



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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**Epiphany Week
Wednesday
Jan 7, 2026
6 p.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Light of the Stable”
CCLI #1914616

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, on this Epiphany Sunday we stand at the start of a new year, and there is nothing better about a new year than the chance to begin again. That is exactly what we do in the Prayer of Confession. We speak honestly with God and God surrounds us with grace. We are able to begin again. So may we start this new year, this new season, this new week with God's grace. Let us pray. Let us begin again.

**Ever-loving God,
we long for Christmas to usher in a season of peace and joy. However, we know that
is not how the world works. Even just days after Christmas, we find ourselves face
to face with fear once again. So today we pray—
forgive us when we allow fear to stop us in our tracks.
Forgive us when our own fear prevents us from following your call.
Forgive us when fear is louder than love.
Show us how to turn our fear into action.
Show us how to live like the magi who searched for you in a fearful world.
With hope we pray. Amen.**

Family of Faith, whether you are brave and courageous or fearful and timid, God's love for you knows no end. So join me in these words of forgiveness:

Whether fear inspires us to action, or stops us dead in our tracks, God's love for us is boundless. We are seen. We are surrounded with grace. We are sent to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the Stars,

**like the magi, we come to this place searching for you. So today, just like every day,
we ask that you would remove any barricades that keep us from your Spirit. Clear
out the distractions. Wipe away the doubt. Open up our hearts, and speak to us
through these ancient words. And as you do, we will keep walking. As you do, we
will move toward you. With hope we pray. 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.*

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 2, beginning with verse 1.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

ACS #914

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.

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

“When A Star is Shining”

ACS #915

(There will be baskets after you leave communion with star words in them. Please grab one on your back to your seat).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with us—go in peace and be not afraid.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW #671

DISMISSAL

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

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My thoughts on the scripture
and message



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of all loved ones no longer with us, given by Donna Hegle.

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER - Trinity's Men's Group will be serving up brunch on Sunday, January 18th. 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.

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 on January 11th @ 2 p.m. It will be the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BE 2ND GRADE PRAYER PARTNERS



- You will be partnered with a 2nd grader & their parents.
- Two fun interactive sessions with your 2nd grader led by Trinity staff.
- We are doing our best to match up people who attend the same worship service so you can say hi if you see them at worship.
- Pray for them!
- See Gracia to volunteer or with any questions.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 1-7

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 1-8

9 AM - Lend a Hand in Conference Room
6:15 PM - Executive Committee in Conf. Room

Friday 1-9

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

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
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