

Gloria
to God

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1-2, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church

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February 1, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

February 2, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is available during the **9:00 and 10:30 services**, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Toddler Sunday School:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Pastor Dan Gerrietts
Pastor Daniel Hanson
Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist Deb Nielsen

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Kathy Dedor, Tracie Dedor

Coffee Fellowship
JoAnn Johnson
Sandra Willis

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Roger Rossum
9:00 a.m. Danny Miller

Communion Servers
5:00 p.m. Harlan and Marge Baack
Earl Keifer
9:00 a.m. Judy Miller and Janet Schmitz

Acolytes
Gunner Clausen
Peyton Wickering

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Evelyn Hunt

Worship Transportation
9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd
Kevin Hendrikson

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Penny Bennett
Bob VerBrugge
9:00 a.m. Dan Clarke, Randy Dedor
Gary Lindgren, Ethan Miller
Kim Pang

Custodian Dave Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

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.

***Gathering Hymn**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

***Greeting**

P The grace, of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Now the Feast and Celebration**

Marty Haugen

Refrain
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

I. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

*Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love;
and that we may obtain what you promise,
make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon(9:00 a.m.)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

L ⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a
boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

L The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L ¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

P ²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

During this cold and flu season please greet one another in the name of the Lord with a wave and a smile.

MEAL

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



*Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offering 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 to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Songs

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 631

ELW 836

***Prayer after Communion**

P 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,

C Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Go, My Children With My Blessing

ELW 543

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are in memory of **Rose Marie Nack** given by her daughter, Gwen Lewis.

Team Spirit Weekend

Have a favorite sports team or organization? Wear your jersey or other team clothing to worship on **February 8-9** as we celebrate **Team Spirit Weekend!** Look for the Superbowl Offering Challenge that weekend where you can "vote" for who you think will win the big game. **All proceeds will go to the Camp Scholarship Drive.**

Wartburg College Rosenchor at Trinity

Rosenchor, a student-led a cappella vocal ensemble from Wartburg College, will perform a concert in the Trinity sanctuary on **Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 PM.** Rosenchor, or "Choir of Roses", is a treble-voiced group dedicated to service, faith and choral excellence. The group includes Trinity member Jennaya Everist and will also take part in 9 AM worship that morning.

Living Waters Conference Assembly

The Living Waters Conference, comprised of ELCA congregations from North Iowa, will gather for their annual assembly at Good Shepherd on **Thursday, Feb. 13.** Our time will include worship with Good Shepherd residents, an informational session with Good Shepherd's chaplain and CEO, a brief business meeting and a lunch.

Interested in attending? **Sign-up on the board near the office by Feb. 3.**

Child Car Seats for Families in Need

Cerro Gordo Public Health, the Mason City Community School District and the State of Iowa are working together to provide proper car seat use training to Mason City's growing Micronesian community. Donations for car seats are also needed to ensure each family has proper equipment to protect their little ones. Trinity is looking to provide 10 car seats (\$90 each) toward these hands-on training sessions. To make a gift, simply write "Car Seats" on your check or envelope. Thanks for helping us serve our neighbors in need!

Camp Scholarship Drive

Trinity's camp scholarship program has been instrumental in creating such experiences. A week at Riverside Bible Camp is \$535/youth. For years, we have offset this cost by up to \$300/youth, enabling far more kids to attend than would otherwise go. To ensure this can continue, **we are launching a special drive to raise \$15,000 for camp scholarships by Easter Sunday 2025.** Added to current funds, this should provide enough to cover the next three years of scholarships. Thanks to a generous lead donor, we have already raised over \$7K toward the \$15K goal! **To make a gift, simply write "Camp Scholarships" on your check or envelope.** Thanks for helping camps continue to be sacred spaces for God's holy work!

Trinity's Pastoral Care Staff makes regular visits to Mercy One North Iowa hospital. But not everyone who is hospitalized appears on the clergy list. If you are hospitalized and wish to be visited, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5

Meal / 6:00 PM

Menu: Walking Tacos, Fiesta Rice, Salad & Dessert *(free will offering)*

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **Around the World in Eight Weeks** will be held in the Gathering Space. Explore the world through the lens and stories of Trinity members and friends. Each Wednesday world travelers will share their adventures to faraway lands. Photos of their trips will be highlighted in the Rotating Art Gallery.
February 5th—Ireland—Becky Eslernd
February 12th—Alps | Italy | Switzerland—Sam Hunt
- **A Time for Burning**— Feb. 5 & Feb. 12 (1966) is a documentary which tells the story of Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, wrestling with questions of racial justice and mission. Eighty-five years later, this documentary continues to invite the church today to examine its own prejudice and wonder how its imagination for mission is limited by these prejudices. Join Pastor Daniel for a viewing and discussion on this documentary, in the Chapel.
- **KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6** Students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with new activities each week.
- **CHOIR**—in the Choir Room—let's lift our voices!
- **CONFIRMATION GRADES 7-8**
Confirmation students will gather 6:30–7:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall and experience small group and large group learning as they study for their Confirmation.
- **FLAME GRADES 9-12** High School Youth Group meets 6:30-7:45 PM in the Youth Room.
- **NURSERY** The Nursery is **UNSTAFFED** but open to preschoolers and their parents.

Scholarship Applications

Attention High School seniors and current college students: Scholarship applications and re-applications for the 2024-2025 school year are available to pick up outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website. Applications must be turned in to the church office by **March 1, 2025**.

Bulls Game for Families

(of 5-12th Graders)

Saturday, February 8 | 7:10 p.m.

MC Arena

All Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are welcome to attend the North Iowa Bulls game on Saturday, February 8. Family members may also attend due to the generous contribution of Dr. Rich and Deidra Rattay. Those interested in tickets, please contact Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

The 2025 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar have been

posted. If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary while enhancing Trinity's sanctuary for the celebration of worship, please consider donating altar flowers or colored bulletins for a weekend. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25.

California Fire Relief

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to provide for immediate needs and recovery. LDR will accompany recovering communities for months and years to come. Please pray for those affected by the fires. To support LDR's work in California, write "U.S. Fires" on your check or envelope or go to the Give tab on our website. 100% of these gifts will be used to assist those in need.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 3

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:00 a.m. Legacy Committee (Rm. 300)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, February 6

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, February 8

5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**
7:00 p.m. Bulls Game for Families
(Mason City Arena)

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Health Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)
9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Health Fair)
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

BASES (*Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization*)

This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. BASES meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. in the Gathering Space.

John Adams Backpack Winter Food Drive

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) backpack food drive will begin **February 8 and end on February 23**. There will be two drop sites, one by the office and one by the stairway to the sanctuary. Lists of foods that are needed will be located in the front of the box.

If you would prefer, you can make out a check, put JAMS in the memo line, and drop it off at the office or in the collection plate.

Thanks in advance to all those who donate to this wonderful program.

Trinity's WEATHER Cancellation Policy

(*due to inclement weather*) is as follows:

- If Mason City School District has a **2-hour late start**, all morning activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District has an **early dismissal**, all afternoon and evening activities are canceled.
- If Mason City School District is **closed for the day**, all day and evening activities are canceled.

Any cancellations made by Trinity Lutheran Church will be communicated via the following media outlets: **KIMT**, **KCMR 97.9 FM**, our **Facebook page**, and on our **website**, trinity-mc.org/announcements/

Hygiene Pantry Reminder

Hygiene Pantry items can be brought to Trinity's east entrance on the second weekend each month.

Shampoo; Bath Soap; Toothpaste, Toothbrush; Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Deodorant; Toilet Tissue; Feminine Hygiene Products; Wipes; Bar of Soap Questions? Contact us at 641-423-0536.

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

