

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Rising" CCLI #4662460 The Revelators

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship" CCLI # 2430948

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

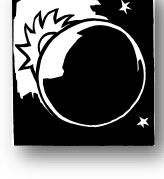
The holy gospel according to John, chapter 1, beginning with verse 1. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



2nd Week of Christmas

Wednesday

Jan. 8, 2025

6 p.m.

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.

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

SONG OF THE DAY/OFFERING

"The Lord Our God" CCLI # 6518055

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

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

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 evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" CCLI #6428767 The Revelators

CCLI License #1794656 for songs

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illuminate your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"King of Heaven" CCLI #5997804

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. Thanks be to God.

ADDICTION: Panel Discussion: Dr. Missy Henke **IT AFFECTS** Judge David Reich US ALL Mandy Dende with RADD Personal story shared Mental Health & Substance Abuse Task Force Event An evening opening up conversations "Addiction: It Affects Us All" about mental health and substance abuse. Coffee & treats to follow. leal @ 5:15 p.m; Worship @ 6 p.m Wednesday, January 22nd Panel discussion by: All are welcome and **Event in Sanctuary:** encouraged to bring a friend! @ 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Dr. Missy Henke Wednesday, January 22 in the sanctuary Judge David Reich @6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mandy Dende with RADD *Hosted by Trinity's Mental Health & Substance Abuse Task Force Personal story shared Coffee and treats following the presentation. trinitylutheran 502 N 4th St. Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 223-3560 2

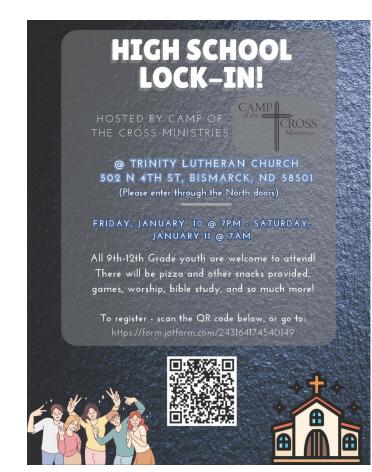


Sunday, January 12 2:30 p.m. @ Ten Spot Lanes 107 11th Ave NE, Mandan

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!





BOOK STUDY

BOOKS ARE NOT PROVIDED

The Anxious

Generation

"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



Jonathan Haidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Julius & Alta Burzloff.

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

CLUB 316 IS GOING BOWLING! - Sunday, January 12th @ 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.

LEND A HAND - Lend a Hand will meet tomorrow morning @ 9 a.m. Contact John 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!





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

Wednesday 1-8

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 1-9 9 AM - Lend a Hand in Break Room 5 PM - Executive Committee in Conference Room Friday 1-10 7 PM - High School Lock-In 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