



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, January 17, 2026  
2nd Week After Epiphany  
**Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*“Prayer”*

Mark Kellner

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**GATHER**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\***

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

P: God who shepherds the lost and comforts the afflicted,

C: **Guide our hands to touch the untouchable; Our ears to listen to the hopeless; Our eyes to see the misery of others; Our hearts to feel the pain of prisoners; Empower us to take risks to be channels of healing and mercy; So that this world may be a better place. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*“Here I Am to Worship”*

Tim Hughes

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1. Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

2. King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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To see my sin upon that cross

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

**Patient God, Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**Pastor Kaari**

**GOSPEL READING**

**JOHN 2:13-25**

L: The good news according to John 2

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup>When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

L: The gospel of God.

C: **Praise be to God.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Kaari**

## SONG OF THE DAY

*“Seek Ye First”*

Karen Lafferty  
©1972 CCCM Music CCLI #1352

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things

Shall be added unto you

Allelu alleluia

2. Man shall not live by bread alone

But by ev'ry word

That proceeds

From the mouth of God

Allelu alleluia

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door

Shall be opened unto you

Allelu alleluia

## **\*CREED\***

**We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.**

**We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.**

**We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.**

**We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.**

**We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.**

**We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.**

**We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.**

**Amen.**

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2016

**\*PRAYERS\***

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**\*PEACE\***

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**OFFERING**

*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 majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## MEAL

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\***

L: Thank you for our farmers who bring the fruits of their labor. These are the products of their struggle. This bread comes from people who sleep without food. Through this wine, we share in their tears. May this bread and wine be the body of our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Let it transform us also to be life for others.**

### **\*WORDS OF PROMISE\***

L: In the night before he was betrayed, the Lord took bread in his hand, he took wine and said, this is my body, this is my blood.

C: **Lord, by receiving your body and blood we surrender ourselves to your mission of salvation. Let us, too be a light to others. Amen.**

**Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

L: God giver of life, come to transform the bread and wine that was made by the worker, to be the holy food for your people. Through eating and drinking these elements, renew our hearts, minds and souls, break down the discriminate and social classes made by human, so that we may be made on with Christ in one another. Blessing, honor, glory, and power be yours forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

ELW pg. 112

**Creator God, 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\***

**Help us grow up to be in the likeness of Christ, let everyone who is thirsty find water from living words, let everyone who is hungry find in You the bread of life, let everyone who is oppressed find comfort in You, let everyone who is in despair find hope in Your promise.**

**AMEN.**

## SENDING

### **\*BLESSING\***

L: May the One who freed the people from slavery; led them dry-shod through the sea; suffering Empire's torture and execution and defeated the Power – even the Power of death! Free you, lead you, suffer with you, and raise you;

That you may use your weakness to be a blessing, your hope to be a force of change, and your audacious determination to usher in the kin-dom of heaven on earth.

C: **Amen.**

### **\*SENDING SONG\***

*“Bring Forth the Kingdom”*

Marty Haugen  
©1986, GIA Pub OL#00026

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and anointed people:  
Signed for the Kingdom of God!  
Oil to strengthen us on our journey:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and anointed people:  
Signed for the Kingdom of God!  
Oil for healing to soothe our suffering:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and anointed people:  
Signed for the Kingdom of God!  
Oil of holiness, pure and fragrant:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

**\*SENDING\***

**P:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

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!"

# Prayer List

## Members

**Pastor Paul Schairer**

**Mary Ann Armstrong**

Marilyn Hartig

Polly Sersen

Tim Anderson

Eric Biedermann

Jean Purath

Mary Ann Miller

Barb Klaman

Shirley Garvin

Madyson Hopkins

## Friends & Family

**Sue Silver, friend of the Jurgenson family**

**Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe**

Mourning for John Edward Roland, father of  
Rebecca Roland

Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe

Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe

Barrett Knotts, Grandson of Debbie & Gary Schwartz  
and Great Grandson of Jimmie & Doris Schwartz

Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz

Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye

Ramona Haeder, sister of Rebecca Roland

Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb

Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt

Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt

Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben

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 gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also 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:**  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:**  
**Prayer Writer:** Sara Mullarkey  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
St Paul's Episcopal

**Trinity's Clergy Leader:**

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

**Trinity's Staff:**

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
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Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications &amp; Volunteer Coord.</b>
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Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klaman	<b>Shared Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:**

**Monday (January 19) MLK Day**  
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

**Tuesday (January 20)**  
6:30 pm Council-Room 2

**Wednesday (January 21)**  
5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

**Thursday (January 22 )**  
9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2  
3-5 pm Spanish Class-Room 2  
7 pm Immigration Social Justice-Zoom

**Friday (January 23)**  
10 am Quilting-Room 2

**Saturday (January 24) RIC Weekend**  
5 pm Worship

**Sunday (January 25) RIC Weekend**  
9 am Adult Forum-Room 2  
9 am Confirmation-Room 8  
9 am Sunday School-Room 3  
9 am Youth Group-Room 6  
930 am Faith Formation Mtg  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship  
11:35 am Fatih Formation-Lunch  
with Pastor Kaari

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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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