



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2025

Rev. Jill Ross, Bridge Pastor
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The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another.

By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone.

In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

✝ THE SERVICE ✝

WELCOME

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ CHOIR PRELUDE *Now*
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✝ GATHERING ✝

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *All Are Welcome* #641 vs. 1, 4, 5

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
Refrain**

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* p. 185 (*Refrain*)

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. (Refrain)**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Amen. Amen.**

(Final refrain)

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and peace to God's people on earth.*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, **you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the
LORD
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed
Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↓ Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; you save
humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take
refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your
delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light
we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know
you, and your favor to those who are true of
heart.**

↓ SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,
I do not want you to be ignorant. ²You know that
when you were gentiles you were enticed and led
astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I
want you to understand that no one speaking by the
Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no
one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same
Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the
same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but
it is the same God who activates all of them in
everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the
Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given
through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to
another the utterance of knowledge according to
the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to
another the working of powerful deeds, to another
prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to
another various kinds of tongues, to another the
interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated
by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one
individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al-le-lu-ia... al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

Al-le-lu-ia... al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

↑ GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd
chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of
Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus
and his disciples had also been invited to the
wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of
Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus
said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me
and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His

mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ SERMON

↓ HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* #470 vs. 1 & 3

1 *Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.*

3 *All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.*

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.
Text from *Songs of Praise* Enlarged Edition © Oxford University Press 1931.

↑ APOSTLES' CREED p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need especially *Michelle Koka, Janine Carr, Fern Stern, Anita Burnaford, Anna Streissguth, Starr Brown, Mary Waller, Jeremiah Jacob Schultz, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Bay Farm Community Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We pray for the fullness of the lives of Anita Burnaford, Gunther Hofmann, Jay Lamb and Ian Irish as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 God thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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.

↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace. **Amen.**

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts
of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and
send us out to embody your good news of
liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In
the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

↑ HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #841

- 1 *Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven
ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*
- 2 *Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning
rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents
sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has
been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at
last
where the white gleam of our bright star is
cast.*

- 3 *God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the
light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever
stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Recessional

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* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 51

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 1/20 9:30am Craft Group
Tues 1/21 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 1/22 7:00pm SET Meeting
Thurs 1/23 7:30pm Council Meeting (meets on Zoom)
Sun 1/26 9:30am Sunday Worship- Guest Pastor Barbara Peronteau

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS to help Pastor Jill get to know all of us.

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP FOR A WELCOME COFFEE HOUR for Pastor Jill.

THE 2025 COFFEE HOUR AND MIDWAY MEAL SIGN-UPS are available on the clipboards in the church entryway. Please help us fill the January (and beyond) dates.

THE JANUARY MIDWAY MEAL is next Sunday, January 26th. We are looking for a volunteer to provide the vegetable side dish. Please see the sign-up sheet if you are willing to provide this portion of the meal.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place on Sunday, February 2nd immediately following worship. At this meeting, the primary focus will be approval of the 2025 Budget. Please join us for worship and stay for our meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JILL (*abridged from the article that is in the email newsletter that you received yesterday*) My schedule will be a little unpredictable in the first few weeks both due to a retreat I am scheduled to lead that was planned over a year ago and a bit of Synod business that I have to complete before the end of January. By the beginning of February, I will post a schedule for you that should be easy to follow. If you have signed up for the ELCA National Day of Racial healing webinar for Tuesday, January 21st, please let me know by email revjillross@gmail.com>, or tell me when you see me at church. We will attend individually then find a meeting time to share and discuss what we learned.

Assisting in Worship:

This morning:

Assisting Minister: Mary James
Reader: Mike Luque
Greeters: Kathy & Stan Booker
Children's Attendant: n/a
Coffee Hour: Welcome Brunch for Pastor Jill
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Sunday, 1/26

Assisting Minister: Anita Burnaford
Reader: Kristin Moeller
Greeters: Marilyn Ohm-Smith & John Kofranek
Children's Attendant: Karol Luque
Coffee Hour: Marvera Kline
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21