

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**January 14,
2024**

**Second Sunday
after Epiphany**

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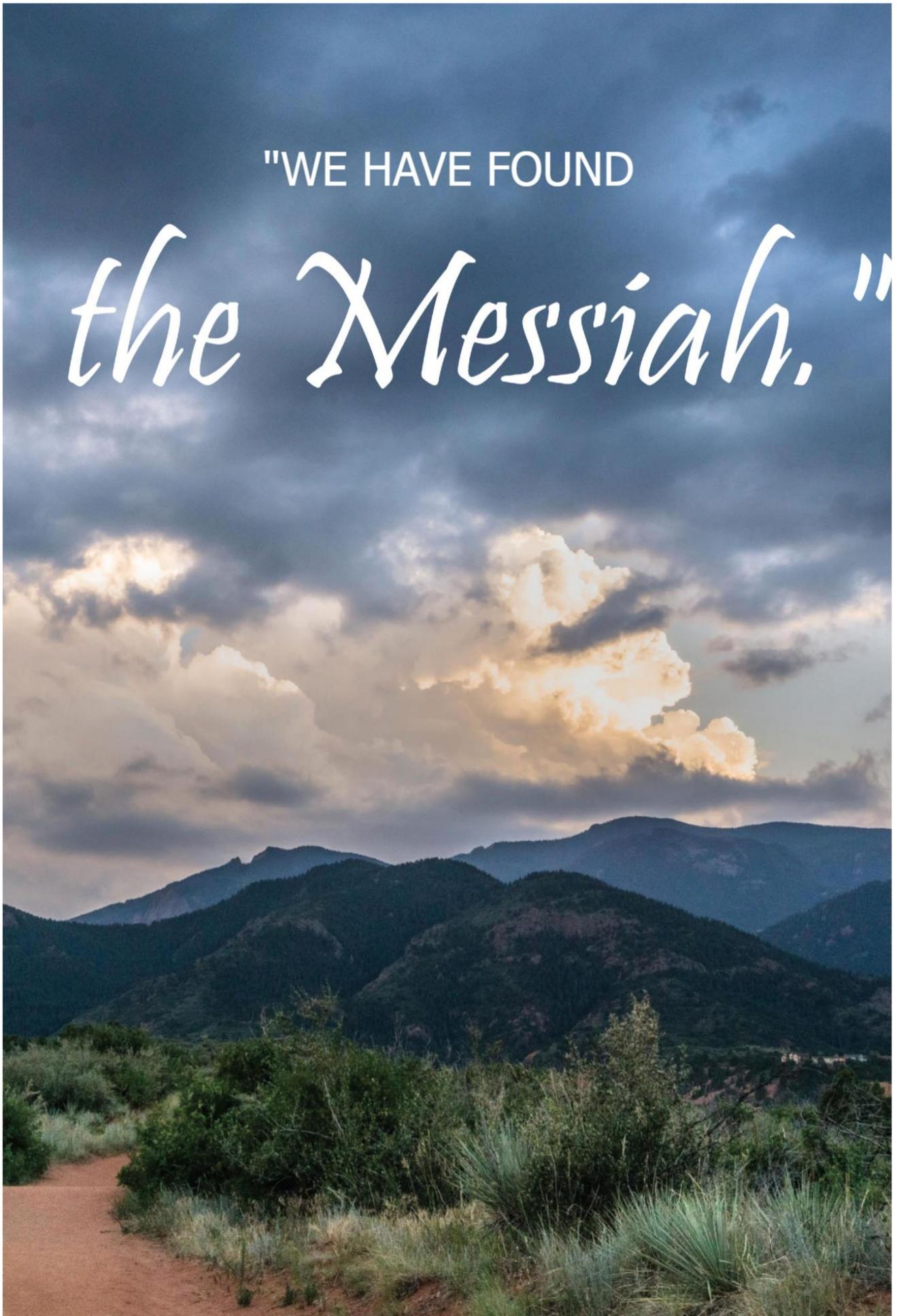
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"WE HAVE FOUND

the Messiah."



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY ELW ~ SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, January 14th, 2024

“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”

Second Sunday after

Epiphany

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL who enter this house of worship. May God bless our service of worship as we offer to God our thanks & praise. We pray the Holy Spirit will bless our fellowship and send us forth to reach out to our neighbors with love. If you are a visitor today, we pray our time together will be a blessing to you as you are a blessing to our gathering. Please join us in Fellowship after the service.

AVAILABLE WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

ACTIVITY BAGS at the rear of church, are available for young children; please return them after the service. Thanks.

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of the offering.

I WISH CARDS in the pews are available for you to express your ideas or questions & may be placed in an offering plate.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn’t important; it’s where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

RINGING OF THE BELL



CALL TO WORSHIP

Trinity Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved. **Amen.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

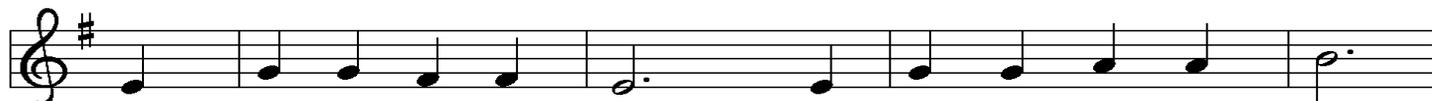


grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



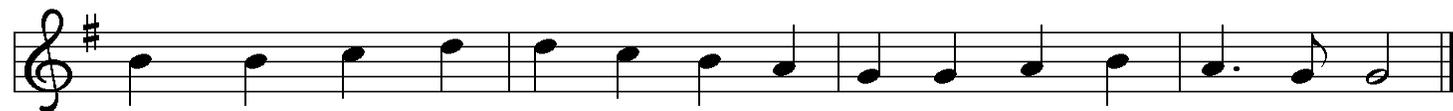
- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

The First reading is in 1 Samuel Chapter 3, verses 1-20.

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

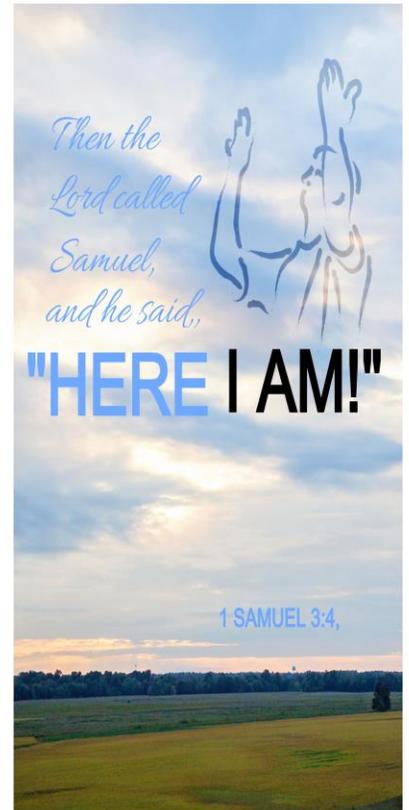
Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.



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

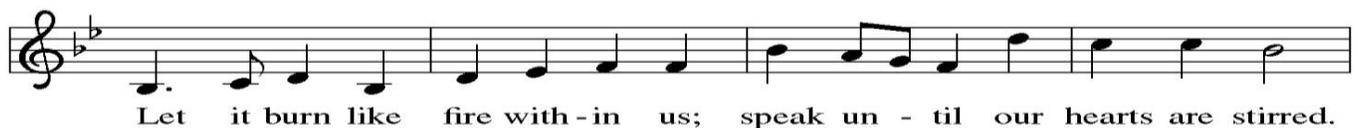
The Second Reading is in 1 Corinthians Chapter 6, verses 12-20.

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

SONG OF THE DAY

Here I Am Lord

ELW #574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 CHURCH God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

ELW#824

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor)

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers during the song)

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW #866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	AuDee Darnell
Readers	Sarah Lendt
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Brian & Carol Polesky
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg & Sara Sellner



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.

ALL PERSONS WRITING REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT:

Because we would like to have the Annual Reports available to the congregation before the Annual Meeting, **Sunday January 28th**, it is necessary to have all reports **Now**. It would be appreciated if you could submit them to Darlene via email. (secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org)



Thanks to those who have already submitted your report.



**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m.
Please plan on attending as decisions
are made for 2024.**

What you think matters!

The following members of Trinity have either volunteered or have been asked to be on the Transition Team that will compile information for the congregations Mission Site Profile. Please keep these people in your prayers as they move forward with this important task: Brian Polesky, Mark Miller, Lee Johnson, Randy Armbruster, Keith Lendt, Ashley Fischer, Sara Sellner, Danielle Havemeier, Cheryl Neidt.



We're looking for help with the Sound System. If you would like to learn a new skill and help with worship services, please contact Russ Sorensen at 507 227-7693. We need you!



January 14, 2023

Second Sunday after

Jesus is the Son of God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
Monday	Genesis 28:10-17	Jacob dreams of a ladder
Tuesday	John 1:29-34	John's confession of Christ
Wednesday	Luke 9:18-22	Peter's confession of Christ
Thursday	John 12:20-26	A request to Philip
Friday	John 14:5-14	Philip questions Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 86:1-13	Walking in God's way
Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples at the sea



Epiphany

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

John 1:49

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

Jesus, Son of God, thank you for calling us to follow you and for leading us this day. Amen. (John 1:43)

Mealtime Prayer:

God bless this food. God bless this day. God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith in his Son Jesus and help you to follow him. Amen. (John 1:43,49)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- If you could use only six words to describe who you are to someone else, what words would you choose?
- Nathanael described Jesus as "Son of God" and "King of Israel." (John 1:49). Do you agree with Nathanael? Why?
- Finish this sentence: "It is important that Jesus is God's Son because _____."

DEVOTIONS

God and of his intimate love and concern for each of us. Read and talk about these verses in your home devotional time this week.

You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body. How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. None of my bones was hidden from you when you made me inside my mother's body. That place was as dark as the deepest parts of the earth. When you were putting me together there, your eyes saw my body even before it was formed. You planned how many days I would live. You wrote down the number of them in your book before I had lived through even one of them.

Share stories of where and when you were born. If possible, look at baby pictures of household members. Say prayers of thanks for the wonderful gifts of God that each of you are!

SERVICE

When Jesus called Philip to follow him, he wanted to share the good news of Jesus with his friend Nathanael. He brought Nathanael to Jesus, and Nathanael began to follow Jesus, too. Who are your friends? Invite each household member to choose one friend with whom they can share Jesus this week through a special act of love, service or encouragement. Talk about how you can do this and what may be involved.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

January 18 is the Church festival of the "Confession of Peter." Peter means "rock" and when he was asked by Jesus to confess what he believed, he said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Set out a bowl of rocks. Have each person in your household take one and complete this sentence: "Something I believe about Jesus is _____." As an added activity, cement or glue the rocks together into your own "Confession Sculpture." Place it in your yard or garden as a symbol of your faith. An old Epiphany tradition involves hiding small items in a cake. On the night before the feast of Epiphany, a special cake would be served with three beans hidden within. Whoever found the beans would be the Kings at the Epiphany feast. In line with this tradition, bake a cake with coins inside. Give a paper crown to those who find the coins.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance: 75

Weekly Confirmation Attendance: 20

Wednesday Church School Attendance: 36

Not Available.

Amount needed to meet Budget \$298,000.00

Thank you for meeting our 2023 Budget!



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year!



This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Krista, Nicole, Trisha, Mark, Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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