



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Lutheran Schools Sunday

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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

Welcome to Trinity this morning! You are important to God and dearly loved by Him. The Triune God loves you deeply and desires to fill your life with His grace and peace through Jesus Christ. This morning we reflect on how God works through His Word and faithful Christian teachers to lead us to hope and glory in Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

(Words & Music Paul Balloche © 1977 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your pow’r and love as we sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

(Repeat)

You are high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your pow’r and love as we sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

Holy, holy, holy; You are holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

“Your Love Oh Lord” (Words & Music Third Day © 1999 New Spring | Vandura Songs)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
Your justice flows like the ocean’s tides.

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.

THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: With these words, God seeks to bless, call, and equip His people for a life of service in His name.

Congregation: **“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.”**

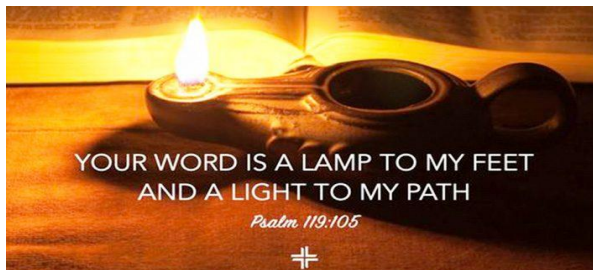
(Ps. 119:105)

Pastor: “So is My word that goes out from My mouth,” says the Lord. “It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and the purpose for which I sent it.” *(Is. 55:11)*

Congregation: **“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.”**

Pastor: “For all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man and woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” *(2 Tim. 3:16-17)*

Congregation: **“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path.”**



CONFESSION OF SINS & GOD’S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God’s Word teaches us: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.” It is an admonition we have not kept perfectly. Yet, because the Lord is merciful and gracious, let us go to Him for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

Congregation: Have mercy on us, according to Your unfailing love, ever directing us to what You would have us be. In Your mercy, forgive our sins, those we know, and those we do not; things we have done and things we have left undone. Strengthen and renew us by Your Spirit so that we may faithfully live and serve You and one another, honoring and glorifying Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He sent redemption to His people. Therefore, as a fellow-redeemed of Jesus and as a servant of the Word, it is my joy to announce the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen! "Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in His congregation. His praise endures forever!"

HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 523

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.

Pastor: Gracious and Majestic Lord, Your Word teaches us all things needful for this life and for the life to come.

Congregation: We give thanks for the gift of Christian Education in this place. Continue to pour out Your blessings on Trinity Christian School, its staff, teachers, parents and children. Strengthen us all by Your grace, so that as Your Word dwells in and among us, we might dwell among others with Your grace and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 7-9 *(The Greatest Commandment)*
(Lector: Jacob Carroll, TCS Middle School Teacher)

¹ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ...

⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 6:1-4 *(Children and parents.)*
(Lector: Sabrina Goulart, TCS Middle School Teacher)

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

VERSE “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” LSB 973



1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:16-21 *(The ministry of Jesus revealed.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

Please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING

SERMON HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend”

LSB 866, v.1-4

MESSAGE

“Diligence!”

Pastor Tim Knapp

Notes:**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend”

LSB 866, v.5-6

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for God’s people around the world and all who call out to Him in their various needs. Lord, in Your mercy:

Various petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

At this time, we share the Lord’s peace with each other.

CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD

Pastor: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own, and to confirm those who have come to saving faith in You. May Your Word pass from ear to the heart, from the heart to the lips, and from the lips to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER ***Matthew 6:9–13***

Please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

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The altar flowers this morning are given
By Teri and Alan Frith
In memory of Doris Smith
And celebration of her birthday on 1/19

ATTENDANCE 1-14: 103

Families of the week: *The Vekasy, Vermilyea and Whitney families*

Birthdays:

- 23 Jan—Mace Bueckner
- 24 Jan—Jim Knight
- 26 Jan—Sue Vekasy
- 27 Jan—Greg Wilks

Anniversaries:

- 23 Jan—Brett and Nick Martel
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Do you need prayer or know someone who does?

Prayer requests may be made by filling out one of the prayer request cards kept in the back of the pews and leaving it in the offering plate or by contacting Judy Taylor at eisen@myfairpoint.net

*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their **prayers**—1 Peter 3:12*

Updates to earlier prayer requests are always appreciated!



Lutheran Witness
Subscriptions

This is the last week to order or renew subscriptions to the Lutheran Witness. If you would like to have a copy of your own delivered to your home, please let Mitch in the office know. It comes at the low bargain rate of \$20.65 a year.



LWML Update:

We will be sending the Mites off to the NED LWML the first week of February. Be sure to bring in your mites and put them in the big box on the LWML table in the corner of the Narthex. The District mites so far have surpassed the Mission Grant Goal of \$75,000 for the Biennium ending in April 2024. What a blessing. Let's keep the momentum going and fund extra mission projects.

For more LWML news in the District, check out the new PIO (Pass It On) Newsletter. There is a hard copy on the LWML table and you can also access it in the Weekly Trumpet Blast (Friday Email) or on the NED LWML website.

Thank you to all the ladies who made or helped make the beautiful Christmas card angels. Our next LWML Mission Project Work Day will be Feb 10, 9-11:00 am in the Narthex. We will be working on fleece blankets for Project Linus.

For more information contact Eileen Nelson at 603-313-3989 (texts are fine) or at eenelson53@gmail.com.

Annual giving statements are now ready and should be in your mailbox. If you prefer to have yours mailed, contact Mitch in the Church Office to let him know. Thank you for supporting God's work at Trinity Lutheran Church and Christian School.



“For the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword...” Hebrews 4:12



Don't neglect your study of the Word! Trinity currently has lots of Bible study opportunities to enjoy learning and spending time with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Put on the full armor of God.

Find specific Bible study info on the church website, bulletin and pre-service announcement slides.

“It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that comes from the mouth of **God**.” Matt. 4:4



January 21 – Epiphany III – The size of a people (as in the case of Nineveh, Jonah 3:3-4) makes no difference to their worth. Nor does the height of an individual's status (so says the Psalmist, Psalm 62:9) affect his or her sanctity. The life-giving grace of God measures according to His abundance rather than our scarcities of age, appearance, or ability. (1 Corinthians 7:30-31)

January 21 “As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'right-ness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

January 21-28 is National Lutheran Schools Week. The theme of this year is
“Connected”.

Thank You

...to all our wonderful teachers and staff at **Trinity Christian School**, working diligently
to keep young hearts and minds connected to and through Christ.





Trinity Calendar for Jan 21-Jan 28, 2024

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Lutheran Schools Sunday— Beginning of Lutheran Schools Week
Monday	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "The Book of Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely"
	5-6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study: "Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands"
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 Service



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