

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 27, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

January 28, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Guest Preacher
Darrel Gerrietts

Organist Teresa Jacobson

Greeters Rich and Joan Murray

Coffee Fellowship
Cynthia Zach
Gary & Vicki Wattnem

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Kathy Dobrzynski

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Ellen Gansen, Evelyn Hunt
Anni Shallberg

Worship Transportation
Dean Graven and
Bennett Suntken

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Suntken Family
9:00 a.m. Daryl Erickson
Phil Lee
Tony Siemons
Burton TeKippe

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

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**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

*Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Glory to God

ELW pg. 121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



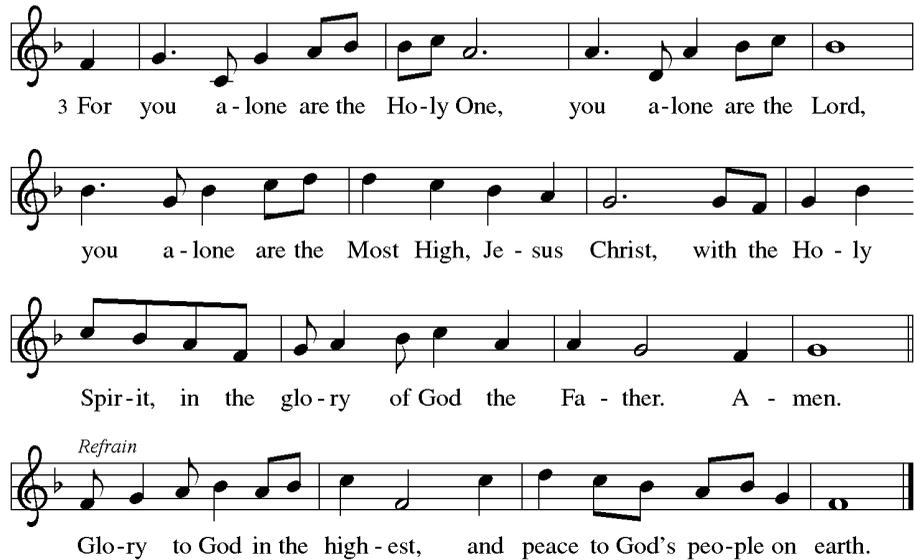
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Compassionate God,
 you gather the whole universe
 into your radiant presence
 and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
 Bring wholeness to all that is broken
 and speak truth to us in our confusion,
 that all creation will see and know
 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (9:00am)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

L [Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

L ¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*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 Mark the first chapter.

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

*Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

P ²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Word

Pastor Darrel Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

***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

ELW 310

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**

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

***Sending**

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

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers—are given by *the Stine's* in honor of **David and Linda Stine's Anniversary**

Thank you to Pastor Darrel Gerrietts for being our guest preacher this weekend.

The bulletin cover art is sponsored by **Harlan and Marge Baack** for our many blessings.

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
- 2024 Mission Goals and Budget
- Announcement from Legacy Fund Committee
- Columbarium Update

Puzzle Exchange | Sunday, January 28 |10:00 AM

in the 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.* If you have questions, contact Becky at becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org.

Visio Divina—Tuesday January 30 | 10:00 AM | MacNider Museum 303 2nd 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.

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 AM | *Gathering Space.*

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

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and mid-week 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.**

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers

Trinity's WEATHER Cancellation Policy

(due to inclement weather) is as follows:

- If Mason City School District has a **2-hour late start**, all morning activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District has an **early dismissal**, all afternoon and evening activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District is **closed for the day**, all day and evening activities are canceled.

Any cancellations made by Trinity Lutheran Church will be communicated via the following media outlets: **KIMT**, **KCMR 97.9 FM**, our **Facebook page**, and on our **website**, trinity-mc.org/announcements/.

John Adams Winter Food Bank Drive

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will begin **January 20 and end on February 4**. There will be two drop sites, one by the office and one by the stairway to the sanctuary. Lists of foods that are needed will be located in the front of the box. Thanks in advance to all those who donate to this wonderful program!

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/. Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1, 2024.

Wednesday Night Alive

January 31, 2024

Meal is at 6pm

*Sweet and Sour Chicken, Rice, Egg Rolls
and Dessert*

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. This class will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6** students will come to *the 2nd floor* and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8 and Flame: Grades 9-12** Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.

Riverside Bible Camp

All Trinity members and their friends receive a subsidy to attend camp, however, the registration policy has changed and is new for 2024. Information sheets detailing everything you need to know are available in the gathering space today, outside the church office, and on our web site. If you have any questions, contact Marty Greder, Trinity Director of Education.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Worship at 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM / Sanctuary

Wandering Heart: "Tune My Heart"

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Grades 5 - 8—Bulls Game | Saturday, February 3
 All 5th-8th grade students and their families are invited to the North Iowa Bulls game on Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM. No cost—this is a sponsored event. Mark your calendars for this fun event, **and RSVP by February 1 by emailing Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org**.

NORDIC CHOIR CONCERT 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. A free-will collection will be taken to support the choir.

The members of the choir **NEED OVERNIGHT HOUSING** that night and transportation to and from the church. If you are interested in hosting 2-4 students (or more!), please email Molly Gerriets at mollygerriets@hotmail.com with the following information: Number of beds available in your home and whether or not you have a pet(s).

WNA—Special Programming for the Young Women's Group | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | **Wed., February 7** in the Library

Are you young? Think you're young? Join us for a time set aside for YOU. In this one-time special event led by **Julie Van Hove** of *Defined Ministries*, we will 'zoom out' for a big-picture look at our lives and then 'zoom in' to consider what God might be calling us into (or out of!). We will discover practical ways to connect with Jesus in any season of life and calling. Come for a personalized evening to dig into areas of life most of us don't take time to dig into otherwise! Dessert will be served.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 30

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
 10:00 a.m. Visio Divina (MacNieder Art Museum)
 Noon Staff Meeting
 4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Wednesday, January 31

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)
 6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
 6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, February 1

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Friday, February 2

5:00 p.m. Winter Jam (7-12th Grades)
 (Des Moines)

Saturday, February 3

Holy Communion Celebrated

5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**
 7:00 p.m. North Iowa Bulls Game (5th-8th Graders)
 (Mason City Arena)
 7:00 p.m. **NORDIC CHOIR CONCERT** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 4

Holy Communion Celebrated

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**