

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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304 E. Ferris Street

Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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**+++GATHERING+++**

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God’s glory revealed in Christ.

**Prelude**..... “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” .....Robert Powell,  
John Ferguson

**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, † 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.**

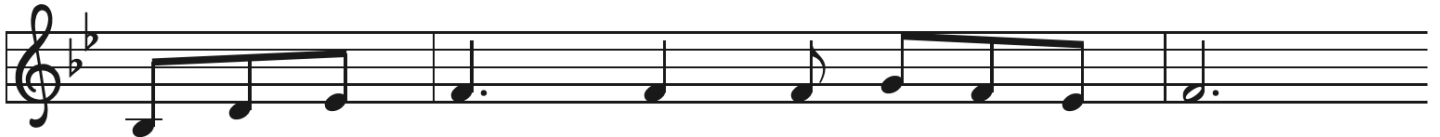
**Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) #656....."Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

### **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



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Sit)*

+++WORD+++

**First reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

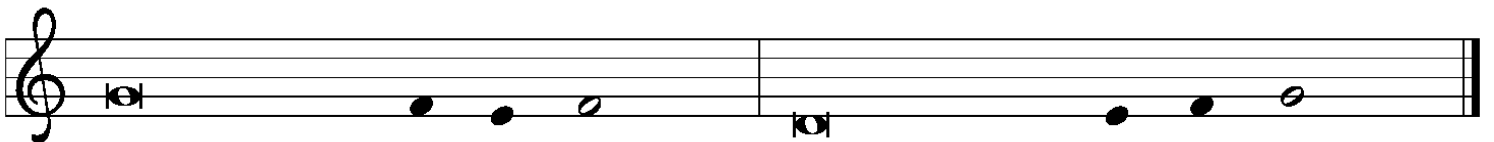
<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

*(responsively by whole verse)*



- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by <sup>|</sup> evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those <sup>|</sup> who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither <sup>|</sup> like the grass,**  
**and like the green grass <sup>|</sup> fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord <sup>|</sup> and do good;  
dwell in the land and <sup>|</sup> find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> **Take delight <sup>|</sup> in the Lord,**

**who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on-ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

<sup>10</sup> **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;**

**even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land;

they will delight in abundance of peace.

<sup>39</sup> **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord;**

**you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup> You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

## **Second Reading: : 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

*(Stand)*

### Gospel Acclamation



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

*Repeat alleluia*



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

### Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be

forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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) #722.....“O Christ, Your Heart  
Compassionate”

## **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.*



Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care, and those who are injured, ill or bereaved, especially Brenda, Sherryl, Duane, Suzi, Morris, Robin, Judy, Jenna, Juan, and Marsha. Be with those who have passed, especially David, Steve, Chris, and Anna. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us, especially Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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**..... “Lord, Make Us Worthy” .....Natalie Sleeth  
*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 to the Lord our God.

**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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - 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



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



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



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



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

*“Lord of Glory, Mark Sedio,  
 Communion Music..... You Have Bought Us” ..... David Cherwain*

**Post Communion Hymn ELW (red) #966.....** “Loaves Were Broken,  
Words Were Spoken”

*(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**

The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn ELW (red) #708.....** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us  
With Your Love”

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude.....** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love....J. Wayne Kerr  
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***As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.***

**Today’s altar flowers were provided by Carol Brown**

*In memory of Quentin Brown*

### **Worship Participants**

Audio: Grant Robinson

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Ushers: Norm & Linda Tippey, Harold Watters

Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand

Reader: Lynn Armstrong

Wine Servers: John Armstrong, Lynn Armstrong

Acolyte: Nick Elders  
Closing Duties: Harold Watters  
Pastor: Carrie Carnes  
Organist: Bette Mohr

## Announcements

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service

### **Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156**

Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna (in present-day western Turkey) and a link between the apostolic age and the church at the end of the second century. He is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation. In turn he was known by Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon in France, and Ignatius of Antioch. At the age of eighty-six he was martyred for his faith. When urged to save his life and renounce his faith, Polycarp replied, "Eighty-six years I have served him, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my king who saved me?" The magistrate who made the offer was reluctant to kill a gentle old man, but he had no choice. Polycarp was burned at the stake, his death a testimony to the cost of renouncing temptation.

**Prayer List:** 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.

#### **Name**

The friends & family of David  
Uhlmann  
Brenda Johnson  
The friends and family of Steve &  
Chris Youngquist  
The friends and family of Anna  
Engholm  
Sherryl  
Duane Anderson  
Suzi Kuhn  
  
Morris Tammen  
Robin  
Jenna  
Judy Deimer  
Juan & Marsha Medina

#### **Prayer**

Prayers for peace  
Prayers for healing & recovery  
Prayers for peace  
Prayers for peace  
Prayers for healing & recovery  
Prayers for healing  
Prayers for strength, healing &  
recovery  
Prayers for strength & healing  
Prayers for healing  
Prayers for health & wellness  
Prayers for peace  
Prayers for health & recovery

## **This Week at Trinity**

Sun, Feb. 23rd	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	PRISMS
Tue, Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	The Tie That Binds
Wed, Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Tidings Label & Seal
Sat, Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>TLC</b> evening service

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  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.