

Trinity Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany January 28, 2024 **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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Introduction

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.

+++GATHERING+++

Prelude

Cast Out, Christ

Charles Ore

Welcome, Announcements, & Friendship Registry-Please Sign In

(Stand)

Invocation

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

Amen.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

God, our rock and refuge, 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. 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. Amen.

Gathering Song ELW#665

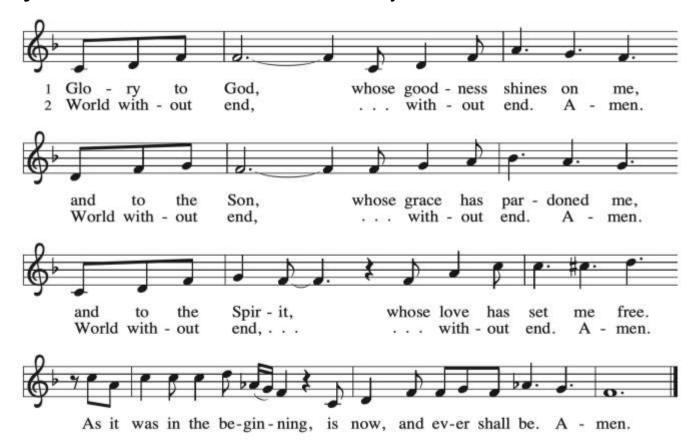
Rise Shine, You People

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise ACS#1087



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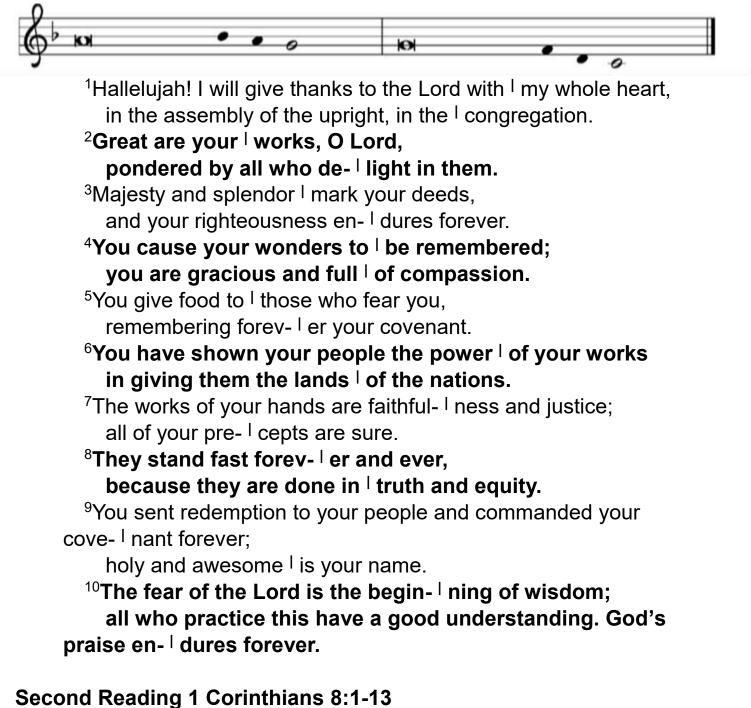
First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This 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." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I 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. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But 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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm139:1-6, 13-18

Sung responsively by whole verse.

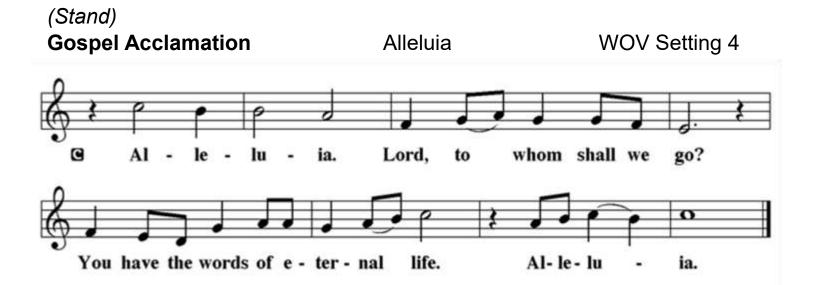


Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, 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." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet 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.

It 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. "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. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For 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? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Mark 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

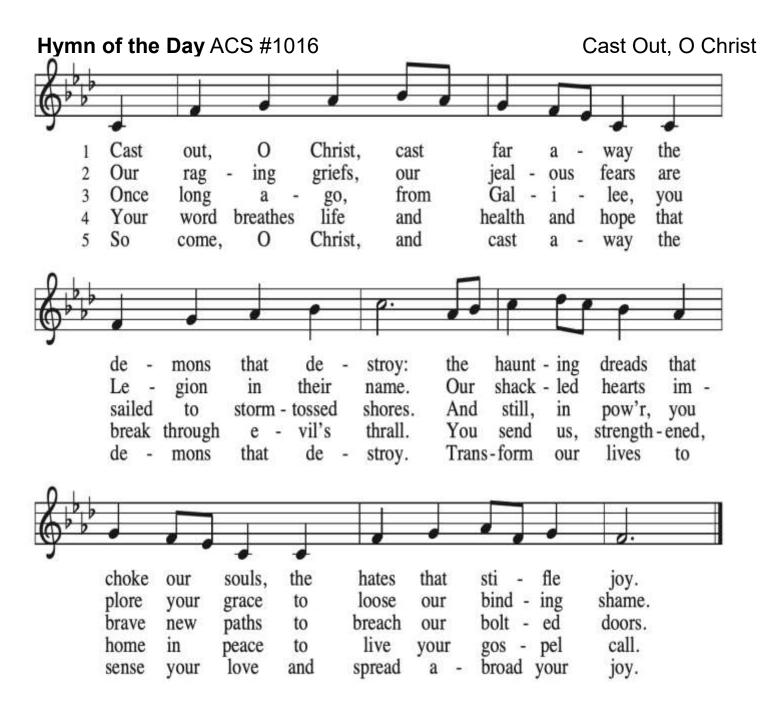
[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They 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." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit) Children's Message Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)



Apostles' Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith.

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 power of 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.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing especially Angela, or health care, and any who suffer especially Bev, Debbie, and Layton. We pray for those who are grieving a loved one especially Hilma whose daughter passed away earlier this month. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives especially Thomas Aquinas whom we commemorate today. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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Offering Song Cast Out, O Christ

David Johnson

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Christ taught us.

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time and trial and deliver us from

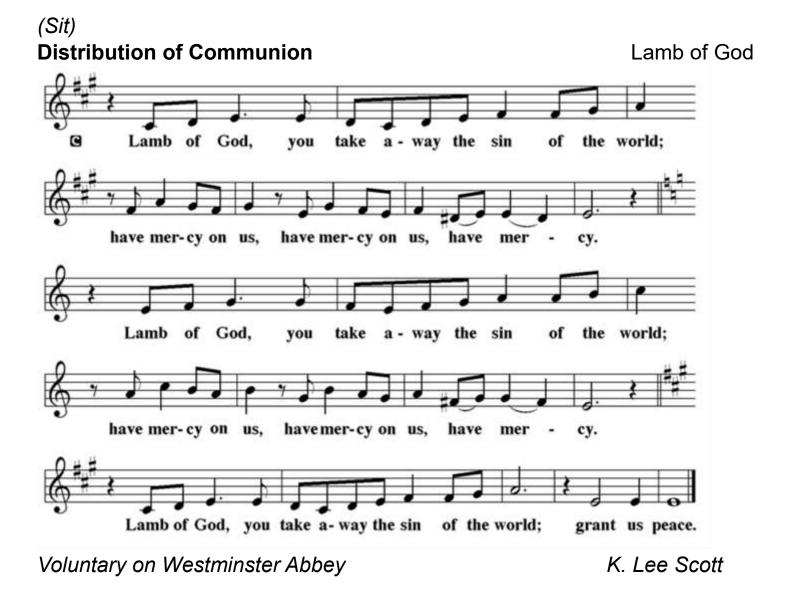
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.



Post Communion Hymn ELW #460



(Stand) Prayer After Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Blessing

Sending Song ELW #537

On Our Way Rejoicing

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing

Mark Sedio

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As you leave, please take a moment, and greet one another.

Worship Participants

Audio: Norm Tippey Video: Bill Sime Ushers: Brian & Jen Robinson, Jim Woods Communion Setup: Janet Page Assisting Minister: Isaac Triplett Reader: Mary Lou Lindberg Wine Servers: Julie Wiegand, Sandra Woods Closing Duties: Hillary Hoffman Acolyte: Lucia Crawford Coffee Fellowship: Danny & Mary Lou Lindberg Organist: Bette Mohr Director of Choirs: James Hutchings Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Announcements

Join us after service in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School-After Worship

Bells- Will practice at 11 am

Endowment Meet-10:45 am today after Worship

Brews & Views-Monday, January 29th at Carriage House with Pastor Carrie

Choir Practice-Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Reminder: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month we will have Communion at the Rail, Wilbur needs to be fed for WHA, and there's a Special Envelope for Publications.

College Care Packages: Are Making a Comeback!

We're planning on starting back our college care packages. Please stay on the lookout for additional information on ways you can help make this successful. We want to show support for our college TLC Members as they're away school. If you're the parent/guardian of one please reach out to the office with their mailing address so they can be included.

Prayer Requests-If you or a loved one needs prayer please complete the salmon-colored sheet in the cups on the table in the Narthex and turn it into the communion plate.

Current Prayer List:

Bev Powell	Prayers for healing & recovery
Debbie	Prayers of peace & comfort, her
	husband has passed away
Layton Sandall	1/17 Hip Replacement. Prayers for a
	quick healing and recovery.
Angela Kohl	Lost home & belongings in a house
	fire 1/16. Prayers for assistance &
	guidance.

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor out of Office: Friday

Cell phone: 618-803-8778 Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191 Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Worship at 5:00 pm, Holy Communion Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday; Facebook Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM www.trinitygalesburg.org trinitylutheran@trinitygalesburg.org

> Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
We invite and welcome everyone.
We engage all generations in education and ministry.
We serve local and global com