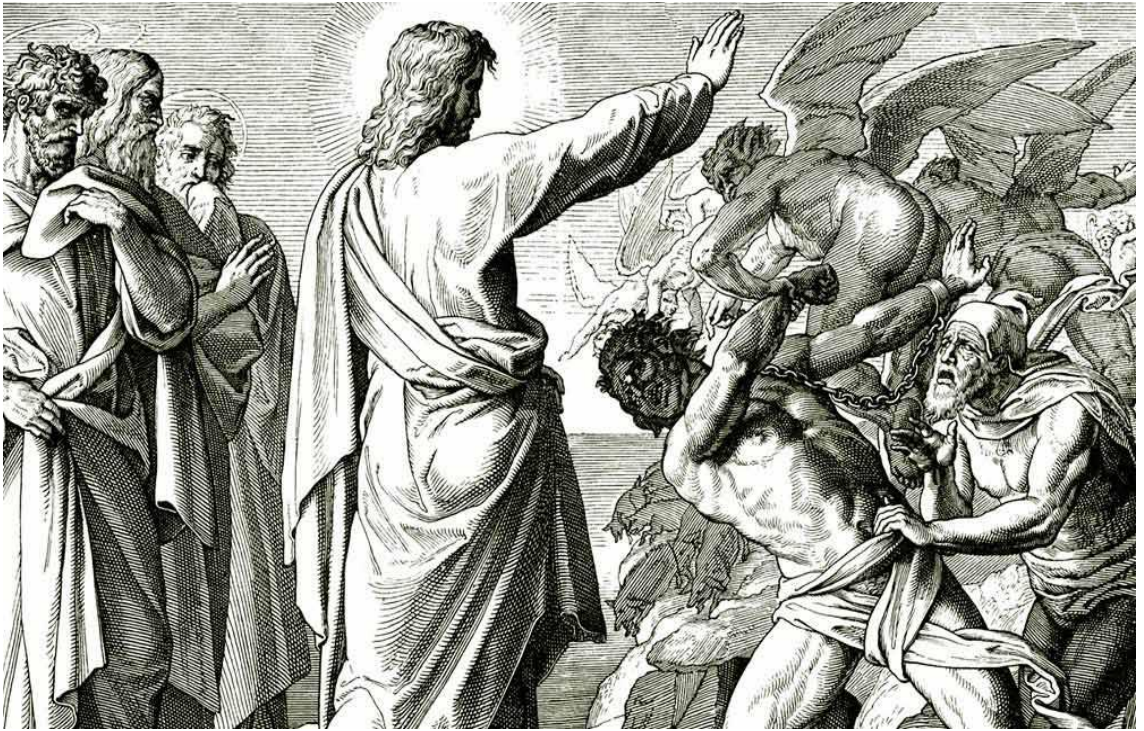




Lutheran Church & Christian School



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**January 28, 2024**

***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

In today's Gospel from Mark 1, we are reminded of Jesus' divine authority through His teaching to the people and also in His power over evil spirits. This power and authority was foretold by prophets such as Moses, pointing to the One who would fulfill all things as the long-awaited perfect prophet and Savior. In that power and authority Christ has won us the victory through His death and rising, blessing us with freedom in that faith to honor Him and serve others in His name. **A special thank you to the Elders who are leading us while Pastor is on vacation.** Welcome to worship!

## PRELUDE

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION *Psalm 111:2–4*

Elder: In the name of the Father,  
Congregation: **Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

Elder: and of the Son,  
Congregation: **Full of splendor and majesty is His work,  
and His righteousness endures forever.**

Elder: and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation: **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 111:1, 4–10*

Elder: Beloved of the Lord, today's Psalm teaches: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding." And yet, because we have not lived perfectly in such reverence and awe of Him, it is only fitting that we pause and bring to mind our sin, but also God's grace and mercy to us in our time of need.

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

Elder: The LORD provides all things for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

**Congregation: We confess that we have not always shared Your gifts with others, and we have failed to keep all our promises. O Lord, forgive us.**

Elder: “The LORD has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.”

**Congregation: We confess that we have not always recognized the good gifts You have given us. O Lord, forgive us.**

Elder: “The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy.”

**Congregation: We confess that the works of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our minds have not always been faithful or just. We have not loved You with all that we are; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. O Lord, forgive us.**

Elder: Brothers and sisters in Christ, “the Lord is gracious and merciful.” Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, “He sent redemption to His people.” Therefore, as a fellow heir of the riches of God’s grace, it is my great joy and privilege to announce the forgiveness of all of our sins, praising God for His mercy which is new to us each morning.

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

## PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Elder: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace Christ spoke with authority and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of each brother and sister near us, and for the Church of God around the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise in peace and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*LSB 809*

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



**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(The Gregorian Sacramentary)*

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Elder: O God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, where by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright:

**Congregation: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations;**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *(A New Prophet like Moses)*

<sup>15</sup> “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHOIR

“Day by Day”

TOSB

*(Words and music by Caroline V. Sandell-Berg)*



**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 1:21-28

*(Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit)*

Elder: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” <sup>28</sup> And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED***Apostles’ Creed*

*Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

*LSB 842, St. 1, 3-4*

**SERMON** “Confronting Our Demons”

**Notes:**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church wherever it is planted, and for ourselves, gathered in worship.

Lord of the Church, whose Word is power at work for all who call out to You in faith, guide and protect all Pastors and teachers of Your Word. Give them compassionate hearts, clear minds, appropriate words, and the wisdom to use them so that Your Kingdom grows stronger in faith and closer to You and one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Elder: Heavenly Father, giver of life, open our hearts to share Your bounty with one another, among our neighbors, and through the agencies of the Church and government, with any who are in need. Raise up leaders in our nation and around the world so that human needs will be met, and health and human dignity increased. Protect and guide all who order society, and give patience and resolve to forces deployed for peace across national borders. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Elder: O Holy Spirit, who bestows precious gifts throughout the Church, open the eyes of Your people to see avenues of peace and reconciliation, paths of concord and joy. We remember our brothers and sisters who call out to You for healing of all sorts [*including . . .*]. Use the talents You have placed in counselors, health-care workers, medical personnel, first responders, and all who are called to work as Your instruments of care. Grant peace, health, and comfort according to Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered here.*

Elder: Although we in no way deserve Your gracious hearing of these our petitions, Lord, grant them for the sake of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be heard at Your throne of grace; in His name we pray.

**Congregation: Amen.**



**PEACE OF THE LORD** *Psalms 117:1-2a*

**Elder:** Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Congregation:** Extol Him, all peoples!

**Elder:** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**Congregation:** and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

*We share God's peace with one another.*



**OFFERTORY**

*LSB p. 192-193*

☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD

Elder: 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

Elder: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”      *LSB 849*

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

## **ATTENDANCE 1-21: 99**

**Families of the week:** *The Wilks, Winter and Winther families*

### **Birthdays:**

- 29 Jan—Rosalla Rowe-Carroll
- 31 Jan—Amanda Martel
- 1 Feb—Gregg Denzler
- 2 Feb—Tyler Kosakowski
- 2 Feb—Amy Randall
- 3 Feb—Mia Mitchell

### **Anniversaries:**

- 30 Jan—Mike and Gloria Stewart



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](mailto:eenelson53@gmail.com).



## Trinity Calendar for Jan 28-Feb 4, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	<i>Voters Meeting</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
	6:30 pm	<i>Grant Project Planning Meeting</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "The Book of Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely"
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament"
	6:00 pm	<i>School Board Meeting</i>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion



*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](mailto: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!*



The TLC **Men of Christ** Bible Study group is extending an open invite to anyone who would like to join them to go see “The Chosen: Season 4, Episodes 1-3” at Regal Concord movie theater in Concord, NH at 1:00 pm on Sat., Feb. 3! To get in on the fun, check the table in the Narthex for an info sheet, or contact Lenny Kosakowski at 603-852-6702, or Mitch in the church office to get full details. Shared rides will leave here at 11:30 am.

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**January 28** “The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ.” *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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**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.**



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.



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