

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am

January 21, 2024

## Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

**Musician:** Nancy Matti

**Lector:** Randy Benson

**Ushers:** Mark & Mary Carlson, David & Londa Johnson, Deanna & Dale Dahle and Glenn & Kim Pollock

**Communion Assistants:** Sarah Fredrickson

**Acolytes:** Liam Fish and Braylon Fredrickson

**Videographer:** Rylan Nelsen

### **Trinity Mission Statement**

*To proclaim God's grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.*

**ANNUAL MEETING:** will be NEXT Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Dust off your crock pots! Trinity is bringing back the congregational soup luncheon following our annual meeting NEXT Sunday, January 28! Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup to share. If making soup isn't your thing, you are invited to donate bread or cookies/bars to share.

# GATHERING

\*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* Confession

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**



## WORD

### FIRST READING: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### Psalm: **Psalm 62:5-12**

L: <sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

C: <sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and <sup>1</sup>my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

L: <sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance <sup>1</sup>and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

C: <sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;  
those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

C: <sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

L: <sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice <sup>1</sup>have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

C: <sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: **I Corinthians 7:29-31**

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

GOSPEL: **Mark 1:4-11**

P: The Gospel according to Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Word of the Lord

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

SERMON:

"God is Calling"

Pastor Kristen Anderson

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

vs. 1, 4, 5 # 798

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

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**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**MEAL**

OFFERING/CHILDREN’S NOISY OFFERING

**\*Offertory: “*Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord*”**

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,  
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.  
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,  
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.  
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;  
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW.  
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,  
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* LORD’S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you’d like Communion brought to your pew.)*

**HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

*“What Feast of Love”*

# 487

\***COMMUNION BLESSING**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**SENDING**

\* **SENDING HYMN:**

*“Go, Make Disciples”*

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\* **OUR MISSION:**

**P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**

# ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Looking to schedule a BAPTISM? Give the church office a call or send Pastor Kristen an email ([kanderson@trinityhayfield.com](mailto:kanderson@trinityhayfield.com)).

## **For High School Youth**

**High school students**, grades 9-12, save the following dates for winter and spring monthly events: February 18 (ski trip), March 3 (likely escape room), and April 14 (likely lockin).

**Youth Group** continues to meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades 10-12. (Those in 9th grade are welcome to join any Wednesday at 7:30 after confirmation.)

**ELCA Youth Gathering participants** meet this coming Wednesday, January 24, at 7:30.

## **Upcoming Middle School Youth Group (Grades 5-8) Events**

Students in grades 5-8, join us each month for a Sunday event!

**January 28**, bowling and pizza, 3:30-5, Uncle Mony's, \$5--sign up online using the QR code.

**February 25**, winter sports

**March 10**, community service event at Field Crest

**April 21**, church games and pizza making

**possible**: Taste of Austin, a May Saturday

**possible**: summer one-overnight camping trip

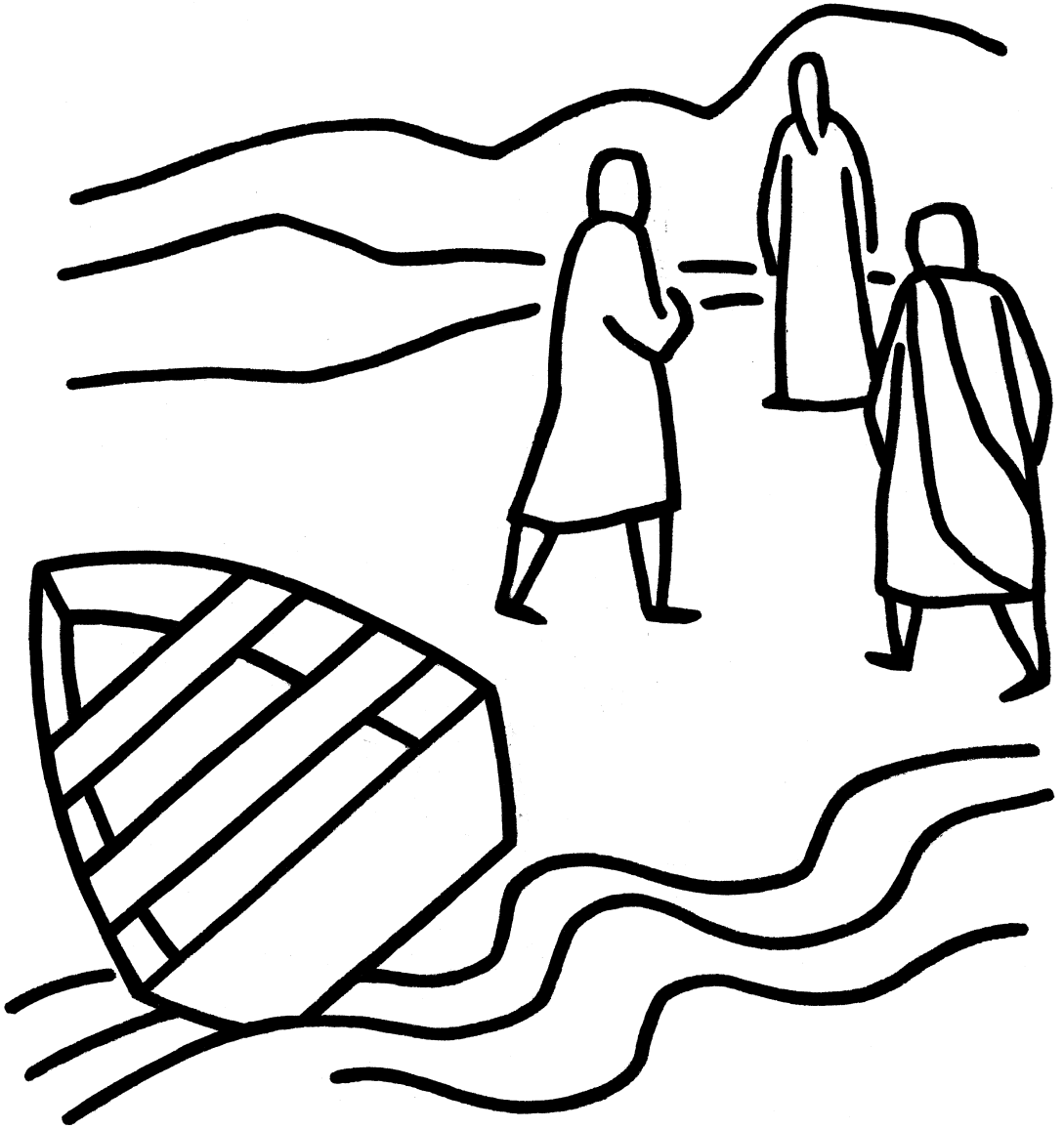


## **Just ONE Wednesday Remaining! Help Feed Our Hungry 3rd-12th Graders Wednesday Evenings--Volunteer to Help with Wednesday Suppers!**

We need volunteers for just ONE Wednesday (1/24) plus someone to serve only (2/7). Volunteers prepare and/or serve Wednesday Suppers, 5-6:15 p.m. to provide meals to help elementary and high school students have a hot meal between church and school activities. You may sign up to do all or part of the meal; you may also sign up with a partner. Sign up online using the QR code. If you don't do online, talk with Denise and she'll get you signed up. Your costs are reimbursable if you wish. Thanks to all who have signed up!







**JANUARY 21, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**



*Repentance turns us to the power of God's mercy.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:14-20</b>	<b>Jesus calls the first disciples</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</b>	<b>Jonah goes to Nineveh</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</b>	<b>Live without anxiety</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:6-13</b>	<b>God's ways are not our ways</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 51:1-12</b>	<b>A prayer for forgiveness</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 12:1-10</b>	<b>Paul's visions</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 62:5-12</b>	<b>God is powerful and kind</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:21-28</b>	<b>Jesus teaches in the synagogue</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8 (NRSV)*

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of steadfast love and mercy, help us to be open to the depth and breadth of your power of love that reaches others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, just as you feed us with the life-giving power of this food, feed us with your love to care for others in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the steadfast love of God give you peace.



**JANUARY 21, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*O God of Mercy,  
God of Light*



taking **†**  
faith  
home

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you find it hard to love certain people? Explain.
- What do you think about God showing love and mercy to people who upset you?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and 4:1-4.

It is easy to get caught up in debates about whether or not Jonah was swallowed by a whale. We can miss the point—and the real miracle—of the whole book. Jonah ran away from God because God directed Jonah to preach repentance to the city of Nineveh. The great miracle in the book of Jonah is that Nineveh repented! The city was known as a corrupt, violent, and ungodly place. Jonah's harsh warning that the city would be overthrown in forty days brought the people—including the king—to repentance. Jonah was displeased about this outcome. He knew the steadfast love and mercy of God and did not want it to be given to Nineveh. Jonah didn't want God to love the people that Jonah didn't love at all. The message in the book of Jonah for us is to stop despising the people God loves. God's steadfast love is great. Even though we feel some do not deserve God's love and mercy, they may receive it anyway. Our call to repentance is the same kind of turning away from a world as we want it and be open to the power of God's kingdom to make all things new.

*Discuss:* When have you been surprised to see the power of God's love in the lives of those you felt were undeserving?

*Pray:* **God of abundant grace, help us to trust that your ways are not our ways and that your ways are filled with a love and mercy for all through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to extend God's love to someone you dislike?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



We read about Jesus calling the first disciples in Mark 1:16-20. They were fishermen. The fish is an important Christian symbol. Each letter in the Greek spelling of the word "fish" (*ΙΧΘΥΣ*) begins a Greek word that stands for "Jesus Christ Son of God Savior." During the early church, it was dangerous to be a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire. Believers developed a code to reveal their faith to others who were Christian. One person would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person was a Christian, they would recognize this and add a second curve line to complete the drawing of a fish. Draw a simple fish design. Place it in a visible place in your home as a reminder of your faith in Jesus.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sun: 21**     **7:30am:** Council  
              **9:00am:** Worship—Communion  
              **10:00am:** Sunday School  
              **10:15am:** Adult Forum
- Mon: 22**     **7:00pm:** AA meeting
- Tues: 23**     **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise Class  
              **10:00am:** Bible Study  
              **1:00pm:** Worship Service  
                                Crestview Villa  
              **3:00pm:** Worship Service  
                                Fieldcrest
- Wed: 24**     **3:00pm:** WASS  
              **5:00pm:** Wednesday Supper  
              **6:30pm:** Youth Group  
              **6:30pm:** Confirmation  
              **7:30pm:** Youth Gathering
- Thurs:25**    **8:00am:** SAIL Exercise Class  
              **9:00am:** Quilting
- Sun: 28**     **9:00am:** Worship  
              **10:00am:** Sunday School  
              **10:00am:** Annual Meeting fol-  
                                lowed by soup lunch  
              **3:30pm:** Middle school youth  
                                event

### November 2023 Finances

Nov. Offering Income:	\$ 15,691.45
Nov. Budgeted Expense:	<u>23,160.32</u>
	(\$ 7,468.87)
Difference:	
2023 Year-to-date Income:	\$290,449.45
2023 Year-to-date Expense:	<u>280,658.12</u>
Difference:	\$ 9,791.33

### January Attendance

**January 7: 116**

**January 14: No Service**

## Prayer Concerns

**For strength and healing:** Dean Ulve, Harold Buck, Russell Boullion, Wayne Johnson, Pastor Bagne, Skeeter and Shirley Miner, Joan Christians and Cody Hegna.

**Our sympathy** to Mike and April Stasko on the death of Mike's father.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU OR A MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED

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