

Mission Statement ~ Our Church Exists To:

Welcome all people into relationship with Jesus Christ
Equip people with a vital, living faith, and
Send us into the world to serve in Jesus' name



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Baptism of Our Lord +++ January 10, 2021, 8:30 Worship

Welcome to Worship at Trinity

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us or if you regularly attend we want you to know how glad we are that you have chosen to take time today to worship God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ here with us.

Worship is an act of surrender. It is an acknowledgement that we are creatures, not the creator. It is an admission that all we have is a gift given, not because we deserve it but because we are beloved. It is a time of praise – thanking God for being our God.

If you would like to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus through Trinity Lutheran let us know – we would love to accompany you on your faith journey.



Introduction to the Day

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

“Baptized and Set Free” #453, ELW

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our
lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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

“Christ, Be Our Light” #715, ELW

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GENESIS 1:1-5

Sandy McMerty, reader

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 29

(Please read responsively.)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned asking forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

APOSTLES' 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 THE PEOPLE

*The refrain of "Christ Be Our Light" will be sung before/after the petitions.
Please pray for Mike, Bob, Karene, Evangeline, Clint, Donna, Melissa, Connie, Brenda, and Jackie.*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN **"What Child Is This" #296, ELW**

OFFERING PRAYER

**O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus” #451, ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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***We are not yet singing as a congregation, but we are providing these hymn texts so that
you may more deeply consider the wonder of the poetry the hymn contains.***

Baptized and Set Free

- 1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.

- 3 We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

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Christ, Be Our Light

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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What Child Is This

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

- 2 In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

- 3 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen

Text: John C. Ylvisaker
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ANNUAL MEETING

Trinity's Annual meeting is set for February 28 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. There will be a couple of very important items of business on the agenda, including:

- voting on updating our constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions.
- voting on significant renovations and repairs to the sanctuary heating and cooling systems, the thermostatic controls for the building, windows for the 1950's educational addition, roof repairs, some light fixture replacements and a couple of other items.

To help members of the congregation understand both of these significant items, **informational meetings will be held after the 8:30 worship on Sundays and the 6:00 worship on Wednesdays beginning January 24th.** These meetings will be used to explain what is going on, to gather your questions, and help members be prepared for the annual meeting.

As we approach the annual meeting it is important to understand who is a voting member of the congregation. This is the language from our current constitution:

- 8.02 b. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
- c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

This month we will publish a list of voting members. You are welcome to stop in the church office to ensure your name is on the list. We know that we have people who are members who contribute cash. To fulfill the "made a contribution of record" all a person needs to do is once a year put their cash in an envelope with their name on the outside of the envelope.

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Mary Jensen, given by Bev Blumhagen and Helen Nelson and family.

RADIO BROADCAST AND INTERNET STREAMING are given by Scott Wick, in memory of his grandparents, Reine and Esther Link, and Glen and Lucy Wick.

SIX WEEKS ON MONEY—Do your personal finances keep you up at night? Does talking about money make you cringe? Imagine what it would mean for the ministries of our church if we were able to tell stories of how we as God's people were thinking and feeling differently about money and personal finance! Take a positive outlook on saving, spending, and generosity!

Trinity Lutheran is participating in an ELCA pilot program on personal finance called "Six Weeks on Money." This is a six-week program that focuses on viewing money management and personal finance in a positive, faith-driven way. **It is:**

BIBLICAL: What Jesus says about money and God's abundance.

ACCESSIBLE: For all incomes, backgrounds, and situations.

FLEXIBLE: Non-judgmental and realistic approach to credit cards and home mortgages.

HOLISTIC: Neither "pro" or "anti" wealth. Focus on a healthy relationship with money by helping people align with core values.

This is an all-digital course with opportunities for several small discussion groups. The program will start on January 25th. Trinity is offering this program to families at a discounted rate with the understanding of participants providing feedback on the course experience. More information will be forthcoming as the course start date approaches.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking this course, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth (neuharth@trinitybismarck.com) as there is online registration.

ALTAR FLOWERS may be given in memory or in honor of someone. Cost is \$55. To order, please call Jan in the church office at 223.3560.