



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

***Baptism of Our Lord
Jan. 12, 2025
8:30 a.m.***



GATHERING

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are thirsty, **Come to the water.**
All how are seeking, **Come to the water.**
All who are longing for justice, **Come to the water.**
All who are carrying heavy burdens, **Come to the water.**
All who are in need of mercy, **Come to the water.**
All are from every time and every place, **Come to the water. AMEN**

SONG

*When Long Before Time
(verses 1-3)*

ELW #861

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISMAL WATERS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Source and Fountain, Living Water, River of Life.
AMEN

Connected by water to all of creation,
Sustained by water, the foundation of life,
Joined to Christ by water and the Word,
We give thanks for the gift of Baptismal waters -
Waters that bathe us in Divine Love,
Waters that remind us of Divine Mercy
Waters that equip us for being bearers of this
Love and Mercy in the whole world.

Holy Trinity, +one God, we give you thanks for this earth, our planet home
And the waters that fill and sustain it.

We thank you, God for water.

We give you thanks for oceans and lakes (*include names of nearby oceans and lakes*), rivers
and streams, (*include names of nearby rivers and streams*), for rain and snow, fog and dew.

We thank you, God for water.

We give you thanks for water to drink,
Water to grow and cook our food, water to wash us,
And water in which we play.

We thank you, God for water.

We give you thanks for water that quenches our thirst,
Nourishes our bodies and helps to keep us healthy and strong.

We thank you, God for water. Amen

***Welcome to
Worship at Trinity
Lutheran***

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So “church,” thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the “church.”

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

WORDTHANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISMAL WATERS

Creator God, Our Source and our Fountain,
We give you praise for water stories in the Bible,
Stories that tell us of your love and show us your mercy.

We praise you, God for water stories.

We give you praise for
The waters that provided Moses' mother
a way to send him to safety,
The waters that flowed from the rock when
your people were thirsty in the desert,
And the waters that parted to create
a path for your people to freedom.

We praise you, God for water stories.

We give you praise for
The waters in which Naaman was healed,
The waters with which Jesus washed his disciples' feet,
And the water by the side of the road in which
The Ethiopian was baptized.

We praise you, God for water stories.

We praise you for the river in which your Son was baptized,
The river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
Flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb,
And especially for the Living Water who is Jesus –
proclaimed to the Samaritan woman at the well,
and to all people of all times and all places,

We praise you, God for water stories. Amen

FIRST READING: excerpts from GENESIS 7-9

Many years passed after Adam and Eve left the garden.
People began to forget about God.
They began to do bad things.
There was only one good man.
His name was Noah.
God said, "I am sorry that I made people.
I will start all over again."
God told Noah to build a big boat called an "ark."
God showed Noah exactly how to build it.
When the ark was finished,
God told Noah to put animals in it.
Noah obeyed God.
He put some of every kind of animal
Into the ark.
Then God shut the door.
Soon rain began to fall.
The raindrops made little puddles,
Then bigger puddles.
The big puddles became streams,
Then rushing rivers,
Then sloshing seas.
Soon the whole earth was covered with water.
The ark tossed up and down on the waves.
But Noah and his family and all the animals
Were safe and dry inside the ark.

SONG*Springs of Water, Bless the Lord*

ELW #214

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak: "I really understand now that God does not consider some people to be better than others. He accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right. It is not important what nation they come from. God has spoken to the people of Israel. He sent them the Good News that peace has come through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all people.

Seibel girls, readers

Then one day the rain stopped.
Noah opened a window in the ark.
He saw water everywhere.
He sent a dove to fly out and look for land.
But the dove came right back.
It could not find a place to rest.
The next time Noah sent the dove,
It brought back an olive leaf.
The water was going down.
The next time, the dove did not come back.
It was time to leave the ark.

The ark was resting on top of a mountain.
Noah and his family and all the animals came out.
Noah thanked God for keeping them safe.
Then God put a dazzling rainbow in the sky.
It was God's promise that water would never again
cover the whole earth.

“You know what has happened all over Judea. It began in Galilee after John told the people they needed to be baptized. You know about Jesus from Nazareth. God made him the Messiah by giving him the Holy Spirit and power. Jesus went everywhere doing good for people. He healed those who were ruled by the devil, showing that God was with him.”

“We saw all that Jesus did in Judea and in Jerusalem. But he was killed. They put him on a cross made of wood. But on the third day after his death, God raised him to life and let him be seen openly. He was not seen by everyone, but only by us, the ones God had already chosen to be witnesses. We ate and drank with him after he was raised from death.”

“Jesus told us to go and speak to the people. He told us to tell them that he is the one God chose to be the Judge of all who are living and all who have died. Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name. All the prophets agree that this is true.”

SONG

Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life

ELW #210

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life

ELW #210

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

A River Runs through It

Pastor Martha HarriSon

SONG

Shall we Gather at the River?

ELW #423

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Louise, Judy, Amy, Barb, Darrell, Karen & Edward.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Christ’s peace is with you.

And also with you.

MEAL

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISMAL WATERS

Saving God, our Living Water.

We glorify you for Holy Baptism,

For water used according to your command

And connected to your Word.

We glorify you, O God.

We glorify you, O God, for making us your own,

Through the grace-filled water of life

And a bath of new birth in the Holy Spirit.

We glorify you, O God.

We glorify you, O God

For delivering us from sin and death,

And for raising us to new life in Christ.

We glorify you, O God.

We glorify you O, God

That we have been made right by your grace

And made heirs according to your promise

And the hope of eternal life.

We glorify you, O God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW #191

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shall We Gather/ Deep River

John Carter

SONG

When Peace Like a River

ELW #785

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISMAL WATERS

Sustaining God, our River of Life we honor you
For calling us to live among your faithful people,
To hear your word and share in your Supper,
To proclaim your good news in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

We honor you, O God.

We honor you, O God
For showering us with your Holy Spirit,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
The spirit of joy in your presence,
Both now and forever.

We honor you, O God.

We honor you, O God
By letting our lights shine before others
So they may see our good works,
And glorify you, As we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world.

We honor you, O God. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
Source and Fountain, Living Water, River of Life
Be upon you this day and remain with you always.

AMEN

SONG

When Long Before Time
(verses 4-6)

ELW #861

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025



RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Leo Pattison on his 102nd birthday. Given by Julie Leer.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM SIGN-UP - The sign-up sheet for 2025 is located in the Narthex.

CLUB 316 IS GOING BOWLING! - TODAY @ 2:30 p.m. for grades 2-5 & 6-8. Meet us at Ten Spot Lanes in Mandan or contact Gracia to carpool from Trinity. Please contact Gracia if you plan on attending so we have enough spots reserved.

POCKET CROSSES – Last fall, we had some small pocket crosses available for people to take and to give away randomly to folks as a way to share God's love. We were able to restock them and plan to have them at the welcome center for folks to grab as needed. They come in packs of 3 with a card that can be passed along with the cross.

MEN'S GROUP - Men's Group will meet this Saturday, January 18th @ 8 a.m. Contact Pastor Mark for questions.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



ADDICTION: IT AFFECTS US ALL

*An evening opening up conversations
about mental health and substance abuse.*

Meal @ 5:15 p.m.; Worship @ 6 p.m.

**Event in Sanctuary:
Wednesday, January 22
@ 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

*Hosted by Trinity's Mental Health
& Substance Abuse Task Force

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Panel Discussion:

Dr. Missy Henke
Judge David Reich
Mandy Dende with RADD
Personal story shared

Coffee & treats to follow.

*All are welcome and
encouraged to bring a friend!*



Mental Health & Substance Abuse Task Force Event

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Wednesday, January 22nd
@ 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
in the sanctuary

Panel discussion by:

Dr. Missy Henke
Judge David Reich
Mandy Dende with RADD
Personal story shared

Coffee and treats following the presentation.



2025 MISSION TRIP JULY 27 - AUGUST 2 GRADES 8-12



We're headed to Duluth for a week of service, faith, and fun!

- Service Projects in morning and early afternoon.
- Go out & explore after supper.
- Daily devotion and worship times led by the Camp Staff.
- Friday we'll be doing sight-seeing type activities hopefully including glass blowing!

SERVE BOLDLY IS A MINISTRY OF GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 1-12

8:30 AM - **Worship** in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - **Bible 101** in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - **Church School**
10:30 AM - **Worship** in Sanctuary
1 PM - **Soul Sisterhood** at Good Shepherd
2:30 PM - **Club 316** goes bowling at Ten Spot Lanes

Tuesday 1-14

9 AM - **Quilters** in Quilters' Room
5:30 PM - **Faith Formation Committee** in Conf. Room

Wednesday 1-15

2:30 PM - **Upstairs Bible Study** in Room 212
5:15 PM - **Dinner** served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - **Worship** in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - **Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group**

Thursday 1-16

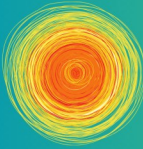
9:30 AM - **Thursday Morning Circle** in the Conf. Room
5 PM - **Mental Health Task Force** in the Conf. Room
6:30 PM - **Council** in the Conference Room

Saturday 1-18

8 AM - **Men's Group** in Fellowship Hall

Sunday 1-19

8:30 AM - **Worship** in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - **Bible 101** in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - **Church School**
10:30 AM - **Worship** in Sanctuary




CLUB 316

ADVENTURES IN FAITH
FOR KIDS & YOUTH

We're Going Bowling!

Sunday, January 12
2:30 p.m.
@ Ten Spot Lanes
107 11th Ave NE, Mandan
We'll meet you there!
Contact Gracia if you want to carpool from Trinity.
Please let Gracia know if you plan to join us so we have enough spots!




MEN'S GROUP

3rd Saturday of the month
@ 8 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

- Faith
- Fellowship
- Breakfast
- All are Welcome



Contact Pastor Mark with questions at Narum@trinitybismarck.com



Camperships

Because we believe in the value of Bible Camp, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of half the cost of camp to anyone enrolled in Trinity Church School, Confirmation, or Youth Group attending an ELCA Bible Camp. See Gracia for more info.

Camp of the Cross Summer Camps

Check out the options at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, ND has to offer this summer! There are great options for kids & youth of all ages! Scan the QR Code to go to the Camp of the Cross website.



BOOK STUDY

BOOKS ARE NOT PROVIDED

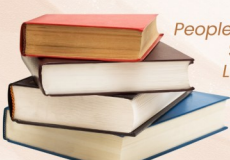
"The Anxious Generation"

How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness
By Jonathan Haidt

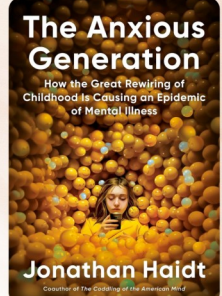
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WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 29TH - FEBRUARY 26TH
6:40 PM
In the Conference Room



People can choose to read the book or not.
Study/discussion will be led by
Liz Schmidkunz & Pastor Martha.



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Sunday Evening Community Worship at Trinity

Community Winter Hymn Festival

Sunday, January 26th at 3:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck is creating special Sunday evening worship experiences to help gather the wider community together. The goal is to create experiences that are contemplative and beautiful and allow us to take time for prayer, silent reflection, and singing.

Community Winter Hymn Festival

A special hymn festival featuring favorite hymns especially those we sing in the winter season in our community. The special service will include musicians, prayer, and scripture. Open to the entire community!

