

Jesus did not ask for leaders  
but *followers.*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 13-14, 2024



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

January 13, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

January 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

*Rev. Alvin Rogness was pastor at Trinity from 1942-1952 and later became a renowned professor at Luther Seminary and a leader in the national church. Visiting Trinity in retirement (1984) he commented on today's readings: "Everyone is a follower of something. Even those with no ideals follow the chaotic impulses of their own whims, appetites, or fears. Persons who have chosen to serve an ideal are free from the bondage of their passions. . . Jesus did not ask for leaders, but followers. No person can be a leader unless he is following the ideals of the group he leads."*

**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. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

**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.*

### Serving in Worship This Weekend

<b>Pastor</b>	Dan Gerriettes
<b>Organist</b>	Teresa Jacobson
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan and Millie Godfrey
<b>Cantor</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Melissa Shallberg
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	
	Craig Remmen Roger and Susan Schlitter
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Cliff Rossler
9:00 a.m.	Lucas Frein
<b>Technical Support</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Lucas and Colleen Frein
<b>Worship Transportation</b>	
	Kay Larson
<b>Ushers</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Suntken Family
9:00 a.m.	Brad Baalson Kevin Hendrikson Tony Siemons Burton TeKippe

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our rock and refuge,

**C we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**C Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

ELW 841

**\*Greeting**

P The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world! God be with you.

**C And also with you.**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Prayer of the Day

P Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

### Children's Sermon (9:00am)

Pastor Tom Dettmer

### Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

- L <sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
- <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said

to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of any one who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (*Read Responsively*)

L <sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.

C <sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

L <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

C <sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

L <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

C <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

L <sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

C <sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

L <sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

C <sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

L <sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the first chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: John 1:43-52**

P <sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Tom Dettmer**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

**Bible Dedication (9:00am)**

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

**P** God of grace,  
**C** receive our prayer.

## **\*Peace**

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

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **Announcements**

### **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**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise:  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem in the birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems to be thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

**\*Offering Prayer**

P Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many ways you call people to follow you.  
Allow these gifts to serve your kingdom.

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 God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

**\*Sending**

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers**—are given by Mark and Jan Feustel in honor of their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary which was on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Bulletins**—the cover art is sponsored by **Ron and Dianna Moeller** in honor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

### **Holy Baptism**

Today we celebrate the baptism(10:30am) of **Dakahria Samyha Beek-Harris**. Dakahria is the daughter of Tori Beek. Dakahria's sponsors are Casey Cook, Blaine Osmon, Samantha Steele and Katie VanAuken. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome **Dakahria** to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

### **Walking to Better Health**

**Wednesdays in January |10:30 AM | *Gathering Space***

We will walk in place with easy-to-follow moves to shape the waistline, flatten the tummy, and strengthen the back. These DVD workouts are high energy and loads of fun!

### **BASES Exercise Class—Tuesday & Thursday**

**| 8-9:00 a.m. | *Gathering Space.***

This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. The low-impact exercises are designed to help stretch and strengthen the whole body.

### **Rejoicing Spirits—Wednesday, January 17**

**5:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

### **Lunch and Learn**

**Thursday, January 18 | 12:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

***Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Ride Tour |***

***(Soup and salad served for a free will offering.)*** Trinity members Joann Johnson and Susan Bangert will share about their 5-day pilgrimage to iconic civil rights sites in Memphis, Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery, a tour offered through the Waterloo Human Rights Commission. We all play a role in dismantling racism through becoming better informed about the history of race relations in this country. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly for the meal. Deadline is **Wed. Jan. 17** and the sign up sheet can be found by the church offices.

## TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and midweek services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office. It is a fun opportunity to engage in being a member of a servant church.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.** Another opportunity to serve our community.

*For more worship serving opportunities, go to [trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers](http://trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers)*

## SIT & SIP

**Saturday, January 20 | 8:30 AM |**

*Gathering Space*

Join us for a comfortable gathering for all ages with coffee, goodies, and good conversation. Our Guest Speaker will be Linda Siems from Molly's Mission.

## The 2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

have been posted. If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary while enhancing Trinity's sanctuary for the celebration of worship, please consider donating altar flowers or colored bulletins for a weekend. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25

## Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications and re-applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available to pick up outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website at [trinity-mc.org/college-scholarships/](http://trinity-mc.org/college-scholarships/). Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1, 2024.

## Puzzle Exchange

**Sunday, January 28 | 10:00 AM |**

Fellowship Hall

The Health Cabinet is hosting a puzzle exchange to give your health a boost! Bring your gently used PUZZLE(S) and go home with "new" one(s)! *Bring 1-Get 1 ~ Bring 2-Get 2 ~ Bring 3-Get 3, and so on.* You may drop off your puzzles any time during the week or bring them to church that Sunday. If you cannot attend in person, other plans can be made. If you have questions, contact Becky at [becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org](mailto:becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org).

**Blood Pressure Checks**—Next Sunday, Jan. 21st from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

# *Wednesday Night Alive*

January 17, 2024

**Meal is at 6pm**

*Assorted varieties of Pizza, Salad and Root Beer Floats*

Free Will Offering

**Programming begins at 6:30**

- **The Chosen** Join Pastor Dan Gerrietts for a viewing and discussion of *The Chosen*, a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed and backstories have been added; however, all the Bible and historical context and artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the scriptures. It is based on the true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. This class will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Trinity's choir** is off during January but will resume in February.
- **The young women's group is for women**. Are you young? Think you're young? Join us. We meet on Wednesdays in the Library for conversations led by the spirit. No Bible knowledge needed... no homework ever. The group will continue the *It's A Wonderful Life* lessons started in November.
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6** students will come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Confirmation students will gather 6:30 – 7:45 pm - in the Sunday School Wing and experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.
- **Flame: Grades 9-12** - Will meet beginning Jan. 24.

**Home Alone Workshop—Wednesday, January 24 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The Home Alone Workshop is designed for youth in grades 3-6 to help prepare them for times when they are home alone. Discussion topics will be creating a home-alone plan, important phone numbers to have available, and how to deal with a variety of situations, both emergency and non-emergency. This class will be held on the 2nd floor of the Sunday School Wing as part of Wednesday Night Alive. If your child doesn't regularly attend WNA, please sign up in the church office by Monday, January 22, for this special event.

## Trinity Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 28

12 :00 PM

Trinity Fellowship Hall & Zoom

**(Trinity Youth will serve lunch at 11:30 AM)**

*Menu: TatterTot Casserole, Salad & Dessert  
Free Will Offering*

Agenda: Pastoral Call Process Update  
2023 Ministry Review  
2024 Mission Goals and Budget

**To attend online and/or to receive the meeting packet in advance, register at [trinity-mc.org/annual-meeting](http://trinity-mc.org/annual-meeting)**

## NORDIC CHOIR

TO SING AT TRINITY

**Saturday, February 3 | 7:00 PM**

Trinity Sanctuary

Join us for a concert by the Luther College Nordic Choir! You won't want to miss the stunning performance by these students under the direction of Dr. Andrew Last. Highlights of the program include choral classics from Rachmaninoff and Hassler and selections from the fusion oratorio Considering Matthew Shepard. No tickets are necessary. A free-will collection will be taken to support the choir.

**Visio Divina—Tuesday January 30 | 10:00 AM |**

*MacNider Museum 303 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Mason City*

Visio Divina, or "sacred seeing," is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image in silence to see what God might have to say to us. We will meet at the MacNider Art Museum, where you will be invited to choose one painting or sculpture that seems to catch your eye. You will then spend time gazing at that one object and reflect on questions or the personal meaning it evokes in you. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)  
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00 p.m. Book Discussion (Gathering Space)  
5:30 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, January 16

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 307)  
Noon Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300)  
4:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee (FH)  
4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)  
5:00 p.m. Education Committee (Rm. 307)  
Finance Committee (Rm. 300)  
Ministries Committee (Gathering Space)  
Generosity Committee

### Wednesday, January 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)  
10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. Walk to Better Health (Gathering Space)  
2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)  
5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service (FH)  
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal  
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

### Thursday, January 18

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
Noon Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Saturday, January 20

*Holy Communion Celebrated*

**5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

### Sunday, January 21

*Holy Communion Celebrated*

*Camp Sunday*

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

*(Livestreamed Facebook & YouTube / KCMR 97.9 FM)*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (Gathering Space)

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**