2026 - 5:00 PM  
Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given by Dan & Denise Dahl

*As they Celebrate 50 Years since meeting each other on February 11, 1976 in Sweden.*

*“It was love at first sight”*

### **COLOR BULLETINS**

are given by Marlene and Family

*in memory of her son, Doug Freudenberg*

who would have been 63 years old on February 13th

**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

**Greeting** (Sunday)      **Chris Dahl, Riverside Bible Camp**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P Light shines in the darkness for the upright, yet we confess we often choose the shadows.

**C We have hidden your light, O God, and turned from those in need.**

P We have failed to loosen the bonds of injustice and to share our bread with the hungry.

**C Forgive us, and renew us in the light of Christ.**

P Hear the good news: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
In Jesus Christ,  you are forgiven.

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

## \*Gathering Hymn

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665

## \*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 God of light, you shine in the darkness and call us to live as children of the dawn. Through your Son, the light of the world, and by the power of our baptism, send us to loosen the bonds of injustice, to share our bread with the hungry, and to let our good works reflect your mercy. May your light break forth in us and through us, to the glory of your holy name.

**C Amen.**

Children's Message

Pastor Daniel Hanson

## First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!  
    Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
    to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
    and delight to know my ways,  
    as if they were a nation that practiced  
righteousness  
    and did not forsake the ordinance of  
their God;  
    they ask of me righteous judgments;  
    they want God on their side.  
<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
    Why humble ourselves, but you do not  
notice?”  
    Look, you serve your own interest on your  
fast day  
    and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
    and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
    will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
    a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
    and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
    a day acceptable to the LORD?  
<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
    to loose the bonds of injustice,  
    to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
    and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the  
hungry and bring the homeless poor into  
your house;  
    when you see the naked, to cover them  
    and not to hide yourself from your own  
kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the  
dawn,  
    and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
    your vindicator shall go before you;  
    the glory of the LORD shall be your rear  
guard.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will  
answer;  
    you shall cry for help, and he will say,  
“Here I am.”  
  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
    the pointing of the finger, the speaking  
of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
    and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
    and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
    and satisfy your needs in parched places  
    and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
    like a spring of water  
    whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
    you shall raise up the foundations of  
many generations;  
    you shall be called the repairer of the  
breach,  
    the restorer of streets to live in.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**Hymn of the Day**

***Lord of Light***

ELW 688

## \*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 God of light, receive these gifts as signs of lives offered in your service, that they may help break forth your justice and compassion like the dawn. Let what we give and how we live shine with the light of Christ for the sake of the world.

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 you and scatter every shadow, and may the Spirit send you out to live as children of the dawn. May your lives reflect God's justice, mercy, and love, shining brightly in a world that longs for light.

C Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

*We Are Marching in the Light*

ELW 866

### \*Sending

P Go in peace, reflect God's justice.

C Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

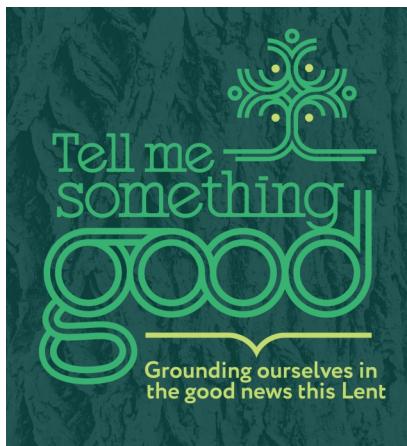
## SPORTSBALL SUNDAY

Sportball Sunday is this weekend and you are invited to place your vote with spare change for predicting who will win the big game on Sunday.

Jars have been placed at both entrances for your vote.

Proceeds will benefit our Camp Scholarship Fund.

We can't wait to see who you will be cheering on!



Lent was originally a season for new converts to Christianity to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: God's mercy, radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—good news for us and for all people. The good news of Jesus brings us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings grounds us in who God created us to be. But can we be “good news” people in a world so full of bad news?

This Lent at Trinity, we want to remember that the good news really is *good news*. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

**Ash Wednesday | February 18 | 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM | Sanctuary**  
*Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion*

**Rejoicing Spirits Ash Wednesday Service | February 18 | 5 PM | Fellowship Hall**  
*Service for all ages and abilities.*

**Lent Wednesdays Worship | February 25—March 25**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Feb. 21-22) : ***So Good it Catches us by Surprise***  
1:00 PM (Chapel) & 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
*Shorter traditional service with a creative liturgy and message*

**Wednesday Dinners | February 25—March 25 | 6:00 PM– 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**  
*A delicious community meal served by TLC Youth*

**WELCA STUDY | Thursday, February 12 | 9:30 AM | Rm 208**

The WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Study, led by the Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist, will meet Thursday, February 12 from 9:30am to 10:30 in Room 208. Using Scripture and Luther's Large Catechism, we shall take a deeper look at the 4th petition of The Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." Women, bring your friends for engaging conversation.

**SOUL SPA Friday, February 13, | 9:00 AM—11:00 AM | Education Wing, 3rd Floor**

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered include gentle yoga, a creative project, Visio Divina, seated healing touch sessions and refreshments. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling the church office at 641-423-0536 or just show up.

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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE Wednesday, February 11**

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

**Menu:** Baked Potato Bar, 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.

- **February 11** — *Freed... for What?*: Christian Freedom, Love, and Vocation

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 observe Shrove Tuesday.

**Note:** *Campfire Kids* is collecting letter writing supplies for an upcoming adventure.

If you happen to have extra, just drop them off at the Office.

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### **WALDORF COLLEGE CHOIR AT TRINITY Sunday, February 15 | Sunday Services**

Waldorf University Choir will sing at Trinity on February 15th during the 9:00 and 10:30 am services. A special donation will be collected, with proceeds supporting the Waldorf University Music Department.

### **JAMS Backpack Food Drive Sunday, February 1 to Monday, February 16**

#### **Drop Off Boxes 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!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
6:30 PM Youth Programs (Education Wing)  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM Soul Spa (3rd Floor Education Wing)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### 5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, 97.9 KCMR  
**10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** (Contemporary)  
11:30 AM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00 PM SnowBall Dance Party (Gathering Space)

### 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.

### 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/](http://trinity-mc.org/scholarships/)

### LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL | Thursday, February 26 | 9 AM - 3 PM | Des Moines

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa for the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill. This event is open to anyone who wants to advocate and help spread the word about the work that Lutheran Services in Iowa does. Participants will gather downtown at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church to learn about LSI advocacy and critical issues facing Iowa children, adults and families, have lunch and travel to the Iowa State Capitol to talk directly with legislators. Pastor Daniel is organizing vans to leave from Trinity's parking lot. The cost is \$25 to cover gas/transportation. We will be traveling with members from a number of other nearby ELCA congregations.

***Please sign up on the office clipboard by Monday, Feb. 16.***