



Lutheran Church & Christian School



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS
FORGIVENESS.**

"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"

AS WE GATHER

Today we rejoice to consider what happens when – through the Holy Spirit – Jesus says, “Follow Me.” It is a gracious invitation, first to enter into a relationship with Him, coming to know His forgiveness and growing in our lives as disciples. Then, it’s a call to enter into a relationship with others, speaking and living out the Good News of the Gospel. As we reflect on this life to which Christ calls us – with Him and with others – we most certainly rejoice, remembering the glorious news that we were bought with a price—the blood of Jesus that redeems us all!

PRELUDE

PRE-SERVICE SONG “I Will Follow” (*Words & Music by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram and Reuben Morgan © 2010 SHOUT! Music Publishing | sixsteps Music | worshiptogether.com songs | Vamos Publishing | Sony/ATV Publishing, et. al.*)

*Chorus: Where You go I’ll go, where You stay I’ll stay, when You move I’ll move,
I will follow You.
Whom You love I’ll love, how You serve I’ll serve, if this life I lose
I will follow You.*

1. All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone. (*Chorus*)
2. Light into the world, light into my life, I will live for You alone.
You’re the One I seek knowing I will find all I need in You alone, in You alone.
(*Chorus*)

*Bridge: In You there’s life everlasting. In You there’s freedom for my soul.
In You there’s joy unending joy. (Chorus & Repeat)*

THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 139:1–2a, 3, 7–10, 13–14, 23–24*

Pastor: Lord of life, You have searched me and known me!

Congregation: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up.**

Pastor: Even before a word is on my tongue,

Congregation: **Behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

Pastor: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?

Congregation: **If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in hell, You are there!**

Pastor: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Congregation: **even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**

Pastor: Lord, You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Congregation: **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

Congregation: **And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Silence for private reflection and meditation.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: O LORD, if our personal lives have become shallow,
Congregation: Deepen them.

Pastor: If our principles have become shabby,
Congregation: O LORD, repair them.

Pastor: If our ideals have become tarnished,
Congregation: O LORD, renew them.

Pastor: If our loyalties have grown dim,
Congregation: O LORD, brighten them.

Pastor: If our values have become confused,
Congregation: O LORD, clarify them.

Pastor: If our purposes have become blurred,
Congregation: O LORD, sharpen them.

Pastor: If our hopes have become faded,
Congregation: O LORD, revive them.

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we need not carry a burden of guilt,
Congregation: For Christ has lifted it.

Pastor: We need not be anxious about tomorrow,
Congregation: For God holds us in the hollow of His hands.

Pastor: We need not feel unequal to the task,
Congregation: For the Spirit of God lives within us.

Pastor: As one joyfully redeemed with you in Christ Jesus, and as the Savior's called and ordained servant in this place, I rejoice to forgive your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Now we stand ready to see His face and to serve Him. Now we stand ready to hear and to receive.
ALL: Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.

OPENING HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" *LSB 589, St. 1-2, 4*

For this, and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: You promised, O Lord, that those who follow You would, by Your power, see great things. Open our eyes to recognize the presence of Your light and life in our midst. Enable us to hear Your call, and to follow You where You – our Light and Life – would lead; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (*“Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.”*)

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

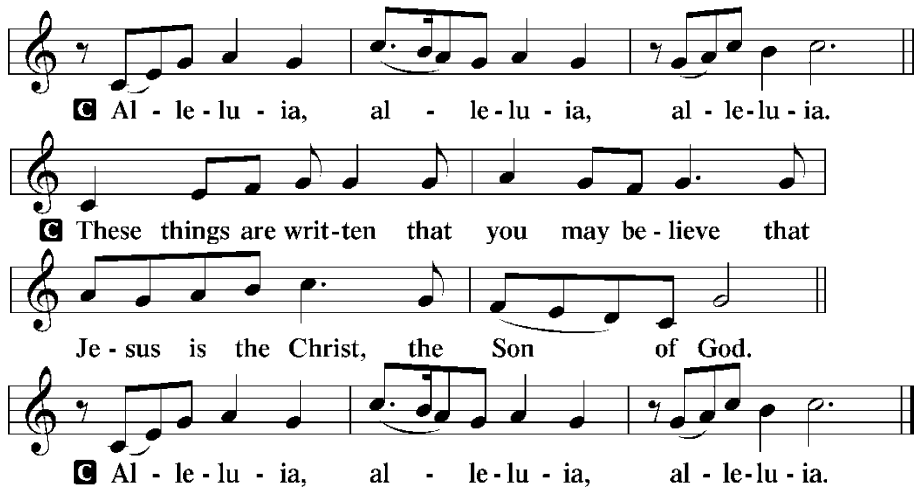
¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB, p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, each with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is the Alleluia, the second is the beginning of the verse, the third is the middle of the verse, and the fourth is the final Alleluia. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for congregational singing.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

(The calling of Phillip and Nathanael.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING

SERMON HYMN

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

LSB 829, St. 1-3

SERMON

“When the Savior Calls”

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Christ the Eternal Lord”

LSB 829, St. 4

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: O Lord, who enters our silence, open our ears to listen for Your living voice as You speak to us through Your precious and life-giving Word; Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Precious Savior, help us to live as Your redeemed people, and to share Your love with others in our various callings and vocations, inviting them to come and see Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us all. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Spirit of Life, enable us to continue to speak for the least among us, to pray for, to support with our time and treasure those matters that are dear to Your own heart. Bless all mothers and fathers who are considering life, guiding them to see Your Light. Bless all who stand in defense of life, that their work may bring honor to You and joy to those whom they serve; Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we ask You to speak Your healing over all who are sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Trusting that Your Word accomplishes the purpose for which You send it, whether now or in eternity, we trust You to bring Your healing purposes to completion in all lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

We share that peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

OFFERTORY “Take My Life” (Words & Music by Scott Underwood © 1994 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing)

1. Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

2. Faithfulness ...

*Chorus: So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.*

3. Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for.
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You give to me.

Chorus and repeat

PREFACE TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. The mystery that once was hidden for ages has now been revealed to all nations through the appearing of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His death, He has destroyed death. By His rising again, He has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Grant that we who receive His body and blood may forever walk in the brightness of Your eternal kingdom, praying as Jesus has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen. *Revelation 22:20*

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

For those desiring to receive the LORD'S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"
"Seek Ye First"

LSB 915
LSB 712

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that we have again been assured that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Congregation: Strengthen us now as we seek to serve You and love those around us as Your daughters and sons, who have been given Christ's righteousness in this great exchange of faith and love;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: You have been blessed with every spiritual blessing.
You have been adopted as children of God through Jesus Christ.
You have an inheritance in Christ that can neither perish, spoil,
nor fade, as you are now called to live to the praise of His glory.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

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January 14 – Epiphany II – Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with uncertainty. But the Lord our God knows both our worries (Psalm 139:4) and the best way forward. He has already seen (John 1:48) what it will take to save, and He has still chosen life for all humankind, even when we behold only darkness and despair. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

January 14 Our Savior's victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let's press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

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OUR MISSION

Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region is a life affirming ministry that shares the love and truth of Jesus Christ with our community, offering free pregnancy related resources with compassion and respect.

Blessings for 2024. The Pregnancy Resource Center is looking forward to a productive and busy new year. We are currently in need of maternity clothing, gently used or new, sizes medium to extra-large. In other news from The Center, we are looking ahead to having birthing classes for our clients as well as offering GED preparation classes. As programs expand, we are continually considering more board members to guide us in our activities. Please pray on this and should you find it in your heart to be part of our Board, contact The PRC to set up an interview. You may have hidden skills that will complement what we do.

January is the National Sanctity of Human Life month. As much as we, as Christians, look to stay out of culture and politics, with prayer and God's blessings we need to remind each other that it is God's plan for life, life abundantly. An unplanned pregnancy is a time to share the Gospel and minister to those who are facing it, whether it is the mother, father, or other family. They all need our loving support.

If you wish to donate items please contact Evelyn Konig, Director at www.pregnancyresourcekeene.org or call at 603 358 6460. You may also contact me: Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church, at helensillanpaa82@gmail.com or 603 355 7939, or leave them in the Narthex at the PRC table.



The altar flowers this morning are given
To the Glory of God



Trinity Calendar for Jan 14-Jan 21, 2024

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
		MLK Day—TLC/TCS Offices Closed
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "Learning to Live Wisely" (A Study of the Book of Proverbs)
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament"
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 1-7: 53

Families of the week: *The Thisner, Tompson and Traquair families*

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- 17 Jan—Dan Foss
- 18 Jan—Bob Budd
- 18 Jan—Linda Hadden

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- 17 Jan—Judy Taylor and Norbert Grohoski

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