

Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday, January 11, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 COUNCIL INSTALLATION

PRELUDE

"Brightest and Best"

James P Harding arr. Mark Hayes ©2016 Lorenz Pub CCLI #3710409

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, 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: "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.
- C: Amen.

KYRIE

Carl-Eric Gentes arr. Scheitel





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KID'S SERMON

Pastor Rick

READING

L: A reading from Isaiah 43

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

L: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 3

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "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. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"God of Wonders"

Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong ©2000 Never Say Never Songs CCLI #3118757

Pastor Rick

Lord of all creation
 Of water earth and sky
 The heavens are Your tabernacle
 Glory to the Lord on high

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning

 I will celebrate the light

 When I stumble in the darkness

 I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father, hold me, hold me

> Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth

CREED

We gather in this assembly as a community of faith.

We believe that God is real and present in all places and throughout all time.

We share a vision of God: a God whose Spirit is love, accessible to all yet beyond our understanding. We search for the meaning of God and human experience revealed in the sacred stories which have been passed down to us. We tell our stories.

We believe in God the Creator, the Almighty, who made everything that is and saw that it was good. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who lived among us, healed the afflicted, taught, suffered, and died. He forgave those who crucified him. In the mystery of the resurrection,

he continues to live more profoundly through the ages as the Incarnation of Love, the Christ who shows us the Way which leads to the reconciliation of the earth and all people.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Breath and Wind of God, the giver of life, the Holy Wisdom who inspires and moves the people of God to love God with our whole being; to love our neighbors as ourselves; to strive for justice and peace; to act in respect for every person and the whole of creation; to forgive as we have been forgiven; to love as we have been loved; to build communities of hope.

We believe that life overcomes death and nothing can separate us from God's love.

Amen.

Deacon Sarah Bjornebo

PRAYERS

- P: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

- P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today, or use this code to give electronically:



OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
- C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: In the night... ...gave it to the disciples, saying:
- C: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
- P:gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

BENEDICTION

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

d)" Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman ©2011 Atlas Mountain Songs CCLI #6016351

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship your holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name

SENDING

- P: Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (reprised)

"d)" Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman ©2011 Atlas Mountain Songs CCLI #6016351 Arr. Clinton Ellerbe

Prayer List

Members

Patty Telleen LouAnn DeLozier Carol Arnold Eileen Ackerson Polly Sersen Kent Garvin Carol Hemken Shirley Garvin Howard Smith Cooper Hopkins Mary Ann Armstrong Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Heather Smith, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse Teresita Neilsen, family of Pat Wiedower Tony & family of Martin, friends of Chris Mize Eleanor & Ron Christopher & Baby, daughter of Margaret & Jim Frye Hattie Sears, friend of Dan Merz Amy Goodhart, owner of Magpies Boutique & friend of **Ronda Simmons** Greta, sister of Ronda Simmons Joe, cousin of Scott Simmons Laura LePage, friend of Don & Jan Garman Mort Larsen, uncle of Cheryl Dolan Micah Goeglein, grandson of Howard & Lois Smith Ailis McVearyy, grand-daughter of Carol Hemken Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Vicki Volbrecht Communion Prep: Sherry Albertson-Clark Welcome Table Host: Ron Bend Fellowship Host: Ron Bend Bread Baker: Dan Merz Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leaders:

Deacon Katie Kline & Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Jill Hunt	Bells of Trinity Director
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Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
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Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Shared Nursery Attendant
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Staff Emails are available on our website

This Week's Calendar:

Monday (Jan 13) 12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside

Tuesday (Jan 14) 9 am 301 Admin Mtg-Fireside 6:30 pm Exec Council

Wednesday (Jan 15)

Volunteer @ Irish Elementary 5:15 pm Bells of Trinity 6 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (Jan 16) 9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2

Friday (January 17) 10 am Quilting Group 6 pm JVP Community Shabbat

Saturday (Jan 18) 5 pm Worship 6 pm Soup & Symposium-Fireside/Kitchen

Sunday (Jan 19) 9 am Adult Forum-Room 2 9 am Sunday School-Room 3 9 am Confirmation-Room 8 10:30 am Worship 1130 am Fellowship 11:30 am New Member Class-Room 2 11:30 am Worship & Music-Fireside

To watch a recorded service, go to https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.



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