



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, February 7, 2026
5th Week After Epiphany
Healing Stories

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Peter Scholtes,
arr. Mark Hayes

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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

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

WOV #732

Psalm 51:10-12

M: J.A. Freylinghausen, arr. Harold W. Gilbert

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of miracles, Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Rick

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 4:46-54

The good news according to John 4

⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW #614

African American spiritual
Public Domain

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain*

2. If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

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 one with Christ in one another. Blessing, honor, glory, and power be yours forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

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

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

ELW #543

Jaroslav J. Vajda

M: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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1. “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

2. “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story,

here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3. “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you,

here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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

Jill Rose
Pastor Paul Schairer
Mary Ann Armstrong
Marilyn Hartig
Polly Sersen
Tim Anderson
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Mary Ann Miller
Barb Klamann
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Mourning for Sue Silver, friend of the Jurgenson family

Mourning for Jim Belak, son-in-law of Barbara Baggs
Julie Kinnaird & Jensen Kinnaird, daughter &
grandson of Jill Rose
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe
Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe
Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe
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: Ron Bend
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host:
Prayer Writer: Pat Wiedower
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	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications & Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday @ 12pm

Wednesdays, Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25

6 pm Lenten Service & 6:30 pm Soup Suppers

Sunday, March 1 @ 3pm

Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt's Installation

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (February 9)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6 pm 301 Property Mtg-Fireside
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (February 10)

4:30-6 pm Birdhouses for Habitat-Room 2
6:30 pm Exec Council-Fireside

Wednesday (February 11)

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

Thursday (February 12)

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room 2
3-5 pm Spanish Class-Room 2
3:30 pm 301FP Get Together
4 pm Finance-Zoom
6:15 pm 301FP Co-Op Mtg-Sunroom
6:30 pm TGIF @ Sara & Peter Mullarkey's

Friday (February 13)

10 am Quilting-Room 2

Saturday (February 14)

Valentine's Day

Sunday (February 15)

9 am Shared Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
9 am Youth Group-Room 6
10:30 am 301FP Shared Worship
11:30 am Fellowship
11:35 am Faith Formation-Fireside

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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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