



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

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***WADE IN THE WATER:
Living Into Our Baptismal Covenant
Strive for Justice and Peace***

***Lent Week 4
Wednesday
April 2, 2025
12:15 & 6 p.m.***

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Majesty”
CCLI #1527

On screen (6 p.m.)

CENTERING SONG

“Wade in the Water”

ELW #459

Refrain

***Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.***

- 3 (Look over yonder, what do I see?)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain***

WELCOME

DIALOGUE

What does God call us to do?

Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

To live among God's faithful people.

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.

Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.

Serve all people following the example of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of a world of justice and peace. Fill us with empathy and curiosity. Help us be brave enough to spread your love by speaking truth to power and addressing the systemic brokenness of the world. Help us, in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:6-8

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



***About Our
Speaker...***

Our speaker today is Colby Braun. Colby is a member of Trinity and serves as the Director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Colby has played an integral part in our prison ministries. Today, Colby will be sharing about how this week's baptismal promise, "Strive for justice and peace," is lived out in his work and life.

***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.

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

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Colby Braun

Director, ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING SONG

"This Is My Song"

ELW #887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

We bring our offering to you, O Lord. Renew us in the gifts of discipleship we received in baptism. May the Holy Spirit use these gifts to stir the embers of faith, create bold leaders, and transform us to be communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world. Amen.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

(6 p.m.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Grant & Renae.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come to the Water of Life”

ACS #955 (6 p.m.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, we thank you for the blessings you give us through the Word and this meal. As you have nourished us in body, mind, and spirit, strengthen us to go into your world to do your will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW #768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2. Help me tread in the paths of your righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness the face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Harry & Ruby Carr and Wesley & Ann Morrison. Given by Mark & Effie Carr.

SWEET DEAL FOR C.A.R. – We still have a few tubes of M&M’s for those that wish to participate in raising money for the Lutheran church in the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) – our sister synod! Please turn your tubes in **by April 13th**.

LOAVES & FISHES - We will fill bags in the Quilters’ Room tonight after worship. Thank you for your help with this ministry!

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING - This year’s Easter Special Offering is to help “dress” the worship space at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. Trinity, along with other ELCA congregations, are working together to make the chapel space feel more like a worship space. We will collect this special offering through Easter Sunday. Please write a note in the memo line of your check “Special Easter Offering.” Thanks again for your generosity.

BLOOD DRIVE - Trinity is hosting a blood drive on Friday, April 25th. There are slots for 15 people willing to roll up their sleeves and bless those in medical need of life saving blood. A registration sheet to sign-up is available in the Narthex.

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!



Your Gifts

<u>February 2025</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-To-Date Actual</u>
INCOME		
Contributions	\$53,929.00	\$124,984.00
Other Income	\$14,966.00	\$29,503.00
Transfer	-\$300.00	-\$960.00
Total Income	68,595.00	\$153,527.00
EXPENSES		
Income less expenses	\$79,495.00	\$163,371.00
	-\$10,300.00	-\$9,844

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity’s website.

At www.trinitybismarck.com, you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Financial Director, Brent Winkelman at winkelman@trinitybismarck.com. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 4-2

- 11:45 AM - Lunch served in Community Center
- 12:15 PM - Lenten Worship in Community Center
- 2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
- 4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conference Room
- 5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group

Thursday 4-3

- 6:30 PM - Re-Entry Meal in Fellowship Hall

Saturday 4-5

- 10 AM - Grief Support Group in Conference Room
- 2 PM - Northern Lights Chorus Concert in Sanctuary

Sunday 4-6

- 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

Monday 4-7

- 2 PM - Ladies’ Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 4-8

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

Wednesday 4-9

- 11:45 AM - Lunch served in Community Center
- 12:15 PM - Lenten Worship in Community Center
- 2 PM - Club 316 at SkyZone
- 5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group

CLUB 316
ADVENTURES IN FAITH
FOR KIDS & YOUTH

We’re Going to SkyZone!

Sunday, April 6 @ 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Grades 2-5 & 6-8
@ SkyZone in Bismarck
\$10/person
Extra \$5 if you need the special required jumping socks.
Valid waiver on file at Skyzone as of 10/16/2024.
We’ll meet you at Skyzone.
Contact Gracia with questions.

JOIN OUR
CHURCH SCHOOL

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13
AT 9:40 A.M.

Meet in the
Community Center

All are welcome!