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2026**

**Second Sunday
of Epiphany**

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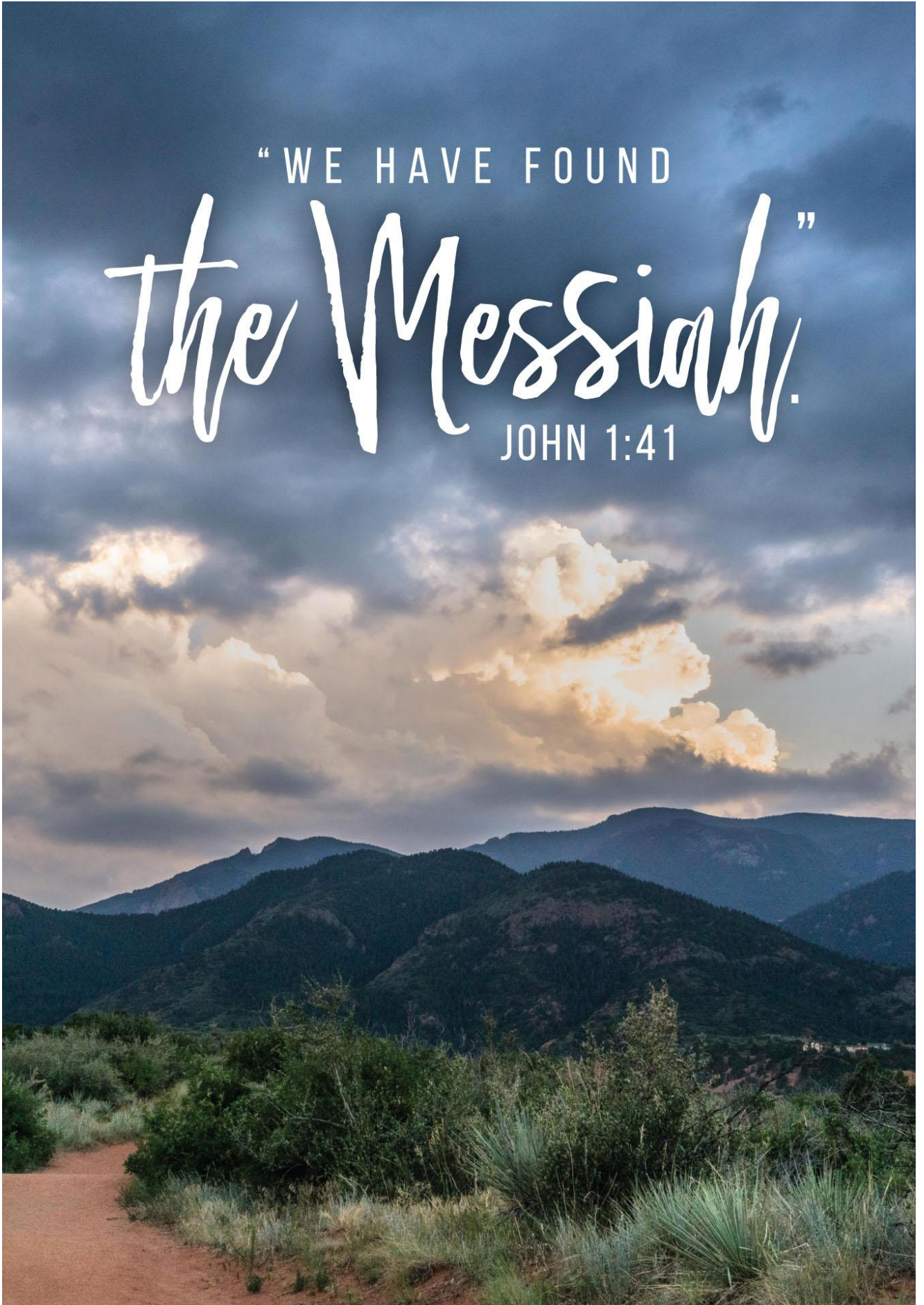
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“ WE HAVE FOUND

the Messiah.”
JOHN 1:41



SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM JANUARY 18TH, 2026



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. We thank Cheryl Neidt for leading worship today as Pastor Dave and Alyssa celebrate their 12th Anniversary. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Narthex and Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

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.*

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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.**

PSALM 40

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of themiry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips,
O LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and¹ your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and
truth from the great assembly.**

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 49, verses 1-7. Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

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. Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st 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."

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.**

MESSAGE

Cheryl Neidt

SONG OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798



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



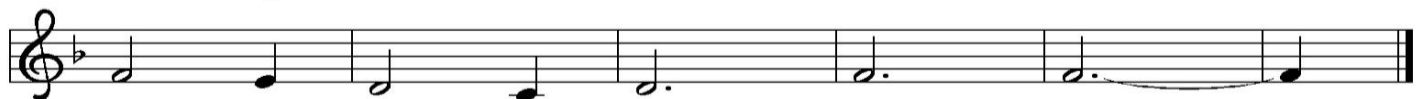
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



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.

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 INTERCESSION: respond after 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.

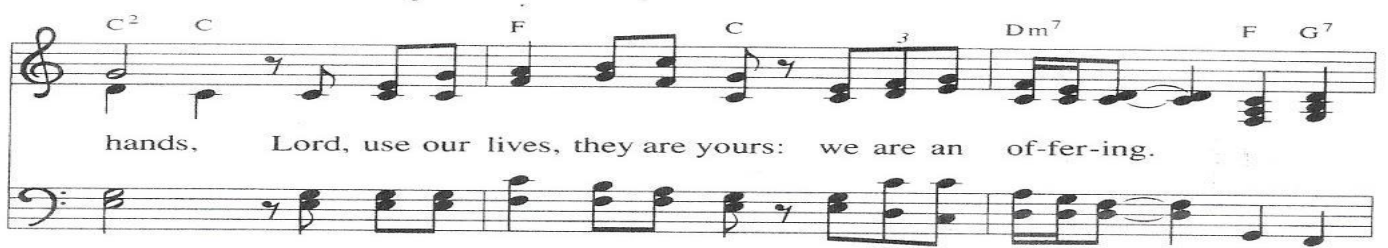
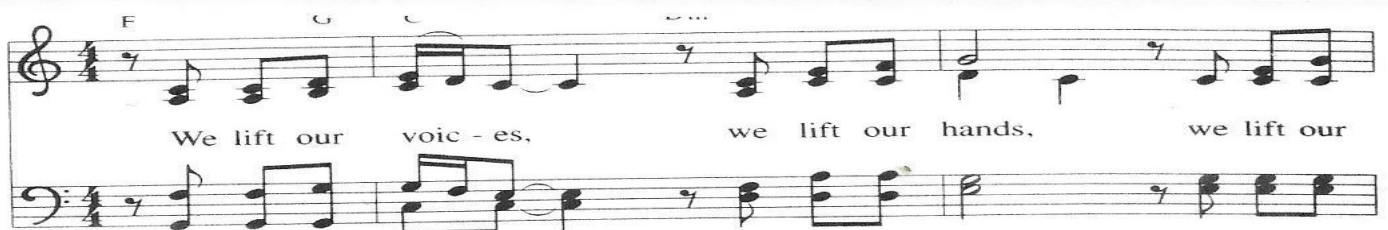
SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING



Em⁷ A Dm⁷ Esus E Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
 Dm⁷ C² B^b Dm⁷ F G
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our
 C Dm⁷ C² C F C
 voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 Dm⁷ C
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the acolyte)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

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.



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.**



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.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE**OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST****SUNDAY 9:00am Worship**

Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Grayson Hansen	
Readers	Larry Baumgardt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Harold & Bonnie Pettis	
Ushers	Mike Peterson, Brian Polesky	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner & Mary Renberg	



Our Deepest Sympathies to the family and friends of Joan Miller who died Tuesday, December 30th and was put to rest Monday, January 12th with services here at Trinity. May God bless the memory of Joan Miller.

We thank the Miller family for the flowers on the altar.

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.

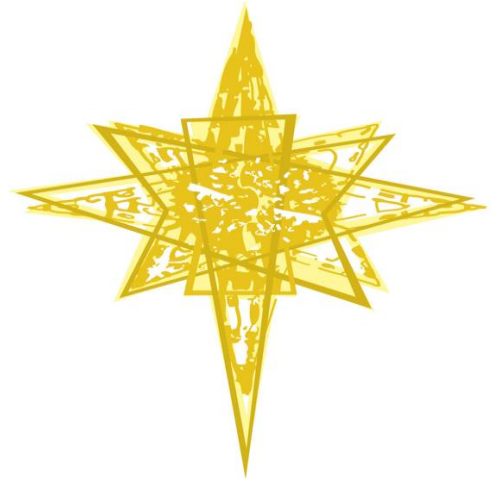


Our Annual Meeting is next Sunday. Please plan on attending. Your input is needed to plan for 2026. Annual Reports are available in the Narthex today! Thank you to our board directors and officers for supplying your information.



January 15th, 2023

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



*Second Sunday After
EPIPHANY*

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

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 devotion



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.

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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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	102
Website	195
Bible Studies Attendance:	3+4+8=15
TREK/Confirmation	52
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3473.28
January Giving: (\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$7805.82
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$7805.82



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

Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds. Call 800-847-4836

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 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 **Nicole, Dave, Susie, Gary, Jane, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Paul, Ray, Lorinda, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Duane, 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 and friends of **Joan Miller** and **Yvonne Boelter**.... 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 family...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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