

Baptism of Our Lord



January 11-12, 2025



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January 11, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

January 12, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and we hear the voice of God: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (see Psalm 2:7). At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Baptism is a celebration of the love God has for you and for all humanity.

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 Gerriets
Pastor Daniel Hanson
Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist Teresa Jacobson

Cantor Linda Hunt

Greeters Ken and Paula Zimmerman

Coffee Fellowship

Ray and Betty Gogel
Lisa Lorenzen

Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Cliff Rossler

9:00 a.m. Nancy Rockman

Acolytes

Grace Koob, Addison Koob

Technical Support

9:00 a.m. Sophia Fitzgerald, Colton Hesley

Worship Transportation

9:00 a.m. Dean Graven

Jake and Nancy Rockman

Ushers

5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

Building Host Randy Elsbernd

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Greeting from Riverside Bible Camp (9:00a.m.)

Gabby Hartmann, and Lizzie Hill— Program Directors

*Gathering Hymn

Remember and Rejoice

ELW 454

*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon(9:00)

Pastor Beverly Butler

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

C **Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

P We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

C **Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

P Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C **By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
Making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

- P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
And above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
- C Shower us with your Spirit,
And renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**
- P To you be given honor and praise
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 29 (*Read Responsively*)

- L ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- L ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- L ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- L ⁷ The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- C ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- L ¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

- L ¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 third chapter.

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

*Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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. ¹⁷ His 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.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

***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.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

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**

As the Grains of Wheat

Marty Haugen

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
may we share the pres - ence of your love.

***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.**

***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.

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**

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **cover art for the bulletin** is in honor of the *Trinity Staff and Trinity Congregation* given by **Harlan and Marge Baack**.

Altar Flowers are given in memory of *Kristine Gatewood*, sister of Candy Marshall, by **Pat and Candy Marshall**.

TODAY IS CAMP SUNDAY!

Representatives from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will be here to share their time and talent with young people during the SS hour as well as sharing thoughts with the congregation at morning services. Camp Registration is OPEN for Summer 2025! The Earlybird deadline is Feb. 15, so THINK SUMMER! If you have any questions, contact Marty Greder at 641-423-0536.

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.

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.

Sunday Morning Coffee Servers

Volunteering to serve coffee is fun, not too difficult, and it's a wonderful way to meet or catch up with the congregation and visitors. A member of the Ministries Committee is there to assist you. We have ***openings from February to June 2025***, so whether you are new to volunteering for Sunday coffee or you have volunteered in the past, please sign up for a Sunday on the bulletin board by the church office.

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.

Wellness Wednesdays in January - Try the YMCA!

1840 S Monroe Avenue, Mason City, IA

The new year offers a fresh start to achieve your physical fitness goals. **Explore the YMCA on Wednesdays in January for only \$5!** Purchase a card at Trinity Lutheran Church that can be used **starting January 8th** to enjoy the YMCA any time on Wednesdays on your own or join an available group class such as Tai Chi, aquatic exercise class, lifting class, and many more. Grab a friend or two and make it an outing. This does not apply to people with YMCA memberships. Cards will be available for purchase from the Trinity church office during the week and on weekends in the Gathering Space throughout January.

Book Discussion—Monday, January 13th | 1:00 PM | Gathering Space

Our next book is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni “The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell is a heartwarming novel that celebrates overcoming the unfairnesses of life.” Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church office.

Cancer Support Group—Wednesday, January 15 | 2:00 PM Room 300 & Zoom

Individuals currently treating cancer or those who are in remission, along with family and loved ones, are encouraged to attend. The facilitators are cancer survivors Roger Schlitter and Linda Stine. If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please visit trinity-mc.org/cancer-support-group to fill out the Zoom registration form. Or contact Becky Elsbernd at becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org

Rejoicing Spirits—Wednesday, January 15 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we discuss the parables of Jesus through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Perfect Games in Ames | Saturday, January 18th | 9AM—4:00 PM

For all 5th-8th grade students

Change of Plans for Middle School Students grades 5-8—Instead of *snowtubing*, we will be going to Ames to Perfect Games on January 18. We will gather at Trinity at 9:00am and return about 4:00pm. Cost is \$30 and includes transportation, bowling, laser tag, arcade games, and pizza lunch. Friends are always welcome, and scholarships are available. Please contact Carol Dettmer ASAP.

Puzzle Palooza—Sunday, January 19th | 10am | Fellowship Hall

The Health Cabinet is hosting a puzzle race and exchange on Sunday, January 19th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. *Bring 1—Get 1 / Bring 2—Get 2 / Bring 3—Get 3*. You may drop off your puzzles any time during the week or bring to church that Sunday. The puzzle race will begin at 10:15am. Create a team of 2-6 people and **sign up by Sunday, January 12th**. Prizes will be awarded. Questions—contact Becky Elsbernd.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15

Meal / 6:00 PM

Menu: Maid Rites, Veggies, Salad, Chips & 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.
Jan. 15th- Ecuador & Peru- Tim & Carol Dettmer
Jan. 22nd- Germany- Tom Dettmer
Jan. 29th- Kenya & Tanzania- Nancy Sweetman
- **Discovering Bonhoeffer**— Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, neo-orthodox theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who was a key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential. Learn more as you study Bonhoeffer with Pastor Dan Gerrietts in January.
- **KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6** Students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with new activities each week.
- **CHOIR**—is taking the month of January off. See you in February!
- **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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
- 9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
- 1:00 p.m. Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 14

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
- Noon Staff Meeting
- 4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, January 15

Explore the YMCA Day

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)
- 5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
- 6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
- 7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, January 18

Holy Communion Celebrated

- 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (5th-8th Graders)
Perfect Games in Ames, IA
- 5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

Sunday, January 19

Holy Communion Celebrated

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Puzzle Palooza (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (Gathering Space)
- 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

Lunch and Learn: Elder Law & Financial Preparedness

Thursday, January 23 | Noon- 1:00 PM (Soup and sandwich served for a free-will offering.)

Fellowship Hall

Attorney and Certified Public Accountant, David A. Grooters from The Pappajohn Law Firm will be sharing information about preventing financial disaster when facing long-term care. Be knowledgeable and be prepared by coming to the Lunch & Learn at Trinity Lutheran Church on Jan. 23 at noon. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be provided for a free-will donation. Please call Trinity Church at 641-423-0536 to get a head count for lunch by Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Kitchen Gadgets Galore—Waffle Iron | Monday, January 27 | 1-3:00 PM

Come and learn some creative uses for those kitchen gadgets you received for Christmas or have been taking up space in your cabinet for years. This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process- preparing, and eating. Supply fee is \$5.00. Space is limited so sign up by the church office or call 641-423-0536.

Think beyond waffles when you consider the humble waffle iron! This class will have you be pulling out your waffle iron for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Before you donate your waffle iron to the thrift store come check it out and be amazed!

Soul Spa | Friday, January 24 | 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. We will start as a group with a guided New Year's meditation and then allow you to wander as desired to stations provided- creative art expression, yoga, Visio Divina, refreshments and seated healing touch sessions. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up. Start the year off with intentional time to reset and refresh.

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**.

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.

