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Trinity Lutheran Church



January
26
2025
3rd Epiphany

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

The Spirit of
the Lord is
upon me,
because he has
anointed me
to bring good
news to the
poor

Luke 4:18

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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.

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

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

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW 314

1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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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 Blessed Lord God,...Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

Sung responsively



- ¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- ² **One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- ³ Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of**
the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to**
the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- ⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
- ⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's | own offenses?**
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion |
over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable**
| in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

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 fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:13-21

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. *Please be seated.*

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW 843**

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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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 As your word is opened...God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P As our faith is strengthened....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 The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 *One Bread, One Body* ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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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

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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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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Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

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