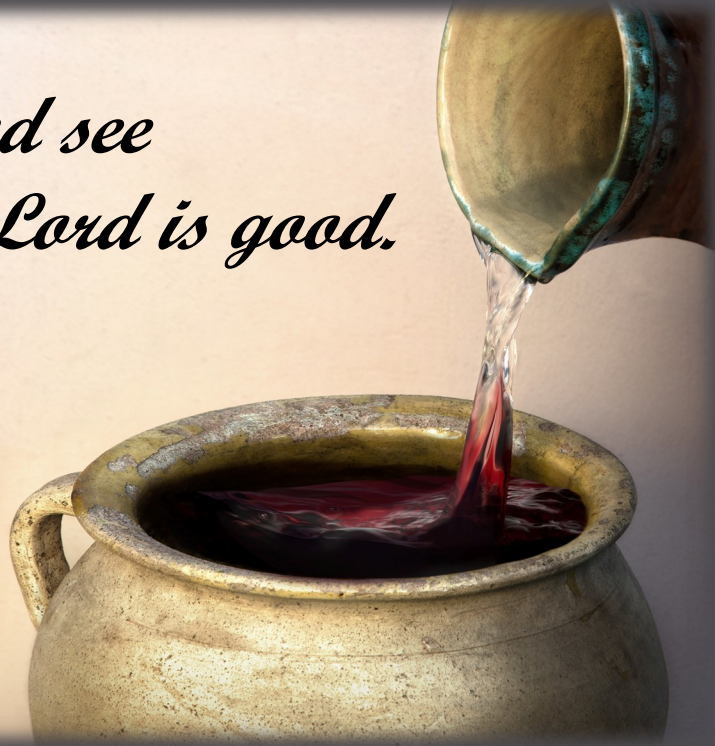


*Taste and see  
that the Lord is good.*



Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18-19, 2025



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 18, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

January 19, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

*Who is Jesus for us? This weekend we explore the Wedding at Cana story and how Jesus' glory is revealed in the water turned to wine. In the midst of a crisis of scarcity, Jesus brings remarkable abundance and grace upon grace. This miracle sets the tone for Jesus' entire ministry. How does Jesus continue to bring abundance and grace for us now?*

**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** Mark McClellan

**Cantor** Melissa Shallberg

**Greeters** Rich and Joan Murray

### **Coffee Fellowship**

Gary and Sharon Lindgren  
Marc LeDuc

### **Scripture Readers**

5:00 p.m. Patty Flatness

9:00 a.m. Kirk Hardcastle

### **Communion Servers**

5:00 p.m. Patty Flatness

Kathy Nelson, Mike Nelson

9:00 a.m. Tom and Nancy Ball

### **Acolytes**

Lear Shultz, Hayden Zilge

### **Technical Support**

9:00 a.m. Penny Bennett, Carter Rockwell

### **Worship Transportation**

9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd

Kirk Hardcastle

### **Ushers**

5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

**Custodian** Dave Smith

## GATHERING

Prelude

*Trumpet Processional in D Major*

Martha Sobaje

Welcome

**Baptism of Leilani Cosette Freeman** (5:00 p.m.)

ELW 227

**Confession and Forgiveness** (9:00 a.m.)

*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**

*All Are Welcome*

ELW 641

**\*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!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## 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 Lord God, source of every blessing,  
you showed forth your glory  
and led many to faith by the works of your Son,  
who brought gladness and salvation to his people.  
Transform us by the Spirit of his love,  
that we may find our life together in him,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

### First Reading: Psalm 36:5-10 *(Read Responsively)*

L <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

C <sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

L <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

- C** <sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- L <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.
- C** <sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

- L <sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

- 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 John the second chapter.

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

## \*Gospel: John 2:1-11

P <sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*Apostles' Creed** (9:00 a.m.)

**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

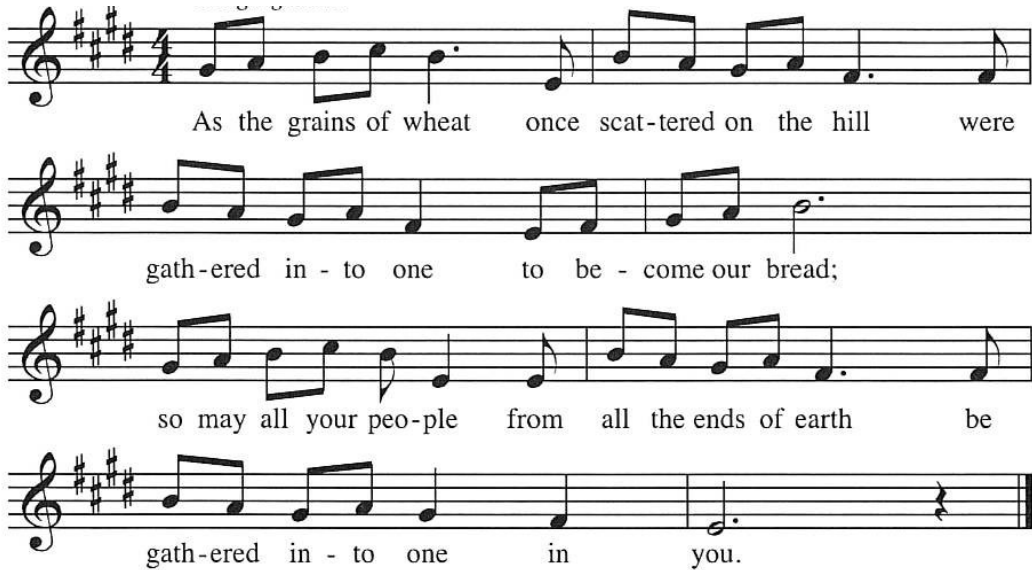
Text to Give is available at Trinity!  
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.  
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.  
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



### \*Offertory

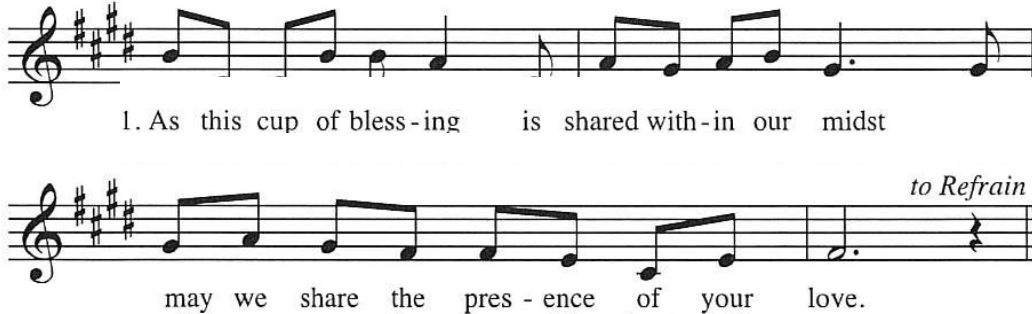
### *As the Grains of Wheat*

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. *to Refrain*

## \*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

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

*If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Lamb of God

Marty Haugen

Congregation:                      Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
you are the way of mer - cy                      and

*Congregation:*

world:                    have mer - cy on us,                    mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy            on            us.                    Lamb of God,                    you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of            the world:                    grant            us peace,

grant            us peace,                    grant            us            peace.

**Communion Songs**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

ELW 488

**\*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**

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 677

**\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Toccata in G Major*

Denis Elliot

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **cover art for the bulletin and the altar flowers** are in honor of the ***Jim and Amanda Ragan's 30th Wedding Anniversary and Jim's 80th birthday.***

## Holy Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the baptism (5:00 p.m.) of ***Leilani Cosette Freeman.*** Leilani is the daughter of Ana Freeman. Leilani's sponsors are Ana Freeman and Keegan Freeman. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Leilani to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

## Annual Meeting

Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday, January 26 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda will include reports from staff and leadership, approval of this year's mission plan (budget) and a presentation on TLC's strategic initiatives for 2025. A free-will offering lunch will be served at 11:30 AM. *Menu is: Baked Spaghetti, Cranberry Fluff, Roll and Pie!* Register for lunch at the east entrance board by Jan. 22. To attend the meeting by Zoom, contact the office and a link will be sent to you.

## California Fire Relief

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California destroying property, taking lives, and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate. 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.

## 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!

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

The Health Cabinet is hosting a puzzle 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. Questions—contact Becky Elsbemd.

# Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22**

**Meal / 6:00 PM**

**Menu:** Maid Rite Sandwiches, Chips, 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.

*Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Germany- Tom Dettmer*

*Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>- 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 Gerriets 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.

## **Lunch and Learn:**

### **Elder Law & Financial Preparedness**

**Thursday, January 23 | Noon- 1:00 PM**

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.

## **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**.

## **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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 20

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)  
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, January 21

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
Noon Staff Meeting  
10:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 307)  
3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300)  
4:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee (Fellowship Hall)  
4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Education Committee (Rm. 307)  
Finance Committee (Rm. 300)  
6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee (Rm. 300)  
Worship and Music Committee (Library)  
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Rm. 300)

### Wednesday, January 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
4:00 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal  
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

### Thursday, January 23

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
9:00 a.m. Legacy Committee (Rm. 300)  
Noon Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Friday, January 24

- 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Soul Spa

### Saturday, January 25

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

### Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Health Fair)  
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**  
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting Lunch  
Noon **Annual Meeting**

**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.

### **Soul Spa | Friday, January 24 | 9:00-11:00 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.

### **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.

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

***Think beyond waffles when you consider the humble waffle iron!*** 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.