

# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany February 2nd, 2025

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304 E. Ferris Street Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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#### +++GATHERING+++

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Prelude..... "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"......Robert Hobby

Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry
The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks
(Stand)

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

#### Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

(Stand)

Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) #308......"

"O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright"

## 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.

## **Glory to God**

ACS (purple) Setting 12, pg. 31-32



## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### +++WORD+++

## First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 71:1-6**

(responsively by whole verse)



- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I <sup>|</sup> taken refuge; let me never be <sup>|</sup> put to shame.
- <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free; incline your ear to | me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to <sup>1</sup> keep me safe; you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold.
- <sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R
- <sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, <sup>I</sup> O Lord God, my confidence since <sup>I</sup> I was young.

# <sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have | been my strength; my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

## **Gospel Acclamation**





Our hearts burn with - in us

as you open to us the scriptures.

## **Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

**Hymn of the Day**, ELW (red) #843, ....."Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

## **Apostle's Creed**

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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness, especially, Sherryl, Carolyn, Tammi, and Brenda, and for those who have passed, especially David, Stevem and Chris. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace, hear our prayer.

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

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

#### Amen.

#### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### +++MEAL+++

Offering Music...... "How Brightly Shines the......Michael Burkhardt Morning Star"

(Stand)

## **Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give our thanks and praise

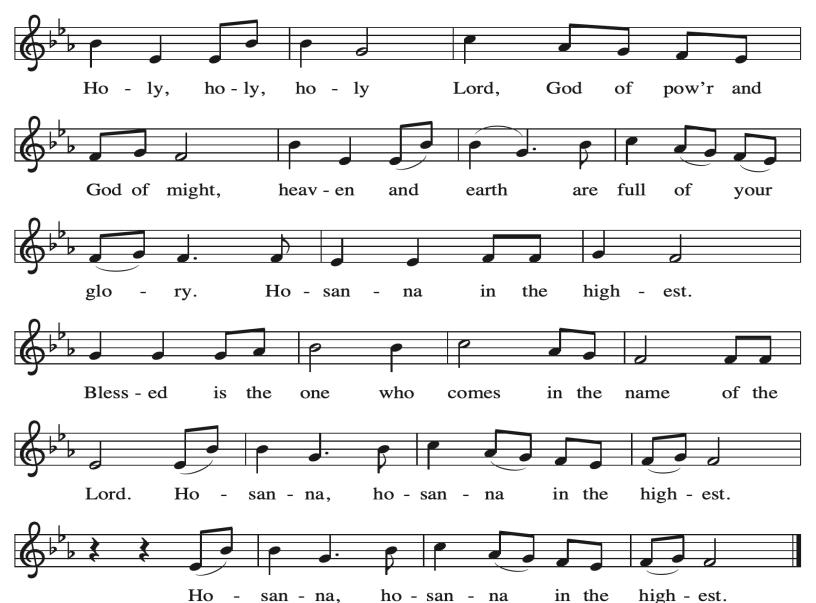
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

# ACS (purple), Setting 12, pg. 36



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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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 come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Receive the bread. 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 wafers are also available. Place empty cups in the bowls carried by the acolyte. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest at the altar rail. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

# **Distribution of Communion**

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

ACS (purple), Setting 12, pg. 40



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



Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.



Communion Music......Now the Silence......Charles Ore

# **Prayer After Communion**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

#### +++SENDING+++

## **Blessing**

Sending Hymn ELW (red) #650..."In Christ There Is No East or West"

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** .... "In Christ There Is No East or West".....Charles Callahan From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2024. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #23928. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Norm Tippey

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Ushers: Kieth Majors, Danny & Mary Lou Lindberg

Communion Setup: Nick Elders Assisting Minister: Sandra Gray

Reader: Linda Tippey

Wine Servers: Heather Hellenga, Bill Sime, Janet Page

Acolyte: Henry Gray, Emma Helvey

Closing Duties: Norm Tippey

Pastor: Carrie Carnes Organist: Bette Mohr

**Announcements** 

Wilbur is in the Narthex hoping for a few treats.

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service.

## February 2

Forty days after the birth of Christ we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There a prophetess named Anna began to speak of the redemption of Israel when she saw the young child. Simeon also greeted Mary and Joseph. He responded to the presence of the consolation of Israel in this child with the words of the Nunc dimittis. His song described Jesus as a "light for the nations."

<u>Prayer List:</u> If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
The friends and family of David	Prayers for Peace
Uhlmann	
The friends and family of Steve	Prayers for Peace
Youngquist	
The friends and family of Chris	Prayers for Peace
Youngquist	
Sherry	Prayers for Healing & Recovery
Carolyn	Prayers for Safety
Brenda	Prayers for Healing & Recovery

# **This Week at Trinity**

Sun, Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am 5:00 pm	Sunday School PRISMS
Mon, Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	•	Brews & Views
Tue, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Exec. meeting
Wed. Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>Grace</b> evening worship

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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# 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**

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of 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**

- 1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
- 2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
  - 3. We invite and welcome everyone.
- 4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
  - 5. We serve local and global communities.