

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

JANUARY 17-18, 2026



**TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

***Pastors***

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

***Preacher***

Pastor Daniel Hanson

***Organist***

Mark W. McClellan

***Cantor***

Melissa Shallberg

***Special Music***

Trinity Choir

Dennis Lee, Director and Camille Lee, Accompanist

**Clapper Bell Choir**

Marta Eenhuis, Director

***Acolytes***

Johnny Frein, Emma Peters

***Ushers***

Saturday: Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman

Sunday: Mike Brown, John Rodriguez, Joe Sanchez, Jon Wicks Gary Wattnem

***Scripture Readers***

Saturday: Patti Flatness      Sunday: Nancy Rockman

***Communion Assistants***

Saturday: Kathy Nelson, Mike Nelson      Sunday: Roger and Susan Schlitter

***Technical Support***

Carter Rockwell, Penny Bennett, Reece Leibrand

***Greeters***

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum      Sunday: Ken and Paula Zimmerman

***Coffee Fellowship***

Ronda Smith, Sandra Willis

***Worship Transportation***

Randy Elsbernd, Bruce and Karen Squier

***Custodian***

Dave Smith

# *The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

## *Holy Communion*

Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given by The Fosse Family  
*in memory of Marlin Fosse*

***Welcome to Trinity- We are glad you are here!***

***If you are new to Trinity*** please complete the Welcome Card located in the pews so we can follow-up with you.

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

***Seating for People with Limited Mobility*** is reserved throughout the Sanctuary.  
Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

***We love having small children in worship!***

- 1) ***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.
- 2) Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door. Ushers are available to direct you if needed.



# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who reveals Jesus as the Lamb of God and fills us with the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen..**

P Holy God, you reveal Christ among us, yet we do not always recognize him.

C **We turn away from the Lamb of God and resist the Spirit's leading.**

P You invite us to come and see your grace, but we hesitate to trust and to follow.

C **Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, that we may bear witness to your love.**

P Hear the good news: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C **In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

P Filled with the Holy Spirit ✠, you are sent to share grace and peace with all.

C **Amen.**

## \*Gathering Hymn

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW 314

## \*Greeting

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, you reveal Jesus as the Lamb of God and anoint him with your Spirit. Open our eyes to see Christ made known among us in word and meal, and send us forth to invite others to come and worship, that all may receive your gifts of grace and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Children's Sermon (Sunday)

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

## First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*Gospel: John: 1:29-42**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

Hymn of the Day    *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*    ELW 308

**\*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.



## Announcements

### MEAL

#### 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.



#### Anthem

(Saturday)

*Kum Ba Yah*  
**Clapper Bell Choir**

Triesback

(Sunday)

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*  
**Trinity Choir**

Lowenberg

#### 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 Holy God, as you have revealed Christ among us in word and meal, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them, and use us, to invite others to come and see your grace and to share in your peace.

C Amen.

## \*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

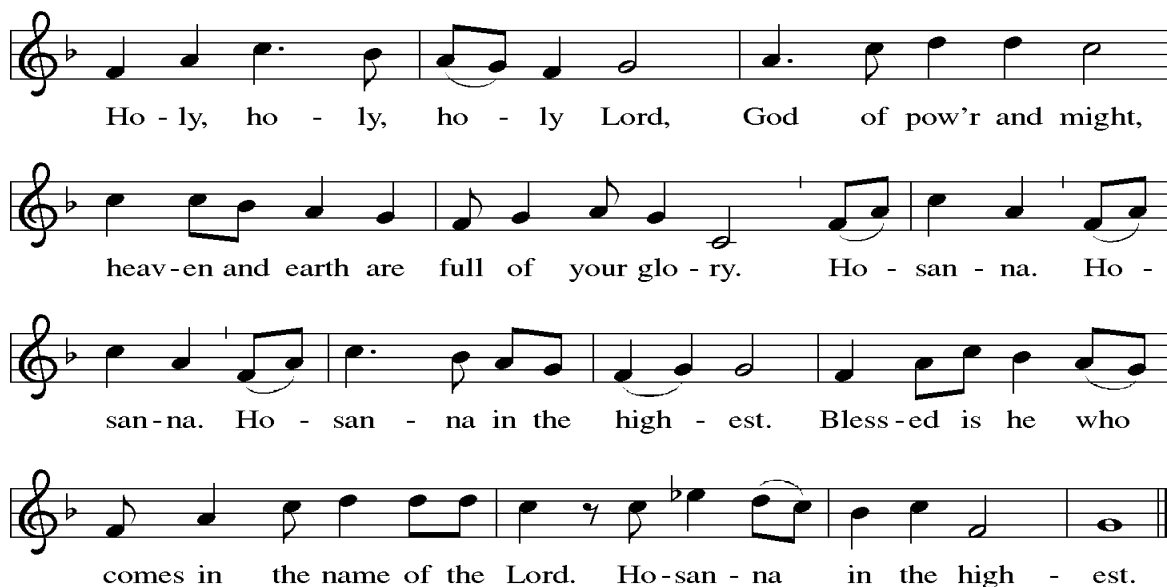
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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:

ELW pg. 144



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. 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 comes 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

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

*As with Gladness Men of Old*  
*Brightest and Best of the Stars*

ELW 302  
ELW 303

## \*Prayer after Communion

P Gracious God, you have revealed Christ to us in this holy meal and filled us with the gifts of grace and peace. Send us out, strengthened by your Spirit, to invite others to come and worship the Holy One.

C Amen.

## SENDING

### **\*Blessing**

P May Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, be revealed to you in word and meal and fill you with grace and peace. And may the Holy Spirit send you forth to invite all people to come and worship the Holy One, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

ELW 539

### **\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Reveal God's light!

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **DINNER FOR SIX** February, March and April | **Please Sign Up by Sunday, January 18**

Looking for a meaningful way to connect with others in our church? Join our “Dinner for 6” program, running February–April. Individuals and couples will join a group of six that gathers once a month for a shared meal. Participants may host in their home or organize a restaurant meal where everyone pays their own way. Groups will be assigned, and monthly hosts will coordinate the date and time. **Sign up by January 18 on the clipboard outside the office.**

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Tuesday, January 20 | 10:45 am | Rm 307

The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates tangible reminders of God's presence in the form of prayer shawls and prayer squares that are given to people who are facing health challenges and/or grieving. The group welcomes new members at any time, even those who have never touched a crochet hook!

### **REJOICING SPIRITS** Wednesday, January 21 | 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 learn about the miracles 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.

### **LUNCH AND LEARN** Thursday, January 22 | Noon—1:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Start the new year off with some smiles and tips on how to navigate the “golden years” with grace and ease. Smiling, even if it is fake, is scientifically proven to release mood-boosting hormones while reducing stress hormones which improves mood, lowers blood pressure, and boosts immunity. Connie Bleile, director of assisted living with Good Shepherd Inc., has been blessed to work with resilient individuals who inspire her to share stories, keeping our faith in humanity alive and well. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be provided for a free will donation. Please sign up on the clipboard outside the office or call the church to get a head count for lunch.

### **TRINITY ANNUAL MEETING** Sunday, January 25 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

This will be an in-person only meeting. Our agenda includes:

- \*Solar Energy Project / Proposal
- \*Reports from staff and leadership
- \*Election of 2026 Committees and Council
- \*Approval of 2026 Mission Plan (Budget)
- \*Updates on TLC's strategic initiatives, including potential ministry partnerships

### **ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH** Sunday, January 25 | 11:30 - Noon | Fellowship Hall

Brunch will be served before the meeting for a free-will offering and no RSVP needed.

Menu: Egg casserole with sausage, fruit and sweet rolls.

### **LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL** | Thursday, February 26 | 9 AM - 3 PM | Des Moines

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa for the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill. This event is open to anyone who wants to advocate and help spread the word about the work that Lutheran Services in Iowa does. Participants will gather downtown at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church to learn about LSI advocacy and critical issues facing Iowa children, adults and families, have lunch and travel to the Iowa State Capitol to talk directly with legislators.. Pastor Daniel is organizing vans to leave from Trinity's parking lot. The cost is \$25 to cover gas/transportation. We will be traveling with members from a number of other nearby ELCA congregations. ***Please sign up on office board by Monday, Feb. 16.***

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE BEGINS THIS WEEK

**COMMUNITY MEAL THIS WEEK: 6:00pm:** Pizza, Salad, Cookies and Bars.  
Presented by the Wednesday Kitchen Crew and assisted by the Education Committee.

### NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE SERIES:

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Gathering Space.

***Seeing the World like Luther: Grace, Freedom, and a God Who Meets Us Where We Are***

A six-week adult education series exploring not just what Lutherans believe, but how we see God, ourselves, and our neighbors. Led by Pastor Dan Gerriets and Josh Guyer.

- **January 21** — *A God Who Hides*: The Cross as the Key to Reality
- **January 28** — *Sacred Stuff in an Ordinary World*: Word and Sacrament as God's Promise
- **February 4** — *Freed... for What?*: Christian Freedom, Love, and Vocation
- **February 11** — *Church for Sinners, Not Saints*: Why This Way of Seeing Still Matters

All are welcome—whether Lutheran, from another tradition, or simply curious. Come for thoughtful discussion, honest questions, and a fresh way of seeing the world through the lens of grace.

**\*Choir Rehearsal** | Choir Room | 6:30pm—7:30pm

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

### ***YOUTH PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES***

**\*Nursery** | 6:30pm—7:30pm | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is UNSTAFFED but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

**\*Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6** | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:30pm

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming here at Trinity on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week we explore the Baptism of Jesus.

***Campfire Kids*** is currently collecting the following items if you happen to have them!  
Just drop them off at the office.

letter writing supplies,  
fishing equipment,

old wedding attire,  
sea shells, and Mardi Gras beads

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### **HEALTH FAIR FOR KIDS Sunday, February 1 | 9:15am in the Education Wing**

Our annual Health Fair for Kids is on Sunday, February 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Wing. This year our focus is on Unique Needs Awareness. Students in grades 1-6 will rotate to four stations to learn about the unique needs of us that require creativity and adaptation.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

- 9:00 AM** Centering Prayer (322 and on Zoom)  
**9:00 AM** Quilting Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:00 PM** Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

- 8:00 AM** BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
**10:45 AM** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm 307)  
**12:00 PM** Staff Meeting  
**2:00 PM** Cancer Support Group (Rm 300 and on Zoom)  
**6:30 PM** Trinity Council Meeting (Rm 300)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

- 7:00 AM** Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
**8:30 AM** Women's Bible Study (Rm 300)

#### Wednesday Night Alive

- 5:00 PM** Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:00 PM** Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:30 AM** Wednesday Night Alive Program (Gathering Space)  
**6:30 PM** Confirmation  
**6:30 PM** Campfire Kids (Rm 208)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

- 8:00 AM** BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
**10:30 AM** Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir (Rm 307, Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

- 5:00 PM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

- 9:00 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, 97.9 FM  
**9:15 AM** Kids Health Fair (Education Wing)  
**10:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**11:30 AM** Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)  
**11:30 AM** Pre-Annual Meeting Brunch (Fellowship Hall)  
**12:00 Noon** **Trinity's Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)**

## A BIRTHDAY REQUEST

Sprinkle some joy and spread some cheer, we're celebrating Betty Hier's 95th Year! To send Birthday Wishes, you may mail cards to her home at 114 N. 20th St. in Clear Lake, IA 50428

## COLOR BULLETIN AND ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEETS

New sheets for 2026 been posted outside the office. If you would like to honor a celebration or memory of a Loved One, this is a nice way to remember them and add to our Worship Service as well!

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

### Due on Sunday, March 1st.

College scholarship applications and reapplications for the 2026-2027 school year are available to pick up on the ledge outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website at [trinity-mc.org/scholarships/](http://trinity-mc.org/scholarships/).  
*Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1.*

## WINTER AND WET WEATHER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Hi, my name is Jace Suntken, and I'm a senior at Newman Catholic High School. Every senior must complete a service project to graduate, and mine is a winter/wet-weather clothing and apparel drive. Anything relating to that, such as coats (winter and rain), blankets, pairs of mittens, boots, and umbrellas, are all good items that can be donated. All donations are going to various homeless shelters in upper Iowa and the Salvation Army. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart at the East Entrance for final collection after services on Sunday, January 25. Thank You!