

# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Third Sunday After the Epiphany January 26th, 2025

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304 E. Ferris Street Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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#### +++GATHERING+++

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Prelude J.S. Bach

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

### **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)

### **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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Amen.

(Sit)

### +++WORD+++

### First reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup> All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 19

(Read responsively by whole verse)

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
  - <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single

member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

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 4:14 - 21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the

surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

### Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

**Hymn of the Day**, ELW (red) #904, ......"Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus"

### **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.

(Sit)

### **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.

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

### hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery, especially Duane, Sherryl, Tammi, and Carolyn. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world, especially fellowship hosts, worship leaders, council, and committee members. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, and beloved friends and family who have died. 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.

A brief pause

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.

(you may greet one another with a sign of peace)

### +++MEAL+++

Offering Music......Hail to the Lord's Anointed......Allen Pote Sr. Choir (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 God Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho 1y Lord, pow'r full God of might, heav - en earth of and are your glo Ho - san in the ry. na high est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the of the Ho Lord. in the high - est. san - na, ho - san na san - na, ho - san na in the high - est.

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 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.

(Sit)

### **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.....Larghetto......William Boyce

**Post Communion Hymn** ELW (red) #1056...... "God Bless Us to Our Bread" (Stand)

### **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**

Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW (red) #551 ......"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** ..... "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ......Wilbur Held 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: Grant Robinson

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: Roger & Melissa Williamson, Harold Waters

Communion Setup: Janet Page

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Robinson

Reader: Mark Holmes

Wine Servers: Jennifer Holmes, Sandra Woods

Acolyte: Nick Elders

Closing Duties: Grant Robinson

Pastor: Carrie Carnes Organist: Bette Mohr

**Announcements** 

# Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service

### Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

On the two days following the celebration of the Conversion of Paul, his companions are remembered. Timothy, Titus, and Silas were missionary coworkers with Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and was commissioned by Paul to go to Ephesus, where he served as bishop and overseer of the church. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, accompanied him on the trip to the council of Jerusalem, and became the first bishop of Crete. Silas traveled with Paul through Asia Minor and Greece and was imprisoned with him at Philippi, where they were delivered by an earthquake.

<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>

Duane Anderson Prayers for Healing Sherryl Prayers for Healing & Recovery

Carolyn Prayers for Safety

### **This Week at Trinity**

Sun, Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	PRISMS
Tue., Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	The Tie That Binds
Wed, Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thur, Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Tidings Label & Seal
Sat, Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Grace 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.