

Trinity Lutheran Church

January 19,
2025

Second Sunday
After Epiphany

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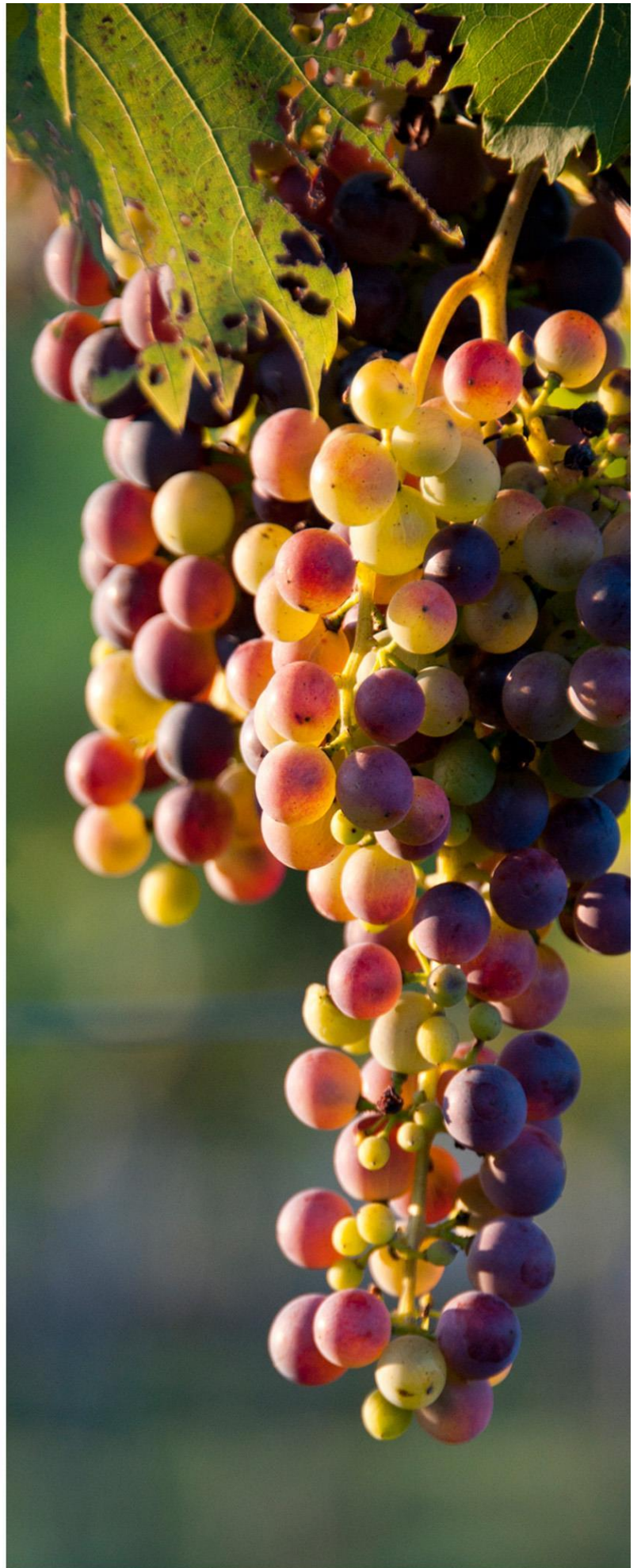
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The water now
become
WINE
...the first of
his signs.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 19TH, 2025 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. Following the Sunday morning worship you are invited to join in fellowship and refreshments served in the Library. .

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

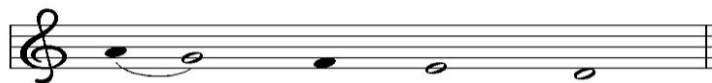
Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



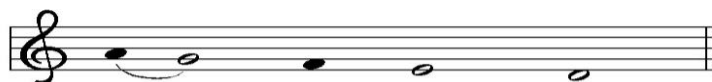
Lord, have mer - cy.



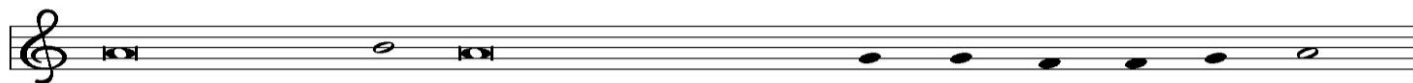
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



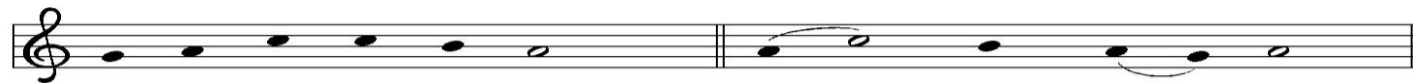
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
 strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 62, verses 1-5. The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 1-11. The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW # 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess the unity of our faith:

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 INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

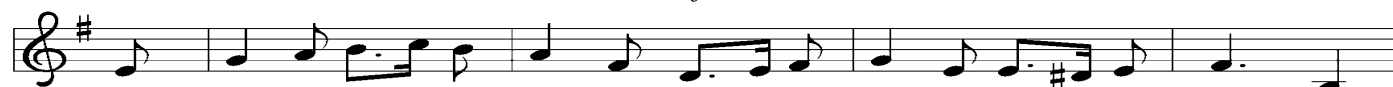
SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

What Feast of Love

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!

(The Ushers bring up the offering)

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

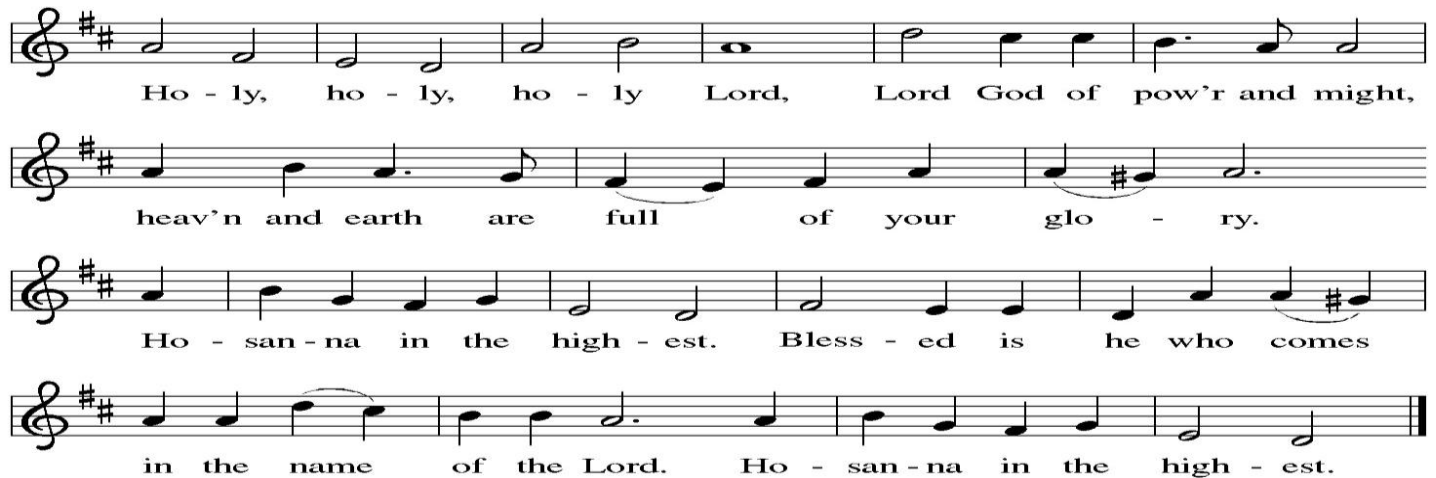
And also with you.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF JESUS

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.

DISTRIBUTION

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



PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Bind Us Together

WOV #748

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love. 1. There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King. 2. You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine. There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing: You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine." The score includes various musical notations such as chords (F, Dm, Gm, C, F, C7), dynamics (F, *Refrain*), and articulation marks (accents, slurs). The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving bass lines.

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

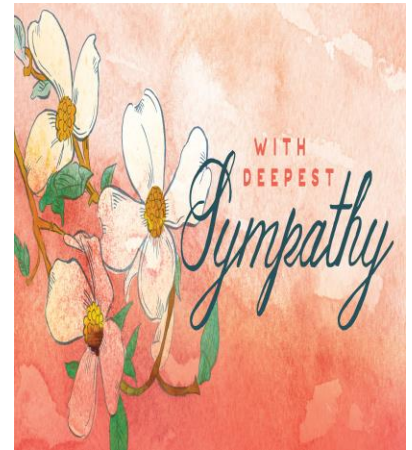
OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY	9:00 am Sunday Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolytes	AuDee Darnell	
Readers	Phyllis Kleven	
Communion Assistants	Mark Miller, Brian Polesky	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Chris Mangen	
Ushers	Julie & Eric Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Sara Sellner & Mary Renberg	

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Carlson, who will be laid to rest with services here at Trinity this Spring...

And to Kathy Krenz and family and friends in the loss of her husband, Larry, who was laid to rest with services here at Trinity on Friday....

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....



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.

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Reports Available in the Narthex

Please plan on attending as decisions are made for 2025.

What you think matters!



The lakeside service is being planned for July 27. Camping at the lake is available, but sites fill up fast. If you are interested, you can make your reservations now for that weekend with the City of Sleepy Eye.

The Living Lutheran Magazine is again being published quarterly. Please sign up in the office if you would like your family to receive a quarterly copy. It will be sent free of charge to members who wish to subscribe through the Church. Thank you.



JANUARY 2025

ELCA.org/wildfires

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster

Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

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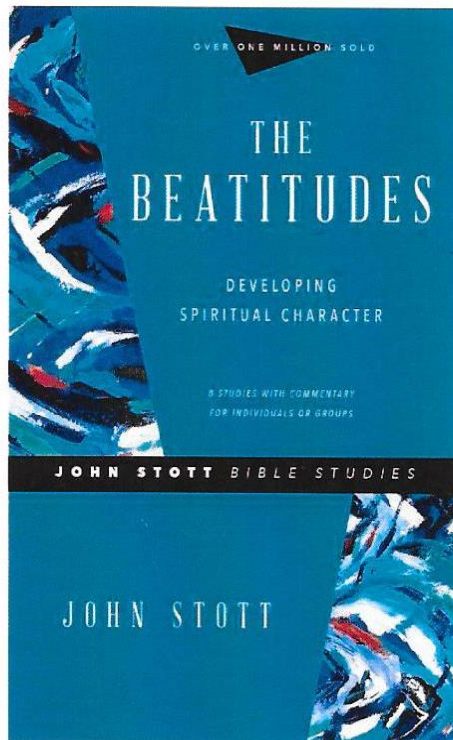
You Can Make out your check to Trinity and Pat will make the contribution through our church. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study

**ALL ARE WELCOME to begin the new year with
a series of 8 meaningful lessons**

Beginning on Wednesday, January 8

9:00-10:00 a.m.



“The beatitudes reveal to us eight qualities that bring God's blessing: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger, peacemaking and persecution. Jesus highlighted these to offer both encouragement and instruction on living distinctly as his followers in a world with values much different from God's.”

**Small study book, coffee, and hospitality
are provided for all to enjoy.**

January 19, 2025

God's faithful love brings us joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
Monday	1 Cor. 12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Tuesday	Luke 5:33-39	Jesus speaks of new wine
Wednesday	Genesis 2:18-25	God institutes marriage
Thursday	Ephesians 5:21-33	Paul speaks about marriage
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Marriage should be honored
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-9	Feasting in God's house
Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth

Second Sunday after

Epiphany

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spir-it. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.

1 Corinthians 12:4, 7

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, help us to make good use of the gifts you have given us. Amen. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as you blessed the feast at Cana, bless our eating and drinking. Make us new people, full of love for you and for one another. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit bless you with faith to believe in Jesus and with gifts to serve him. Amen. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

What are your gifts and talents? What gifts and talents do you see in those around you?

1 Corinthians 12 tells us that all Christians have been given special gifts from the Holy Spirit to serve God and others.

What different "spiritual gifts" can you name?

What spiritual gifts do you think you may have? How are you putting these to use to serve God and others?

DEVOTIONS

This Sunday's epistle reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 teaches us that the Christian community is filled with gifts of the Spirit. These gifts enable some of us to be teachers or counselors, prophets or preachers, healers or leaders. As part of your devotion time this week, talk about the gifts of the Spirit you see at work in one another. Which household members reveal these gifts?

Ability to communicate well with others

Wisdom about how to live

A healing touch

Understanding of others' needs

Ability to express one's faith

SERVICE

Who in your community is preparing to be married? Work together as a household to write a prayer for them. Use it this week in your household devotion times. Send a copy of the prayer to them, letting them know that you have been praying for them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus' appearance at the wedding at Cana shows that God loves weddings and desires to bless married couples that want God to be part of their lives. This week is a good time for husbands and wives to share with their children or grandchildren about their own weddings, and in what ways Jesus is a part of their marriage. They may wish to show wedding photos and reminisce with family and friends about the day of their wedding.

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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 CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on 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:	85
Website	58
Church School/Confirmation	58
Bible Studies Attendance:	9+6=15
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4261.67
January Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$4390.92
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$8652.59



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 **Jane, Nicole, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Diane, Sherry, Kali, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, 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...especially the families of **Carol Carlson and Larry Krenz...** 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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... and his disciples
believed in him.

John 2:11

