



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

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### Introduction to the Day

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Jan 11, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m.**



### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

ELW #552  
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### WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*(Silence is kept for reflection).*

Mighty God,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

### OPENING SONG

"Shall We Gather at the River"

ELW #423

### 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.**

### KYRIE

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### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God in Heaven"

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father,

**at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Marlee Jo Guenther

*Daughter of Matthew & Finola Guenther*

### **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.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**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.**

*Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**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.**

## **WELCOME OF NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **BAPTISM SONG**

"Jesus Loves Me"

ELW #595

*Verse 1*

## **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9**

Sandy McMerty, reader

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

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

## **PSALM 29**

*(Please read responsively).*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

## ***THIS WEEK AT TRINITY***

### **Sunday 1-11**

**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

### **Tuesday 1-13**

**9 AM - Quilters** in Quilters' Room

**5:30 PM - Faith Formation Committee** in Conf. Room

### **Wednesday 1-14**

**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**

### **Thursday 1-15**

**9:30 AM - Thursday Morning Circle** in Conf. Room

**5 PM - Mental Health Task Force** in Conf. Room

**6:30 PM - Council** in Conference Room

### **Friday 1-16**

**10 AM - Theology & Coffee** in Conference Room

### **Saturday 1-17**

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

### **Sunday 1-18**

**8:30 AM - Worship** in Sanctuary

**9 AM - Breakfast Fundraiser** in Fellowship Hall

**9:35 AM - Church School**

**10:30 AM - Worship** in Sanctuary

- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

My thoughts on the scripture  
and message

## **SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 3, beginning with verse 13.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

## **CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON**

Pastor Martha HarriSon

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

ACS #916

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please pray for Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa, Hal, Lester,  
Jim, Sandy, Carsen, Courtney, Lynn, Ken, Barb, Anna, Gary & Dirk.*

## **OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC**

## **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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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## 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.

### LAMB OF GOD

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### COMMUNION & COMMUNION MUSIC

“What Feast of Love”

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### 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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

ACS #942

### DISMISSAL

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

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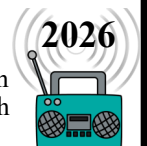
## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM** is in memory of Leo Pattison, given by Julie Leer.

**BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** - Trinity’s Men’s Group will be serving up brunch on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. On the menu is egg-bake, fruit, muffins, juice and coffee. We will begin serving @ 9 a.m. and serve through 10:30 a.m. We hope you will be generous – this is a fund-raiser with all proceeds going toward the purchase of a new piece of lawn care equipment. Our dream is to gather enough funds to purchase a piece of equipment for summer and winter use.

**MEN’S GROUP** - This group will meet this Saturday @ 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join!

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM SIGN-UP** - The sign-up sheet for 2026 is located in the Narthex. Please turn in the additional form with your payment - *it is helpful to receive payment up front if possible*. The cost is \$250 each Sunday.



**REJOICING SPIRITS** - A worship service that provides people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with the opportunity to explore and experience faith will begin at Trinity **TODAY** @ 2 p.m. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY** - A celebration sponsored by the MLK Holiday Commission will be held at Trinity Lutheran on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. This event features keynote speakers & musical guests. It is free & open to the public.

**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!

