

# Trinity Lutheran Church

January 21,  
2024

Third Sunday  
after Epiphany

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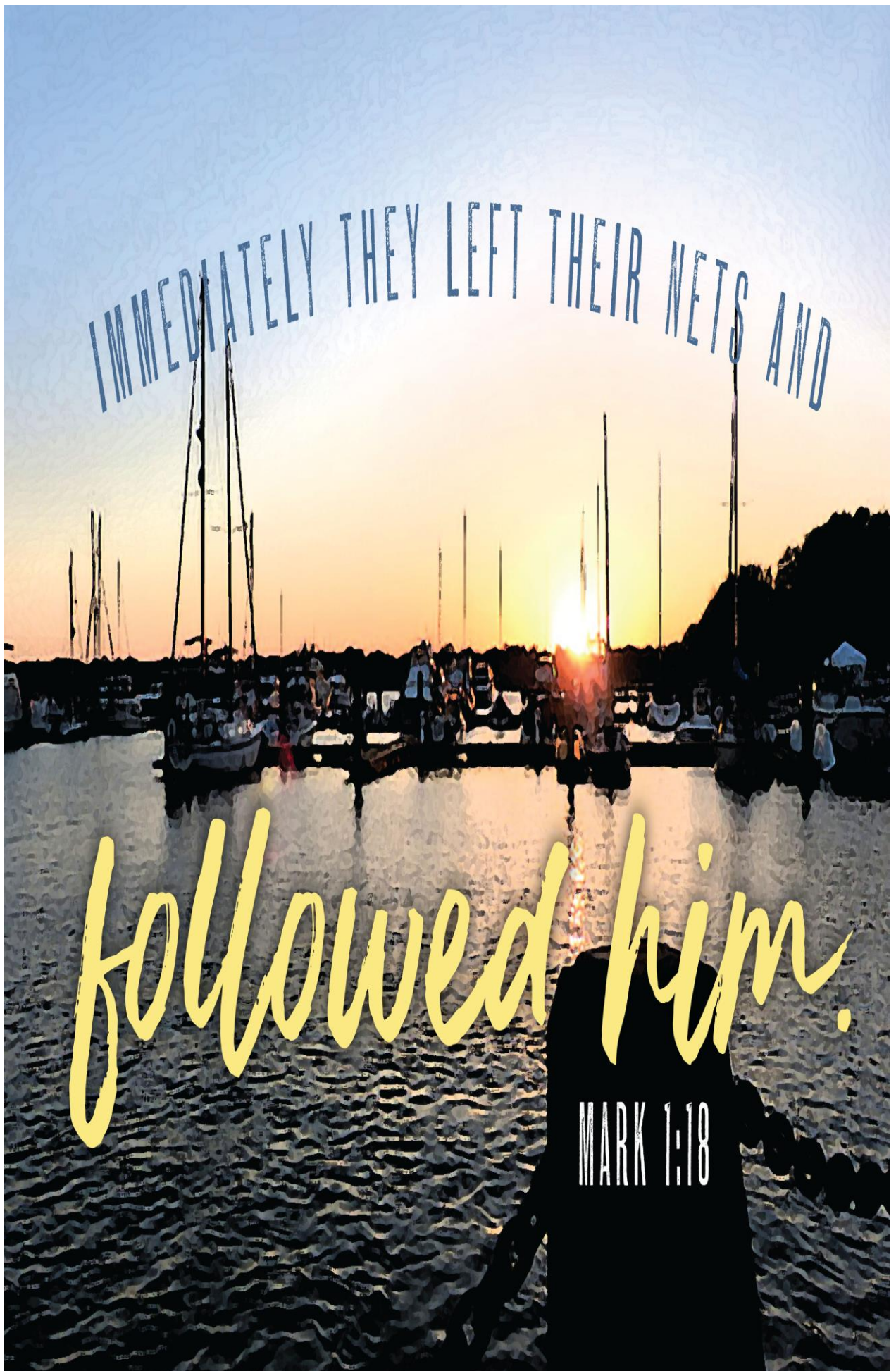
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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING 10



Welcome  
to  
Trinity

**JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024 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.

### 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:** *As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

**RINGING OF THE BELL**



**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.*

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 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

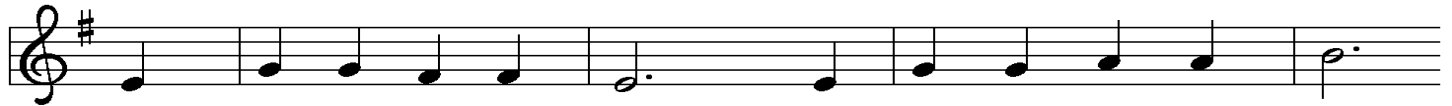
## GREETING

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

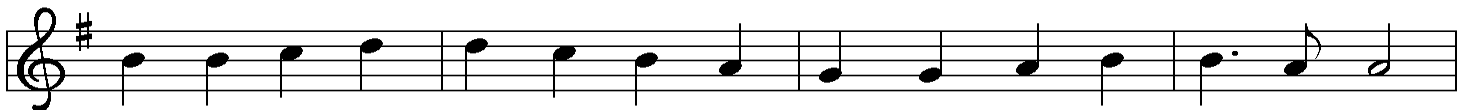


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

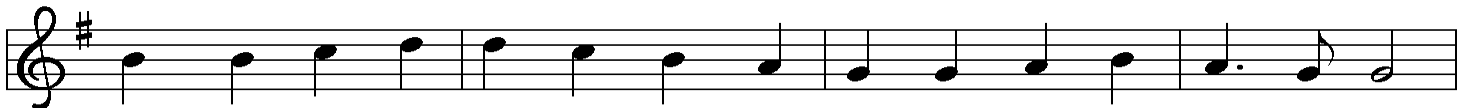


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

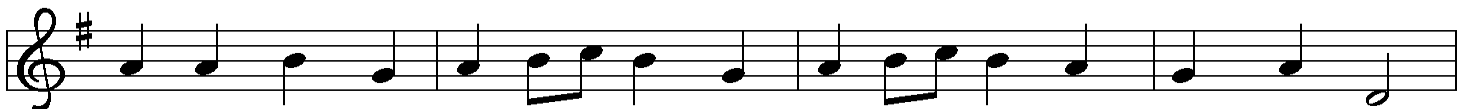
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 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!



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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The first reading is in Jonah Chapter 3, verses 1-5 and 10. The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

*The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.*

*When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.*

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

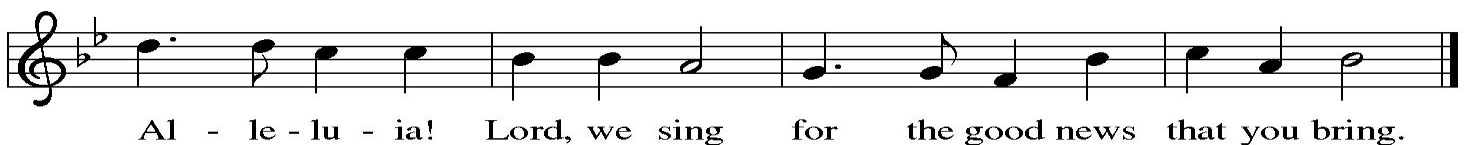
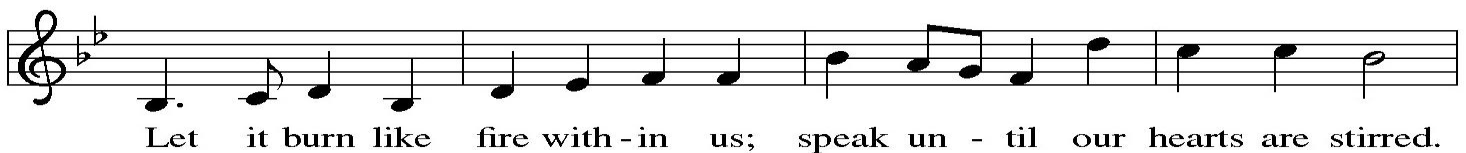
## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The Second Reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 7, verses 29-31. Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.*

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



## GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."*

*As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.*

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

**ELW #696**

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all Je - sus' sake,  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, for love me more,"  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all."

## 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.

## THE PEACE

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## MEAL

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### THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

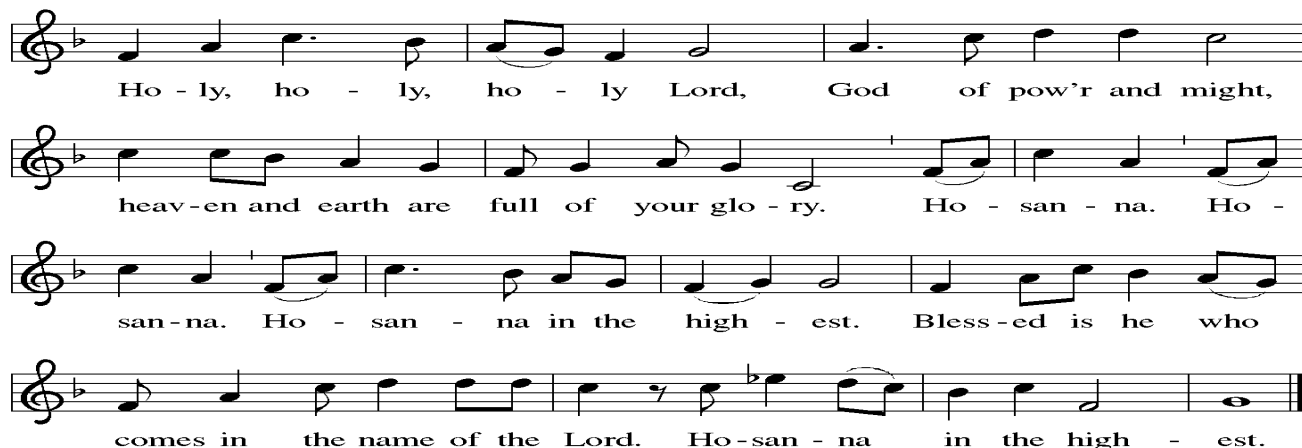
**And also with you.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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:



### 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.**



## PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers.)

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**SENDING**


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**BLESSING**

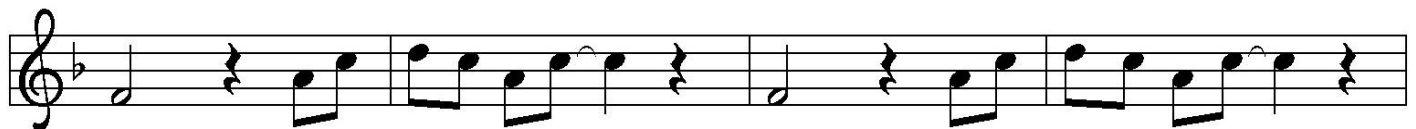
The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG***Go, Make Disciples***ELW#540**

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

**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	Kaylie Fulmer	
Readers	Mark Miller	
Communion Assistants	Brian Polesky & Larry Baumgardt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Brian & Carol Polesky	
Ushers	Dale & Diane Eckstein	
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg & Sara Sellner	



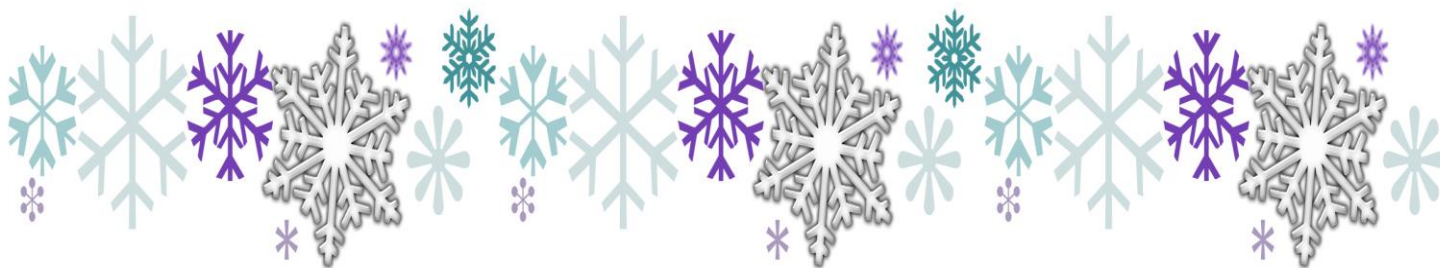
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in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

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Reports are available in the Narthex.**  
**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, and 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!**



# HOT COCOA BAR

FEBUARY 4TH STUDENTS ARE  
SINGING IN CHURCH.  
PLEASE MEET IN THE  
LIBRABRY AT 8:45.

FOLLOWING SERVICE  
FAMILIES CAN GATHER IN  
THE CHURCH BASEMENT FOR  
A HOT COCOA BAR AND  
VALENTINES DECORATING  
(FOR ELDERLY MEMBERS)  
HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!



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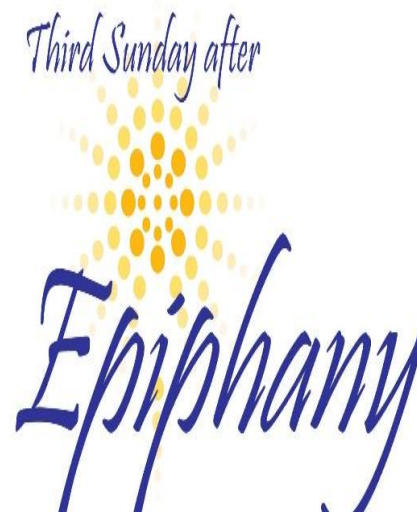
## Jesus calls us to follow him.

### 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	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples at the sea
Monday	Genesis 12:1-9	God calls Abram
Tuesday	Genesis 45:25 – 46:7	God calls Jacob
Wednesday	Jeremiah 1:4-10	God calls Jeremiah
Thursday	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the twelve
Friday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned to you
Saturday	Psalms 46	We will not fear
Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an evil spirit



### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

***“Follow me,” he told them, “and I will make you fishers of people!”***

Matthew 4:19

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

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for all you have given us. Help us to always put you first in the ways we use and enjoy your gifts. Amen. (Mark 1:18, 1 Corinthians 7:31)

Mealtime Prayer:

For food and drink, house and home, we thank you God, you give them all. May we hear your voice and follow your call. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be your king and help you to follow his Son. Amen. (Mark 1:15-17)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the difference between being a leader and being a follower? In what ways are you a leader? In what ways are you a follower?
- Jesus invited Simon, Andrew, James and John to be his followers. What was their response?
- How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

### DEVOTIONS

In your home devotional times this week, pray for people who do not know and follow Jesus. Cut out enough fish shapes for each person in your household from paper or card stock and make a list of the names on each. Pray for each of the people on the list.

Encourage each household member to carry their fish with them during the week as a reminder to pray.

### SERVICE

Simon, Andrew, James and John left their jobs as fishermen to follow Jesus. They were now to be “fishers of people.” Following Jesus sometimes means sacrificing, giving up or sharing our earthly goods and money to share his love and good news with others. Decide together on a special sacrifice or an act of giving or sharing you can make as a household this week in the name of Jesus.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

For many centuries, the fish has been an important Christian symbol. In times of the early church, it was dangerous to be known as a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire; so believers developed a code language to reveal their faith to others who were Christian. A Christian would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other persons was a Christian they would recognize this and add a second curved line to complete the drawing of a fish.

- Place the fish symbol in different parts of your home to symbolize your faith in Jesus.
- Go on a “chalk walk” in your local community. Use chalk to draw the fish symbol on sidewalks in your neighborhood. When you do so, pray for the people who work or live nearby, that they may live with faith in Jesus.
- Come up with your own household code language to symbolize your faith in Jesus..

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

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

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyonline.com](http://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:	44
Weekly Confirmation Attendance:	20
Wednesday Church School Attendance:	28
Weekly Giving:	\$2145.63
January Giving:	\$8781.91
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$8781.91
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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