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## Fourth Sunday Of Epiphany

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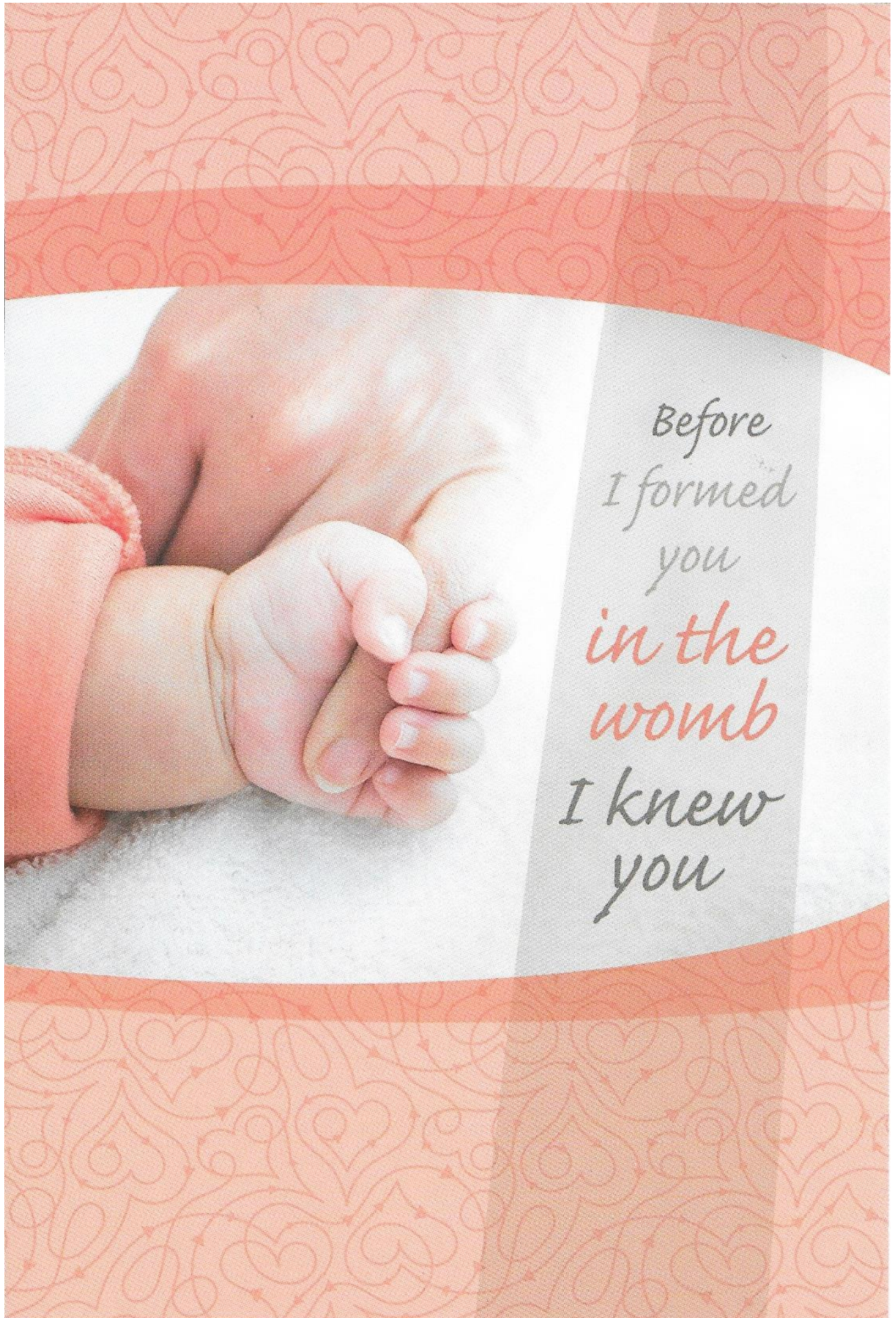
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Before  
I formed  
you  
in the  
womb  
I knew  
you



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 AM JANUARY 30TH, 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.*

### GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

### 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 in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

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

Rejoice in this good news: In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**





## 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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## NOISY OFFERING

Children's  
Message



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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 1, verses 4 - 10.

*Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.*

*Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."*

*Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."*

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

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

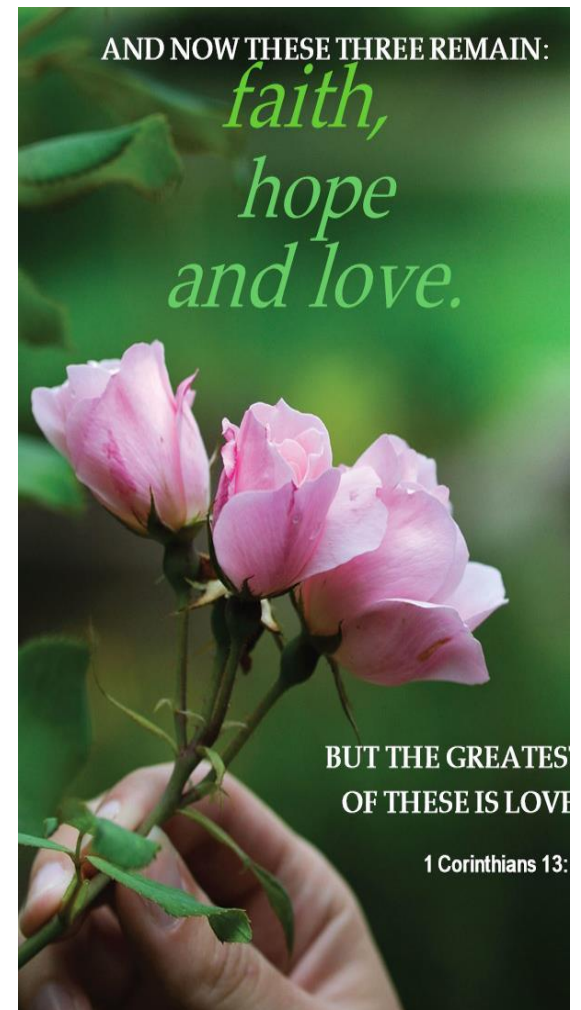
The second reading is in 1 Corinthians chapter 13, verses 1 - 13.

*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

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



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.

*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.



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

*Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.*

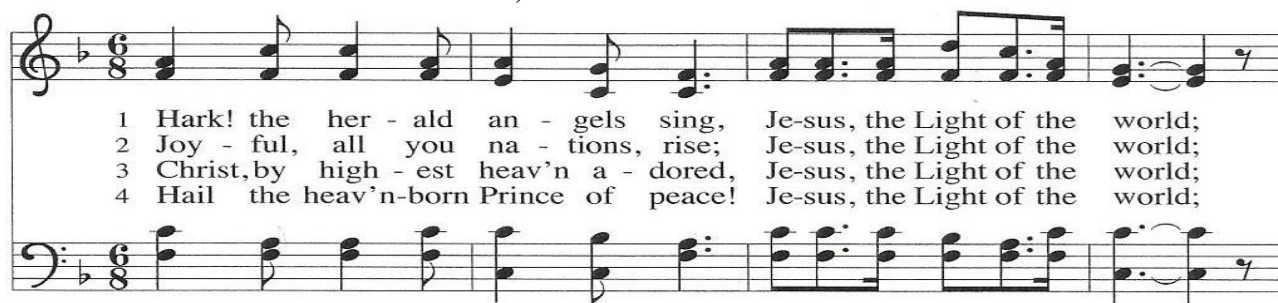
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

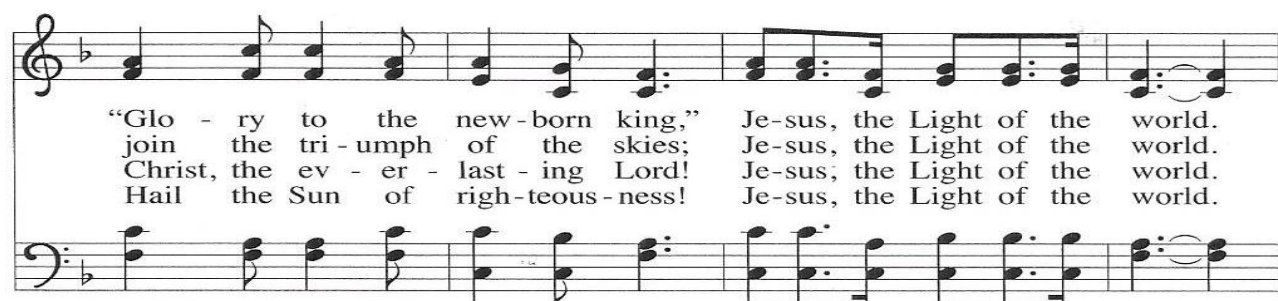
SERMON

**Pastor Tim Mason**





1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

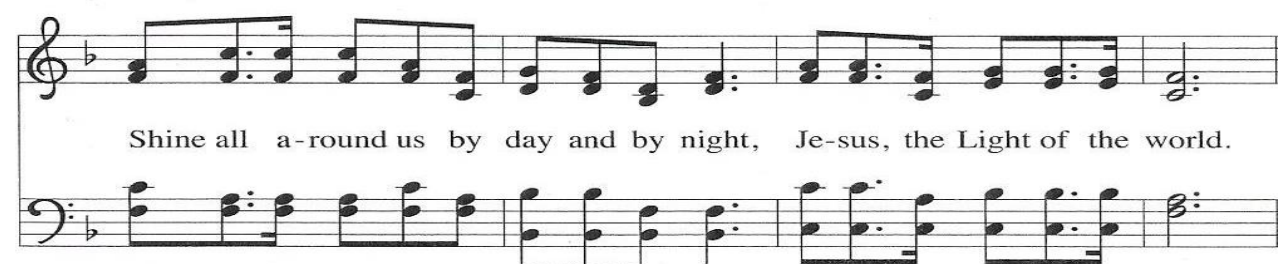


"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

**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

“MARY’S CHOICE”

*(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.

## ANNUAL MEETING

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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.**

### SENDING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**ELW #836**

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!



## 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	Brenden Heiderscheidt	
Readers	Mike Petersen	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Larry & Sherry Baumgardt	
Ushers	Ed Ecker & Mark Miller	
Altar Guild	Sarah Lendt & Mary Renberg	



## Annual Congregational Meeting Today! Right Now!

**Please plan on attending as decisions are made for 2022.**

**What you think matters!**

**Get a copy of the Annual Report from our Ushers.**

**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! **EARLY REGISTRATION AT A LOWER COST ENDS ON FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>!** 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!*



January 30, 2022

## ***Love is patient and kind.***

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 4:21-30</b>	<b>The prophet Jesus is rejected</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</b>	<b>Love is patient and kind</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Matthew 7:24-29</b>	<b>Jesus' teaching has authority</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 13:53-58</b>	<b>Jesus rejected at Nazareth</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 6:20-26</b>	<b>Rejected disciples are blessed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Peter 2:1-10</b>	<b>Rejected by people but chosen by God</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 56</b>	<b>In God I trust</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 9:28-43</b>	<b>Jesus is transfigured</b>



*Fourth Sunday After*  
**EPIPHANY**

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

**Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

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

**A Prayer for the Week:** Lord Jesus, give us courage when we are rejected because we trust in you. Help us to be your loving servants. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:** O God, give us hearts that are grateful for all your kindness. As you love us, lead us to love others. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May God bless you with unfailing love. May that love flow through you to others. Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

Jeremiah felt unprepared to respond to God's call (Jeremiah 1:6). When have you felt unprepared to be God's servant?

Jesus was rejected by his own townspeople. How does God support you when you feel the judgment of others?

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Paul gave 16 characteristics of true love. What are they? Which are the hardest to live out?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Use 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a to reflect on God's love in the world. Who has shown some of these characteristics of love? For example, complete these statements: **"(Name) showed me God's love by being kind when . . ."** **"(Name) showed me God's love by forgiving me when . . ."**

### **SERVICE**

Equipping youth is a critical ministry of the church (see Jeremiah 1:4-10). Find some way of supporting children and youth in your community. For example, offer an encouraging word to a child or youth. Be available to teach or train youth in your community or congregation. Contribute financial support to programs that offer training to children and youth.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (see Luke 2:22-38), also known as **Candlemas**, involving candlelight processions and prayers.

Prepare a home candlelight procession. Have two people play Mary and Joseph, carrying a doll to represent the baby Jesus. Process in candlelight to the waiting Simeon. Simeon takes the "child" and reads aloud from Luke 2:29-32. Conclude by using the following prayer:

**Leader:** We thank you, God, for sending us light to help us see in so many different ways. We thank you for the light of the flame that turns darkness into light. We thank you for the light of the sun, which divides night from day. We thank you for the words of the Bible that light our path. Above all we thank you for Jesus, who is the light of the world. Please help us shine as lights for you, so that others too can see your love and grace. Amen.

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***Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions***





## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is  
Lord: our mission is to invite,  
welcome, nurture, and equip all  
people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](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:	\$5824.26
January Giving	\$16,578.79
Yearly Contributions	\$16,578.79

## 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...

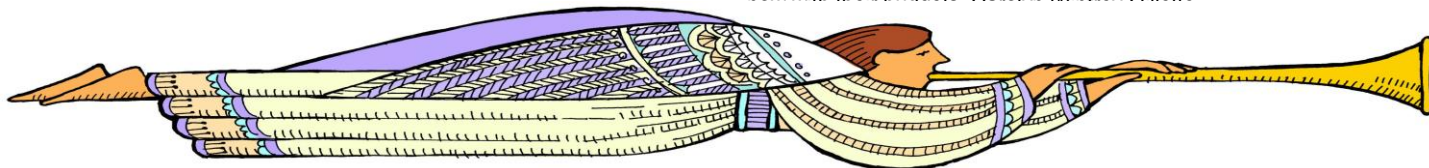
**Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married**...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

**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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# The Spirit of the Lord

is on me, because  
he has anointed me  
to proclaim good  
news to the poor.

Luke 4:18