



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 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**

Today's Readings are a gracious reminder to us that, in His love for His people, God is willing to rescue and protect us; and as the almighty Lord over all, He is certainly able! The people in Isaiah's day were wondering about God's protection as they feared neighboring states, but the prophet reminds them that God is in control of all things, ready and able to help them. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were suffering from both sickness and demons, He demonstrated His power to save from opponents on every level. And when Paul became "all things to all people," he was bringing them the Gospel, God's ultimate rescue from sin, death, and the devil. And now, the blessings of the Gospel come to us today through Word and Sacrament from our strong and loving God. Welcome to worship in Jesus' name!

## **PRELUDE**

PRE-SERVICE SONG "I Will Rise" (Words & Music by Louie Giglio, Chris Tomlin, Matt

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1. Solo

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome, and the grave is over-whelmed.

The vic-to-ry is won. He is risen from the dead.

Chorus: I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain,

I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God, fall on my knees, and rise.

I will rise.

2. There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.

And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes. (Pre & Chorus)

Bridge: And I will hear the voice of many angels sing, worthy is the Lamb,

And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb.

(Chorus & repeat)

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### OPENING PRAYER

## INVOCATION

The sign of the cross  $\blacksquare$  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** [Spoken]

LSB 664:2

Pastor: Run the straight race through God's good grace;

Congregation: Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.

Pastor: Life with its way before us lies;

Congregation: Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

**CONFESSION** 

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we have come into the presence of our

God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. Yet, how often we have flagged in our zeal for Him. We have often failed to run faithfully the course He has set before us. By all rights we should be disqualified, deserving only His wrath and

punishment. But He is a gracious God, bidding us to come, humble for mercy, confessing our sins, and seeking His

forgiveness and strength.

Silence for private reflection and meditation.

Pastor: Merciful Father,

Congregation: I confess to You that I daily sin against You in my thoughts,

words, and actions. Some of my sins I know, and some remain unknown. I have not loved You with my whole heart, and I have not loved my neighbor as I ought. By the power of Your Spirit, forgive my sins and strengthen me to live as Your child;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has heard your prayer, and has

forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt, and all that hinders your run for the prize. Therefore, go your way, forgiven and renewed, in the name of the Father and of the  $\blacksquare$  Son and of

the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Blessed are they who find great delight in His

commands.

Congregation: Wealth and riches are in their houses, where His righteousness

endures forever.

**OPENING HYMN** "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LSB 904, 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.

Pastor: O Lord, strengthen our faith that we rely on You for all things,

Congregation: and that being confident of Your almighty power and eternal

love in all circumstances, we might become witnesses to the

great hope of Your 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.

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 40:21-31 (The greatness of God.)

Do you not know? Do you not hear?Has it not been told you from the beginning?Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is He Who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
 Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
 <sup>23</sup> Who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when He blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like Him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

His understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

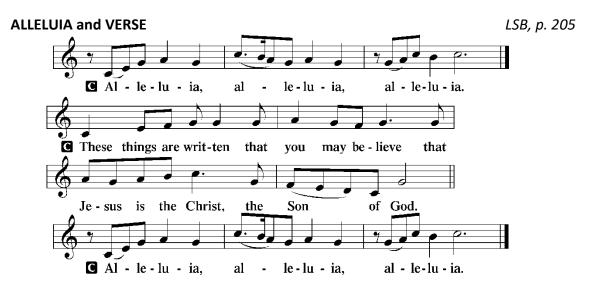
# **EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (All things to all people.)

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, (Greek: *I pummel my body and make it a slave*) lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.



**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:29-39 (Jesus Heals Many and Preaches in Galilee)

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

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup> And immediately He *(they)* left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. <sup>31</sup> And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

<sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, <sup>37</sup> and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup> And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING

SERMON HYMN "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

LSB 716, St. 1-2, 5



**SERMON** "Fly ... Run ... Walk"

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

LSB 716, St. 6

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Isaiah 40:22–23, 28–29, 31* 

Pastor: The Prophet Isaiah wrote, "The Lord is the everlasting God, the

Creator of the ends of the earth." Therefore, let us ask God's blessings on all who tend fields, flocks, and fisheries, all who protect wildlife and forests, all who tend parks and gardens.

Congregation: Lord, give all who serve Your creation a sense of Your presence,

in order to bring forth the fruits of Your bounty to us.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Isaiah wrote, "(He) stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and

brings princes to nothing." Therefore, let us ask God's blessings on governments and citizens, and on those who keep His peace.

Congregation: Lord, guide and direct those to whom You have entrusted

authority, so that they may govern for the benefit of all.

Pastor: Give courage to those who defend freedoms and protect

communities. Instill wisdom in those who make, administer, and judge laws in each nation, and those who seek peace across

their borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Isaiah wrote, "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has

no might He increases strength." Therefore, let us ask God's blessings on those near and dear to us, especially those who are weary and heavy laden, all who struggle in the face of illness or injustice, all mourning the loss of family or friends, employment

or home, freedom or opportunity.

Congregation: Healing Savior, give them an increase of faith to place their

hope in Your power and love. Use doctors and nurses, counselors and emergency workers to answer their prayers with the relief, health, and comfort that fit Your gracious plans

for them.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Isaiah wrote, "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their

strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles."

Congregation: Lord of the Church, guard and protect us all so that Your light in

us might continue to shine, even as we seek to serve You and

others with the gifts You have placed within us.

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.

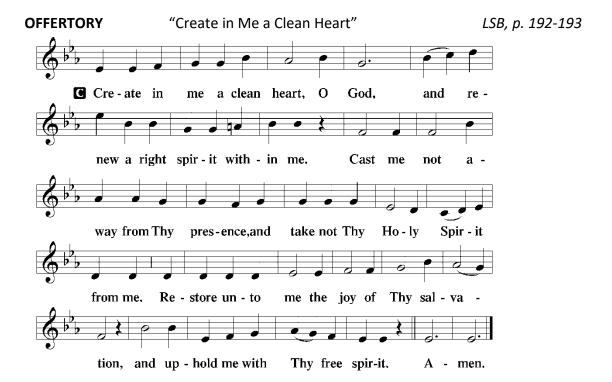
Congregation: Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

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



#### 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.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times

and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in Him we see not only Your almighty power to order creation, but also Your steadfast love to work our eternal salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You

and singing:

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790, St. 1

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.

#### 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.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790, St. 2-3

## 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 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

"On Eagle's Wings"

LSB 684

LSB 727

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that we have again been

assured that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Congregation: Now, renewed to fly, run and walk by Your grace and

forgiveness, enable us always to serve You, and to love those

around us as Your daughters and sons;

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.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

LSB 846

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# **ATTENDANCE 1-28:** 73

Families of the week: The Woodward, Worsham and Ziegler families

# **Birthdays:**

- 5 Feb—Betty Lincoln
- 7 Feb—Lori Geer
- 8 Feb—Ellen Cakouros
- 11 Feb—Phyllis Miller
- 11 Feb—Tom Ricks



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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.

OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, February 13 from 3:00-6:00pm.

You are invited to come meet our staff, see our expanded space and learn about the services we offer. Please join us!



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 <a href="mailto:eisen@myfairpoint.net">eisen@myfairpoint.net</a>

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!



# Trinity Calendar for Feb 4-Feb 11, 2024

Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School Worship Service w/Holy Communion
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"
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament"
Friday	3:30-8:30 pm	TCS Chili Cook-off (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
	9-11:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School Worship Service w/Holy Communion



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

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