

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday
Of Epiphany

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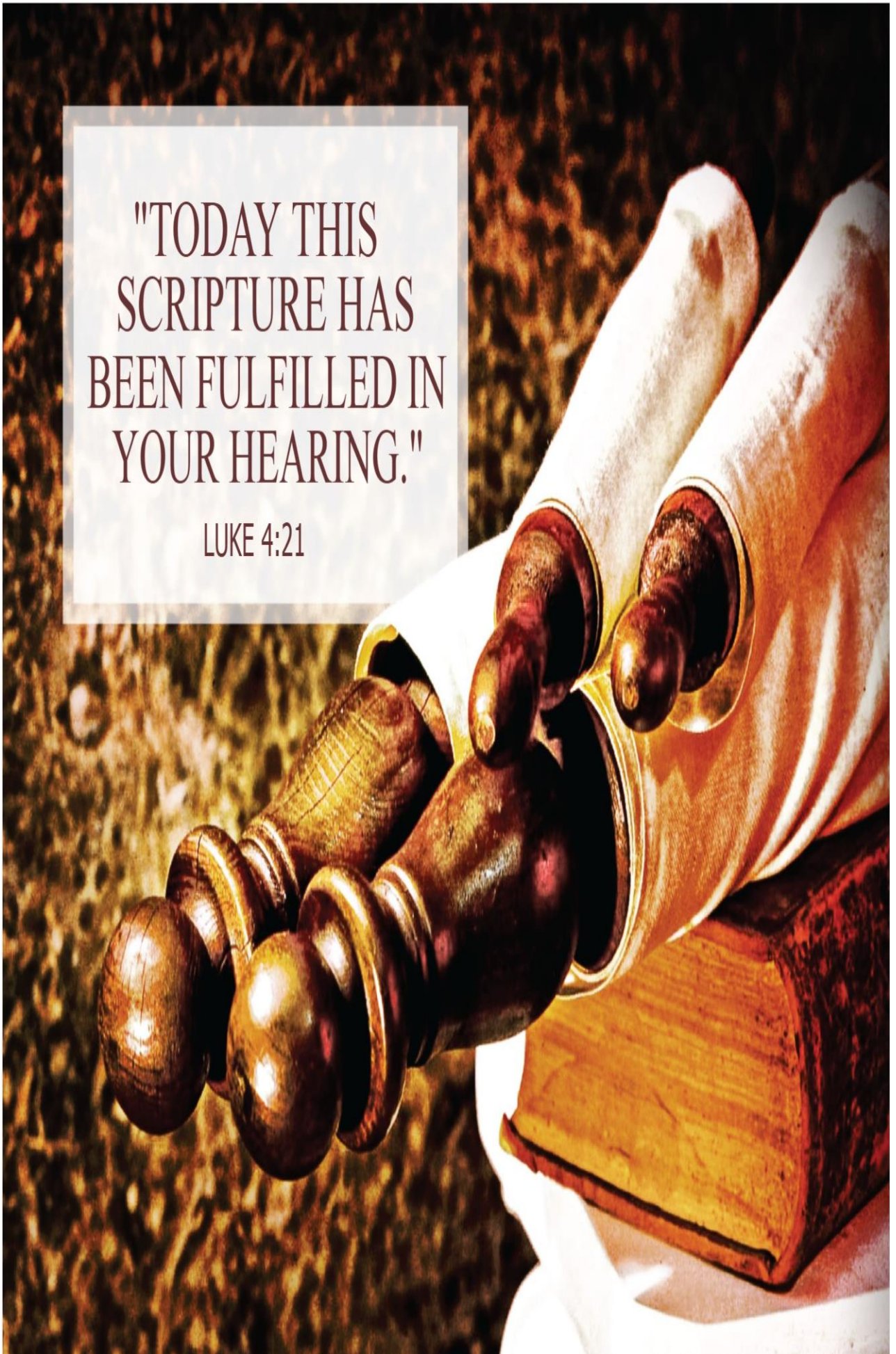
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"TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE HAS
BEEN FULFILLED IN
YOUR HEARING."

LUKE 4:21



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SERVICE OF THE WORD ~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

9:00 AM JANUARY 26TH, 2025



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.

GATHERING

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

TRINITY CHOIR

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 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts, and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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.**

CALLING THE ANNUAL MEETING INTO SESSION

As there are many members in one body—**so we, though many, are one body in Christ.**
Where two or three are gathered together in my name—**there I am in the midst of them.**

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, being humble and gentle, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Let us pursue justice and peace, for mutual up-building.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

I now declare this Annual Meeting to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you. **And also with you.**
Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. **Receive our prayer, O God.**
Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christ like ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement. **Receive our prayer, O God.**

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve. **Receive our prayer, O God.**

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others. **Receive our prayer, O God.**

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world. **Together, we are partners in ministry. Amen.**

WORD

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. The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

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. Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

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.

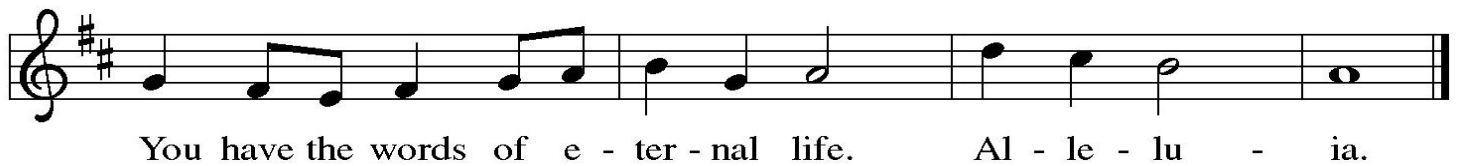
Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any 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



GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

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

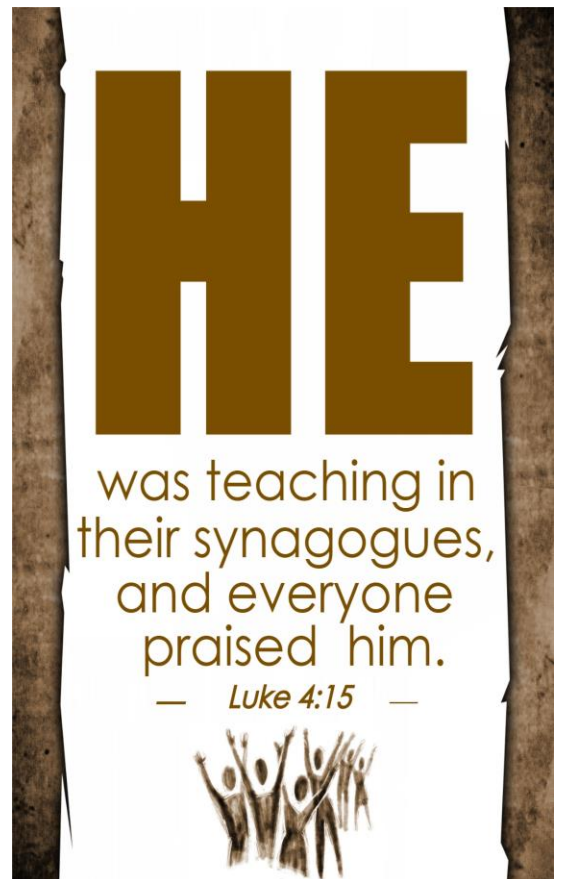
Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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 Dave Nissen

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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**



DEDICATION OF THE QUILTS

Almighty and gracious God,

you have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.

We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain. **Lord, we pray for more.**

We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources—our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

We pray yet for more, Lord.

We pray for strength to reject rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

Lord, for much more we pray.

We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, quilts, and material resources makes a welcomed difference for others, and to you.

For still more, Lord, we pray.

We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting fair trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

Lord, yet again we pray for more.

We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, and the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service. We pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving today.

Yes, for one more thing we pray.

We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners; help us to uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, and our willingness to learn from others.

In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six staves of music. The first three staves contain the main text, and the last three staves contain the refrain. The music is simple and melodic, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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

LITANY OF PRAYER

As servants of Christ, we plant and support new congregations each year; we enable congregations to renew their ministries; we work with ethnic ministries to develop resources and networks for ministry, and we share resources for God's work.

Together, we are partners in ministry.

As partners in ministry, we pray for and support The Lutheran World Federation's communion of Lutheran churches around the world.

Together, we accompany others in doing God's work.

As people who accompany others, we send more than 200 missionaries to more than 40 countries, training congregation leaders and evangelists to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Together, we equip people to be disciples, evangelists and stewards.

As disciples, we equip God's people to be current and future leaders through our colleges, universities, seminaries and lay schools. We pray for our more than 9,000 rostered leaders. **Together, we are members in the body of Christ.**

As members in the body of Christ, we pray for and support congregations and synods with resources to assist in asset-thinking, planning, operating matters and risk management. **Together, we are stewards of God's gifts.**

As stewards, we pray for and engage our culture to work for justice, including dialog about current social, political, environmental and public issues.

Together, we are advocates of God's work for the sake of the world.

As advocates, we pray for common action among other faith communities, seeking unity in faith and life with all Lutherans and our six full communion partners.

Together, we are the Evangelical Lutheran Church in God's grace.

For those poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who are persecuted, and those who face anxiety and illness, we pray for **Jane, Nicole, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Diane, Sherry, Kali, Isaac, 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** and all who are near us in need, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all of those blessed in the Lord, who gave their lives for the sake of the gospel and now rejoice in heaven, grant us hope and courage to seek first the kingdom of God, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we are servants in Christ, partners in ministry, people who accompany others, members in the body of Christ, stewards and advocates—our faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world. May God, our Father, keep us in the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us strength to speak and work for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray with confidence the words our Savior taught us:

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.

ANNUAL MEETING PROCEEDS WITH REPORTS –*Anyone in need to depart may do so now.*
(Please refer to the 2024 Annual Report)

SENDING

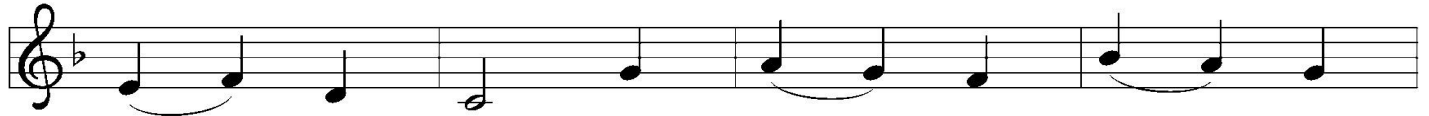
BLESSING

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.**





1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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	Kaylie Fulmer	
Readers	Sarah Lent	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Chris Mangen	
Ushers	Julie & Eric Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Sara Sellner & Mary Renberg	



CAN YOU HELP? We are asking for drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels. 1-2 people are needed per week from March 3 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!

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.



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!

- Lutheran Disaster Response \$ _____ DDG0060
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ _____ DDG0077

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give online



Give through your congregation or make out your check to Lutheran Disaster Response and send it to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line.

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

JANUARY 26, 2025

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 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:	82
Website	66
Church School/Confirmation	59
Bible Studies Attendance:	8+6+1=15
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4634.77
January Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$13,287.36
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$13,287.36



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, Isaac, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Isaac, 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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Luke 4:21