

Introduction to the Day

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

**4th Sunday
after Epiphany
Feb. 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Let Justice Roll Down”
CCLI #2459826

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ELW pg. 116

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

ELW #669

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

“Great is the Lord”

CCLI #1149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

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? ⁷ Will 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?” ⁸ He 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.**

PSALM 15 *(Please read responsively).*

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Thy Word”
Refrain only, CCLI #14301

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5, beginning with verse 1.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”
Verses 1, 4 & 5

ELW #715

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 Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa, Hal, Lester, Jim, Sandy, Carsen, Cortney, Lynn, Ken, Barb, Anna, Gary, Dirk, Kylie, Kathy & Marilyn.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

“Make Me a Servant”
CCLI #33131

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 & COMMUNION MUSIC

“The Feast Meant for Everyone”
CCLI #7228943

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Build Your Kingdom Here”
CCLI #6186078

DISMISSAL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Mabel Keck.

ANNUAL MEETING - At Council's January meeting, the date of our annual meeting was officially set. The meeting will take place on Sunday, February 22nd between the two worship services. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Annual Report Booklets will be available on February 8th.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED - Trinity Youth will be holding a silent auction with the cook-off/Lenten supper on February 25th. We are looking for donations of nice handmade items, artwork, NEW items, gift baskets, or gift certificates for our auction. Please bring donations to the church office **by February 20th**. If you have connections with a business, please consider asking them for a donation on our behalf. A sign-up sheet for the cook-off will come later. Thank you for your support of our youth!

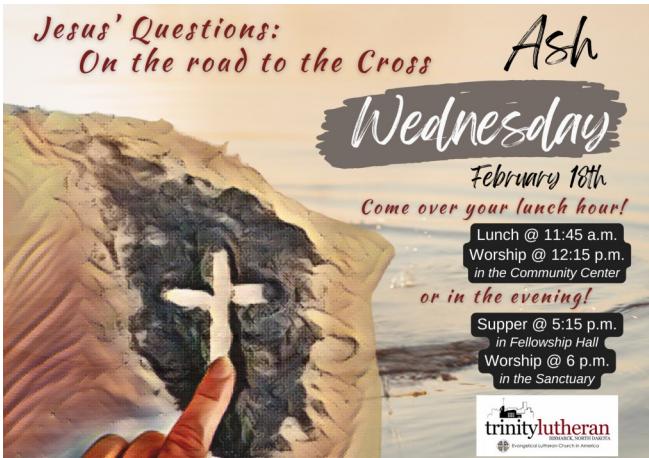
CHILI COOK-OFF & BREAD - Sign-up in the narthex or with Gracia to bring a chili for our cook-off or bring some corn bread, regular bread, etc. for us to enjoy alongside the chili. All are welcome to come eat & vote!

LOAVES & FISHES - We will be filling bags for this ministry again between services **TODAY**. Please join us in the Quilters' Room to help fill bags. Thank you for your continued support!

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!



SCAN ME



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 2-1

- 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 2-2

- 2 PM - Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 2-3

- 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
- 5 PM - Worship & Music Committee in Conf. Room
- 6 PM - Community Builders in Conference Room

Wednesday 2-4

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

Friday 2-6

- 10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Saturday 2-7

- 10 AM - Grief Group in Conference Room

Sunday 2-8

- 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
- 2 PM - Rejoicing Spirits Worship in Sanctuary

AI: THE GOOD. THE BAD. AND THE UGLY.

An evening opening up conversations about benefits and effects of AI in our world.

Wednesday, February 4th

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

All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

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

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