



YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED;
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.

Trinity Lutheran Church



January
12

2025
Baptism of
Our Lord

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

I baptize you
with water; but
one who is more
powerful than I
is coming; I am
not worthy to
untie the thong
of his sandals.
He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit and
fire.

Luke 3:16

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We are glad you are here!

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

HYMN SING ALONG

SEE INSERT

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 4

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words...let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C 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.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:...live anew as beloved children of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

ELW PAGE 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast

ELW PAGE 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God,...now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

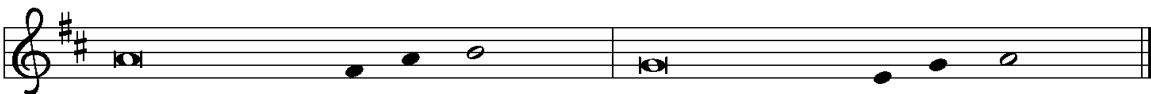
FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Sung responsively



- ¹ Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;**
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- ¹¹ O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go*

ELW PAGE 151

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
- 2 He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ELW PAGE 127

THE PRAYERS

A With the Spirit of Christ...and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A You call us by name,...God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P You grant us peace....God of grace.

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust our prayers to you...your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG **ELW 188**

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

A God of grace,...now and always.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *The Lord be with you* **ELW PAGE 152**

P It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **ELW PAGE 153**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER **ELW PAGE 154**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.

LAMB OF GOD **ELW PAGE 154**

COMMUNION HYMN *Take Me to the Water* **ACS 957**

1 Take me to the water, take me to the water,
take me to the water to be baptized.

2 I love Jesus, I love Jesus,
I love Jesus, oh, yes, I do.

3 He's my Savior, he's my Savior,
he's my Savior, oh, yes, he is.

4 Glory, hallelujah. Glory, hallelujah.
Glory, hallelujah to be baptized.

Text: African American spiritual

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Nourishing God,...In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, ...the comfort of your abiding presence.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God...and send you in love.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956 Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 12, 2025..... Doorstep Food Donation Day.....
 Adult Sunday School9:30 AM
 Hymn Sing Along.....10:15 AM
 Worship with Holy Communion10:30 AM
 PFLAG meeting2:00 PM

Tues., Jan. 14.....Quilters.....9:00 AM
 Church Council meeting5:30 PM

Sunday, Jan. 19 Community Relations committee meeting9:30 AM
 Worship with Holy Communion10:30 AM
**Annual Meeting**..... after worship

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Jan. 12	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Bob/ Janeen Horton
Jan. 19	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	
Jan. 26	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Parker Jackson	Pr. Barb Jones	Howard/ Loni Reece

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/
Dec. 22	\$2,518.00	\$27.00	\$2,545.00	-\$2,211.54	\$333.46	31/31
Dec. 24	\$282.00	\$0.00	\$282.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,929.54	49/38
Dec. 29	\$1,480.00	\$0.00	\$1,480.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$731.54	30/0
Jan. 5	Snow day	Snow day	Snow day	Snow day	Snow day	0/0
		Nov. 2024	\$7,008.00	-\$12,223.45	-\$5,215.45	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$97,555.21	-\$134,295.51	-\$36,740.30	



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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