

# Trinity Lutheran Church

January 23,  
2022

Third Sunday  
Of Epiphany

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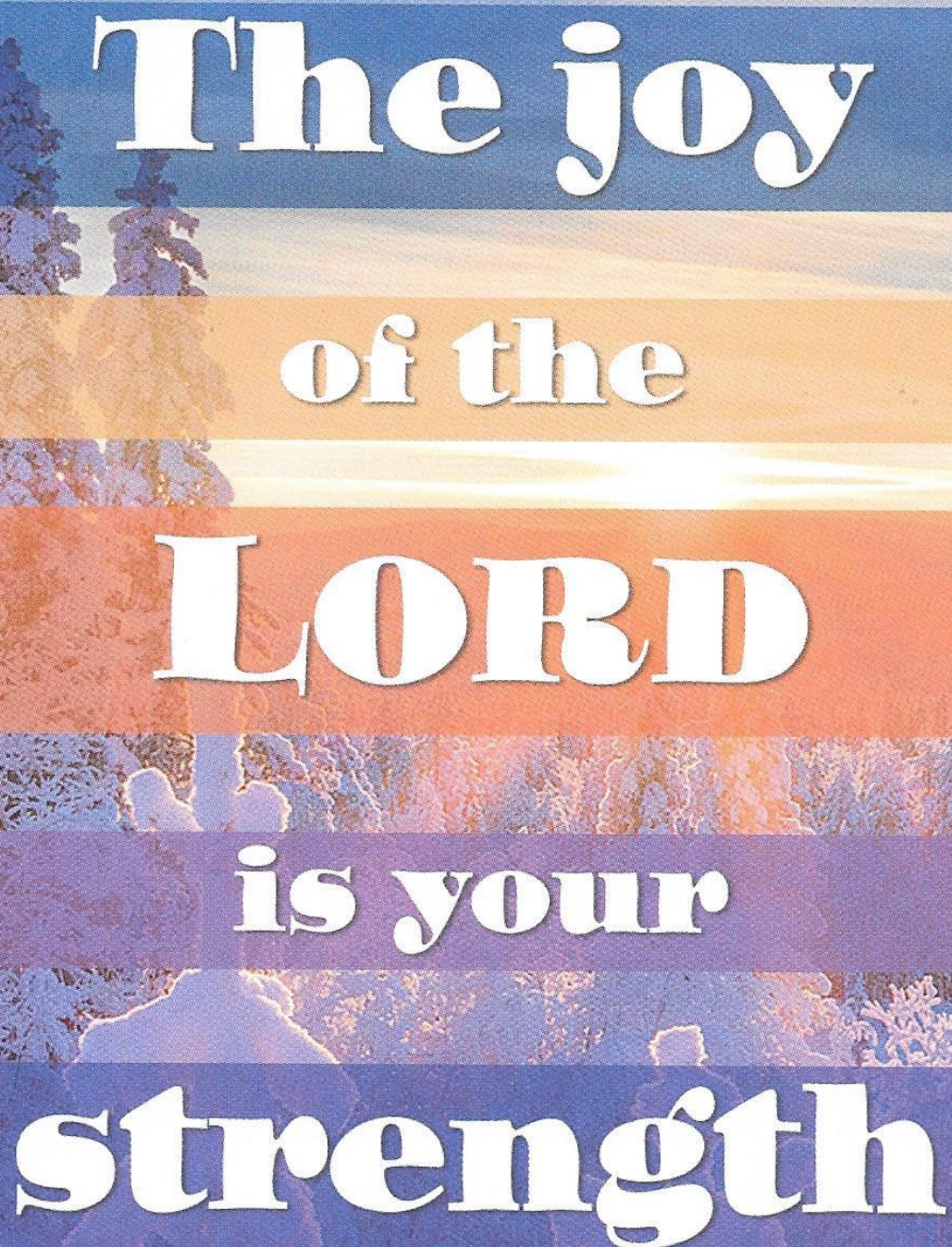
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The joy  
of the  
LORD  
is your  
strength



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## SERVICE OF THE WORD



**9:00 AM JANUARY 23RD, 2022**

**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. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

*If you are worshipping in person and unvaccinated, thanks for keeping your mask on over your nose and mouth all the time you are in the building. You help protect us all.*

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## GATHERING

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**WE PREPARE:** *God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

### 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.**





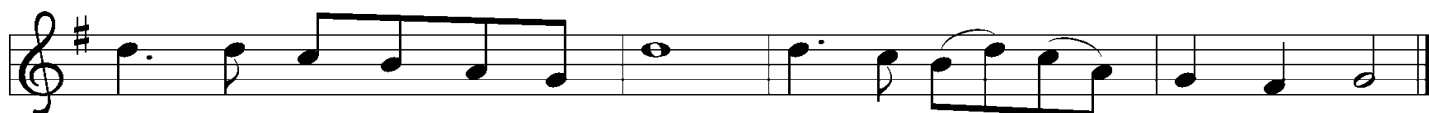
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## GREETING

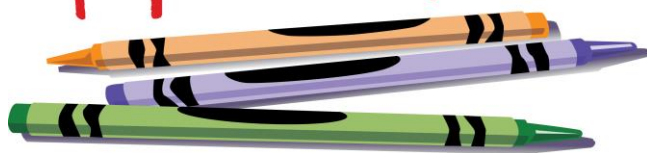
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NOISY OFFERING

Children's  
Message



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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

The first reading is in Nehemiah chapter 8, verses 1–3, 5–6, 8–10.

*All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.*

*And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

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

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 12-31a.

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

*Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.*

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.*

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## THY WORD

F                      C/E                      F                      B♭/D                      C                      F

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

5                      C/E                      F                      B♭/D                      C                      F                      Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

**VERSE**

9                      C                      Gm                      Dm                      Am                      B♭                      C

1. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -

2. I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

12                      B♭/F                      F                      C                      Gm                      Dm                      Am

-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

15                      B♭                      C                      C/D                      D                      C<sup>sus</sup>                      C                      D.C. al Fine

Please be near me to the end.

I will love You to the end.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.*

*When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

*And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

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

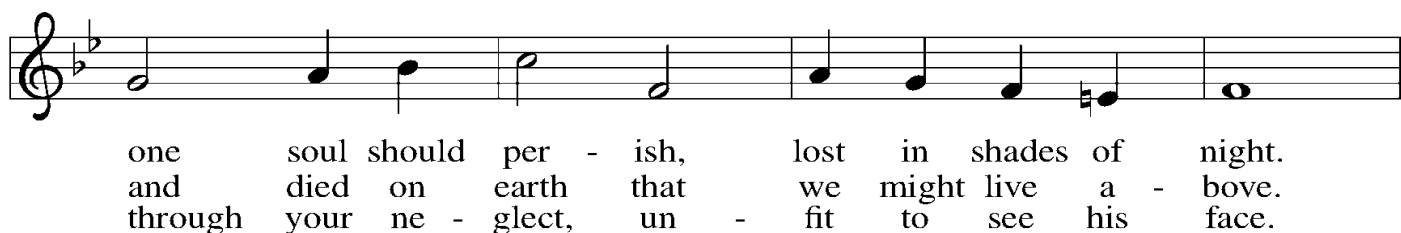
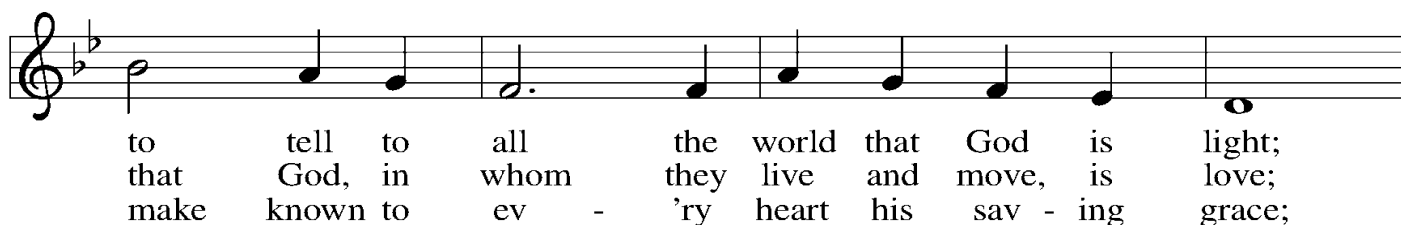
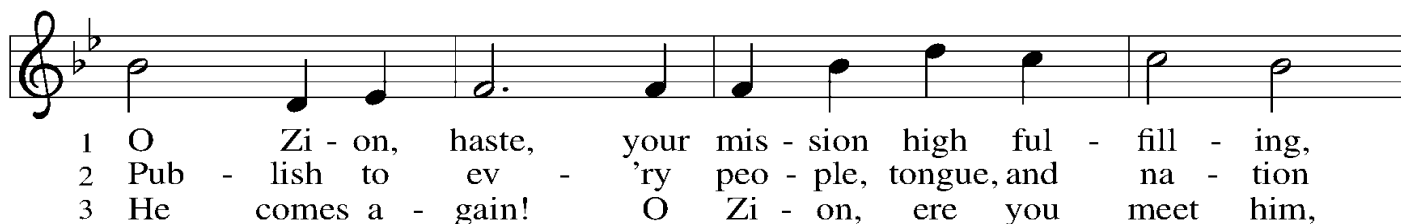
**SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Mason**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*O ZION, HASTE*

**ELW #668**





## 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**

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## THANKSGIVING

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### OFFERING

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

### PRAYERS

#### 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.**

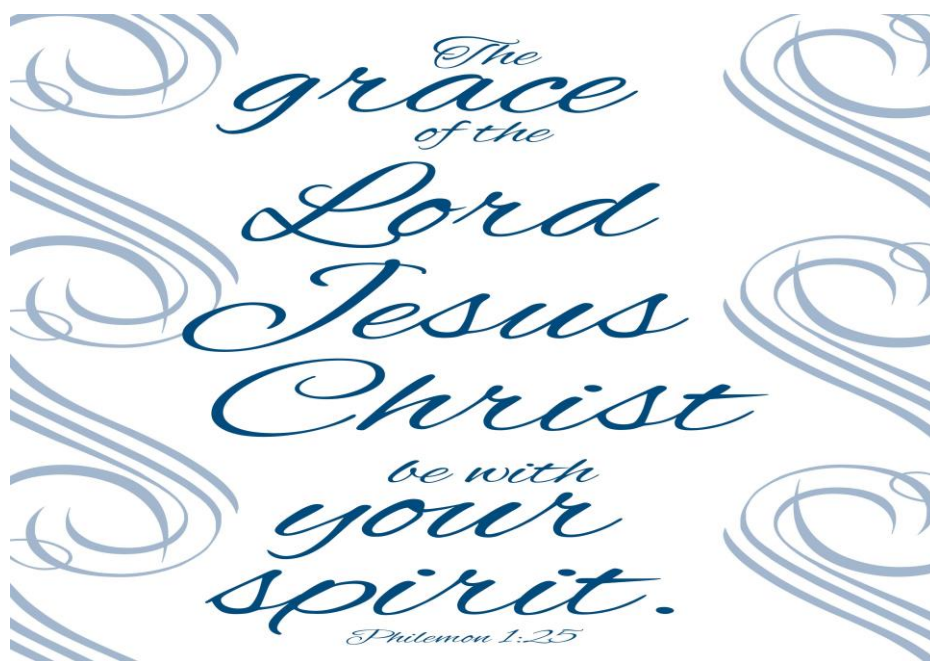
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## SENDING

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### 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.**



**ELW # 866**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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

**SUNDAY 9:00am Worship**

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Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Nora Coulson	
Readers	Cheryl Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Larry & Sherry Baumgardt	
Ushers	Ed Ecker & Mark Miller	
Altar Guild	Sarah Lendt & Mary Renberg	





**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Please plan on attending as decisions are made for 2022.**  
**What you think matters!**

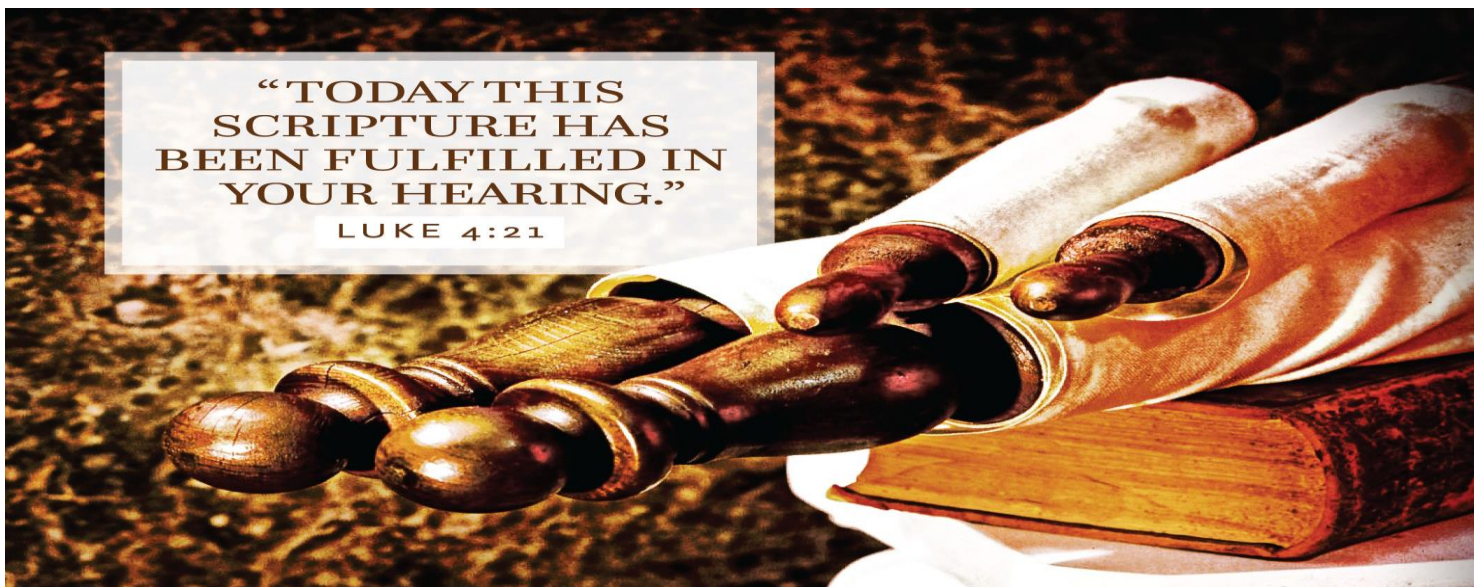
**CALLING ALL TRINITY YOUTH!** Please consider going to Bible Camp this summer...all kids 1st grade through 12th grade are invited to attend Green Lake or Shores of St. Andrew June 19-23rd! Information will be handed out today. Remember that Trinity offers **FULL SCHOLARSHIPS** for a week full of faith-growing and fun! See Maren if you have any questions.



**CAN YOU HELP?** We are asking for drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels. 1-2 people are needed per week from February 14 through March 31. This is a half of an hour to 1 hour daily commitment to help feed people in our community. Contact Lee Johnson to sign up or if you have any questions. Call 507-276-3515. Thanks!  
Trinity has committed to aiding our community with this program for many years.

*Let's not stop now!*

**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



**"TODAY THIS  
SCRIPTURE HAS  
BEEN FULFILLED IN  
YOUR HEARING."**

**LUKE 4:21**

**JANUARY 23, 2021**

## ***We are many parts, but all one body***

### **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	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The Spirit of God is on me
Tuesday	Luke 4:31-44	Jesus drives out an evil spirit
Wednesday	Luke 6:6-11	Jesus heals in the synagogue
Thursday	Acts 14:1-7	Paul and Barnabas in the synagogue
Friday	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	The power of God's Word
Saturday	Psalms 119:105-112	God's Word gives light
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected



## **Third Sunday after EPIPHANY**

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

***The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.***

**1 Corinthians 12:12**

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

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, thank you for making us part of your body.

Help us to come together to do your work. Amen (1 Cor. 12:25-26)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, we come together as members of your body.

Feed us to work together, so that in us, others may see you. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God give you the Holy Spirit, and may the Spirit bless and strengthen you as part of the body of Christ. Amen. (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What would your life be like without a tongue, or fingers, or feet?
- The apostle Paul describes the church as a body that is made up of many parts (1 Cor. 12:12-31).  
What body part do you think best describes the part you play in the Church?
- Paul says that the different parts of the body of Christ should have "equal concern" for each other.  
What does this mean?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Use your bodies and go for a family prayer walk this week! Pray aloud (one at a time!) as you walk, and allow what you see (people, nature, places and signs) to direct you in prayer. For example, if you pass a school, pray for its teachers and students. Don't forget to say a prayer of thanks for your bodies and for your part in the body of Christ.

### **SERVICE**

Paul says that as the body of Christ, the church, we are to care for one another, and treat each other as equally important (1 Cor. 12:25-26). When one part of the body suffers, the whole body is called to share in that suffering. Who is suffering in your church family at present? Plan a way for your family to care for them.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

When Jesus attended the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth, he read to them from the book of Isaiah. Volunteer as a household to lead the Bible readings one Sunday at your church. Practice together at home. Also consider volunteering for other duties at your church, such as cleaning, serving coffee, ushering and taking the offering.

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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.*

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

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving:	\$3880.57
January Giving	\$10,694.53
Yearly Contributions	\$10,694.53

## 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 **Judy, Beth, Norman, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Linette, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, 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 those preparing for marriage and those newly married**...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

**Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home**...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...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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today  
this  
Scripture  
has been  
fulfilled  
in your  
hearing

Luke 4:21