

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Second Sunday  
After Epiphany**

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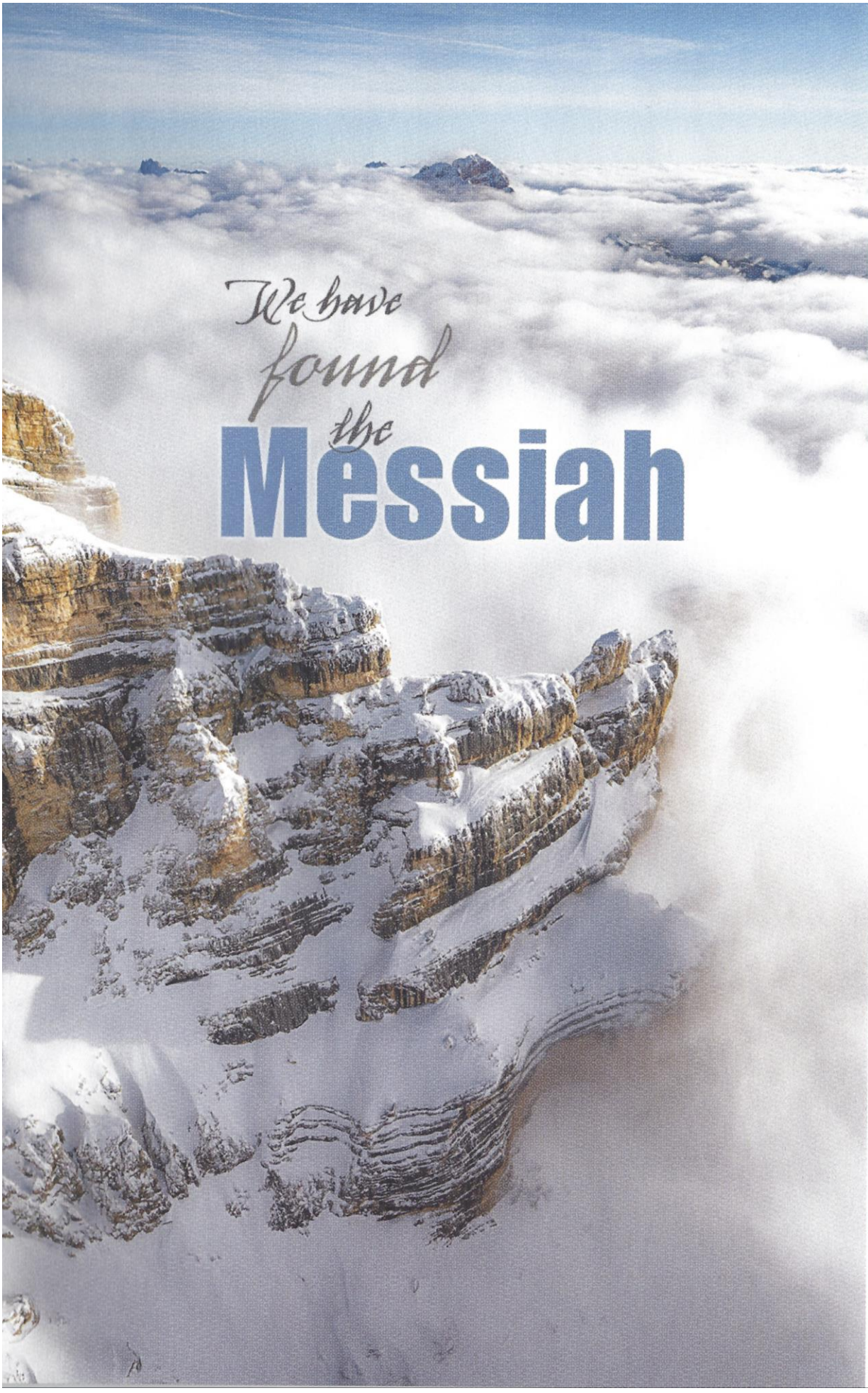
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A photograph of a snow-covered mountain peak, likely Mount Rushmore, with the text "We have found the Messiah" overlaid. The text is in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. The background shows a clear blue sky and a layer of clouds below the mountain.

*We have  
found  
the*  
**Messiah**

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.



**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL WHO ENTER THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP!** The risen Christ calls all to faith and invites you to come and partake of the Lord's real presence and free grace given and shed for you through the bread and cup of salvation today. May you be filled with new life to love and serve God and neighbor as a child of God!

Children not yet instructed in Communion are always welcome to come forward and receive a personal blessing. Today we welcome Lindsey Scheid from Green Lake Bible Camp as she presents information for this summer's camp. Following the Sunday morning worship you are invited to join in fellowship and refreshments served in the Library.

### AVAILABLE WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available at the rear of church—please return them after the service, thanks.

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

**YOU CAN INDICATE** your preference to receive grape juice by raising your index finger to the server.

**I WISH CARDS** are available in the pews & may be placed in offering plates to express your ideas/questions, thanks.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

**GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP**

**LINDSEY SCHEID**

### 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.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**





1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Noisy Offering

Children's  
Message



Food Shelf

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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 49, verses 1-7.

*Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."  
And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength —  
he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised,  
abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they  
shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel,  
who has chosen you."*

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

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 1, verses 1-9.

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be  
saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in  
Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every  
kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not  
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also  
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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



<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

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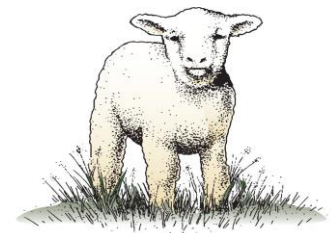
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42

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

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."*



*"Behold,*  
**THE LAMB OF GOD,**  
*who takes away*  
**THE SIN**  
**OF THE WORLD!"**  
**JOHN 1:29, ESV**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

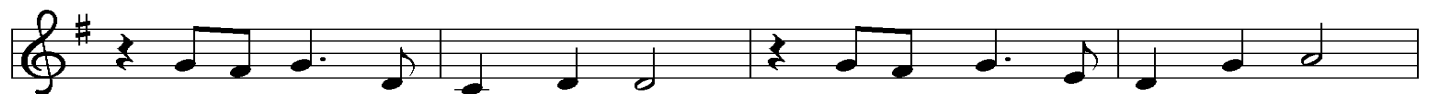
# SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason

## HYMN 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?"



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

*... Lord, send forth your light, And let your mercy shine upon us.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (Due to illness, vocal only)

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## MEAL

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## THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

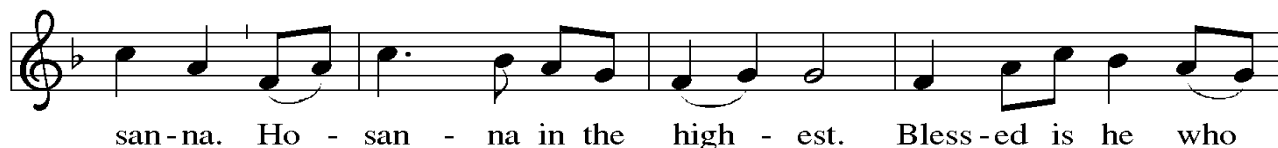
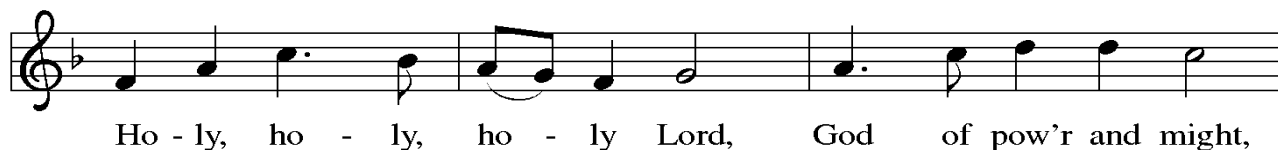
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## THE 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. Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



### COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #487



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

**COMMUNION BLESSING** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)



## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✠ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

**Amen.**

### SENDING 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 for 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.

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

## OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9:00 am Sunday Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolytes	Hunter Mertz
Readers	Sarah Lendt
Communion Assistants	Lee & Isaac Johnson, Brian Polesky
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Brian & Carol Polesky
Ushers	Keith Lendt & Ed Ecker
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg and Sarah Lendt

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors 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 29<sup>th</sup>**, it is necessary to have all reports **NOW**. It would be appreciated if you could submit them to Darlene via email.



([secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org)) Thank You.



**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**2022 Statements are available in the Narthex**  
**Please plan on attending as decisions are made for 2023.**  
**What you think matters!**



**SUMMER 2023**  
**gathergrowgo**

**JOIN US THIS SUMMER!**



"Plant your roots in Christ and let God be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful."  
—Colossians 2:7

**SUMMER CAMP**

**RETREATS**

**FAMILY CAMP**

**Activities**

- ✓ Rock Wall
- ✓ Outdoor Games
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Swimming & Water Olympics
- ✓ Trails & More

**GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN**  
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January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

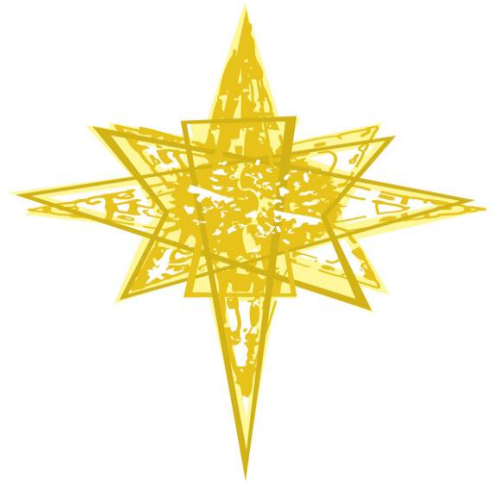
# Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins.

## 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 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	Genesis 22:1-2,9-18	The Lord provides a ram
Tuesday	Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28	The Passover lamb
Wednesday	Isaiah 53:1-12	The one like a lamb
Thursday	1 Peter 1:13-21	A lamb without blemish
Friday	Revelation 7:13-17	The lamb will be their shepherd
Saturday	Psalms 55:1-2,16-18	God ransoms me unharmed
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples



*Second Sunday After  
EPIPHANY*

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, “Look! The Lamb of God! He takes away the sin of the world!”** John 1:29

## **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

God, you have done many wonderful things for us. None can compare with you! Amen. (Psalm 40:5)

Mealtime Prayer:

God of love and God of grace, here we come to you in praise. Bless this meal, and may we be people who serve you faithfully. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be led to see and know Jesus. May you confess him as the Son of God. Amen. (John 1:34,42)

## CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever been given a nickname? Why were you called that?
- Why do you think Jesus was called the “Lamb of God” by John the Baptist?
- What different names or titles do you use for Jesus? Which is your favorite and why?

## DEVOTIONS

When John the Baptist saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” While we cannot physically see Jesus, there are signs of his life all around us. Cut out the shape of a lamb from a large sheet of white paper. In your home devotion times this week, share ways in which you have seen or experienced the presence of Jesus during the day. Write these onto your “lamb.” Conclude by saying together these words: “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”

## SERVICE

In John 1, we hear that John the Baptist pointed two of his disciples to Jesus. They followed Jesus and spent the day with him (John 1:37-39). Andrew, in turn, introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. Is there an individual or household you could invite to spend a Sunday with you – perhaps to come to your church and then for a midday meal? Prepare to invite them and to offer your hospitality.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Purchase a portion of lamb to share in a household meal this week. As you eat, talk about the lamb as a symbol for Jesus. Look up one or more of the Bible passages listed in this week’s “Daily Bible Readings” and talk about their connections to the image of Jesus as the “Lamb of God.”

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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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK  
CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.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:	66
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$4293.57
January Giving:	\$8665.59
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$8665.59

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

**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 **Audrey, Kali, Linda, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, 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, especially Deb Joramo and her family in the loss of her mother, **Marian Tragner**, sister of Alice Mae Hinderman and Ivan Groff .... And Alisa Mangen and her family in the loss of her grandmother, **Dorothy Neuman**... 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 joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

**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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