

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 Wednesday Jan. 15, 2025 6 p.m.



GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Living Waters

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WELCOME

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

SONG Come to the Water of Life

ACS #955

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.

WORD

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

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip Seifert, reader

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON Pastor Martha HarriSon

SONG/OFFERING 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.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 1-15

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

Tuesday 1-14

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

Wednesday 1-15

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212

4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conference Room

5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School

6:45 PM - "Addiction: It Affects Us All" in Sanctuary

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

<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u> Peace Is Flowing Like a River Carey Landry

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 Rain Down Spirit & Song #134

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Mental Health & Substance Abuse Task Force Event

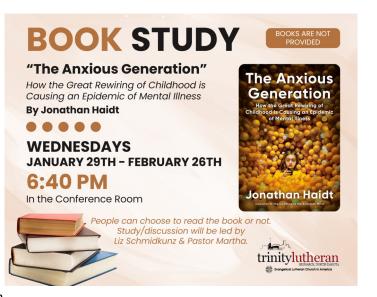
"Addiction: It Affects Us All"

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

Panel discussion by:
Dr. Missy Henke
Judge David Reich
Mandy Dendy with RADD
Personal story shared

Coffee and treats following the presentation.





ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 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. We still need **15 MORE** sponsorships this year.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - Trinity's Community Builders Committee is hosting a cornhole tournament in the community center on Sunday, February 2nd @ 12 p.m. (Registration @ 11:45 a.m.) Pizza and snacks will be served. There is room for 12 teams. There will be a \$5 fee per person (paid the day of the event) for the tournament and a freewill offering available for food and snacks. People can sign up at the Welcome Center. Single players can let someone in the office know that they are looking for a partner. All are welcome!

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!







