

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

Pastor Kristen Anderson
Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM

January 28, 2024

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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.

Today's Worship Assistants

Lector: Mapuana Evjen

Musicians: Worship Band

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

Worship Band: Dave Jorstad, Heather Egger, Larry O' Malley, Colleen Fish, Shelly Brown, Brady Kylo, and Lila Rehnelt.

Acolytes: Kalei Tank and Evelyn Winfield

Videographer: Aubrey Louks



GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(* Stand if able)

* GATHERING

“Join the Journey”

Come join the journey of Jesus today
Love is the light that will show us the way
And like the trees bearing good fruit;
We will bring forth Jesus' love.

Come join the journey of Jesus today
Joy in the spirit will brighten our way.
And like the trees bearing good fruit;
We will bring forth Jesus' joy.

Come join the journey of Jesus today
Peace is the promise for us to proclaim.
And like the trees bearing good fruit;
We will bring forth Jesus' peace.

Come join the journey of Jesus today
Love is the light that will show us the way
And like the trees bearing good fruit;
We will bring forth Jesus' love,
we will bring forth Jesus' love.

* Apostolic Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* 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.

Forgiveness

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

* **SONG OF PRAISE:**

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Bridge

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

* **Prayer of the Day**

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

PSALM: **Psalm 111** (read responsively)

L: ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

C: ²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

L: ³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

C: ⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

L: ⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

C: ⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

L: ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

C: ⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity. R**

L: ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

C: ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN’S LESSON

* **SONG OF THE WORD:**

“Listen”

Listen to the Word of the Lord.
Listen. Listen. Listen.

* GOSPEL: **Mark 1:21-28**

P: The Gospel according to John

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

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Word of the Lord

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

SERMON:

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SONG OF THE DAY:

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion, Love that’s never failing
Let mercy fall on me, Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a savior, The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is might to save
Forever, Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus Conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, All my fears and failures
Fill my life again, I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in, Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King

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*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

*The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

*OFFERING SONG *"Blessed Be Your Name"*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing Your pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in,
Lord still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

As You Go On Your Way

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Anonymous

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John Ylvisaker

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way; May he go behind you to encourage you; Beside you to befriend you; Above you to watch over; Within you to give you peace." The chords are indicated above the vocal line.

Chords: G, C, G, C/G, D7, G, G/F*, C/E, Ami, D7, G, C, G, G/F*, *Emi, C, G, C, G, Ami, D7sus, D7, G.

OUR MISSION

L: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

**JANUARY 28, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**



Jesus shows his power over evil.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus teaches in the synagogue
Monday	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	A new prophet like Moses
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Love builds up others
Wednesday	Acts 10:34-43	Gentiles hear the good news
Thursday	Luke 4:31-37	The man with the unclean spirit
Friday	Matthew 4:1-11	The temptation of Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 111	Praise for God's wonderful works
Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

They [worshippers] were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." **Mark 1:27 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, we thank you for being with us in the challenges of life; help us to live lives of praise to you through Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, in your grace and mercy you remember us and feed us. We thank you for this meal and your faithfulness to all. In Jesus' name, amen. (Psalm 111:4-7)

A Blessing to Give:

May the power of God protect you through Jesus.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*God of Grace and
God of Glory*



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:

- Think or talk about a time you felt your life was out of control.
- Do you turn to God when life feels out of control? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:21-28.

It is revealing that in this reading in Mark, the first act of Jesus beyond teaching is an exorcism. What is doubly revealing is that in the Gospel of John, there are no exorcisms. For Mark, this act of Jesus is critical. A man with an unclean spirit was helpless in the face of powers he could not control. Sin, the human condition of brokenness and alienation from God, is the fundamental power that we cannot control. Whatever form it takes, an unclean spirit taps into a life that needs redemption. The unclean spirits of murder, adultery, false witness, racism, and more are examples of our readiness to thoughts and actions that destroy instead of give life. Jesus came to redeem us so that we may live lives of praise to God and love for all others. It is quite fitting that Jesus' first act is an exorcism. Jesus will do battle with myriad forms of human brokenness and win. This is Mark's way of describing the "beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1).

Discuss: How would you describe the good news of Jesus for us?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, we give you praise for your power that conquers evil for the sake of all that you have created through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who feels powerless over a specific situation?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

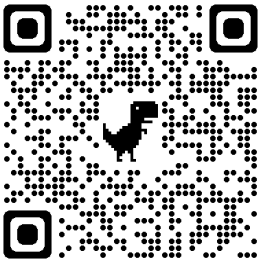


February 2 is the Church festival day for the "Presentation of the Lord." The festival recalls that forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented at the temple in Jerusalem. This festival is also known as "Candlemas" because of the tradition of blessing candles for use throughout the coming year. This is associated with Simeon's words about Jesus being "a light to reveal God to the nations." (Luke 2:32) Light a new candle to use this year as part of your devotions and pray: **Lord God, thank you for giving us Jesus as a bright light in our lives. Bless us as we gather around this candle. May it remind us that Jesus is with us. Amen.**



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sun: 28** **9:00 am** Worship
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Annual Meeting
 3:30 pm Middle School
 Youth Event
- Mon: 29** **7:00 pm** A.A. Meeting
- Tues: 30** **8:30 am:** SAIL Exercise
 10:00 am Bible Study
- Wed: 31** **3:00 pm** WASS
 5:00 pm Wed. Supper
 6:30 pm Youth Group
 6:30 pm Confirmation
- Thurs: 1** **8:30 am** SAIL Exercise
- Sun: 4** **9:00 am** Worship with
 Communion
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Adult Forum

November 2023 Finances

Nov.. Offering Income: \$ 15,691.45
Nov. Budgeted Exp: \$ 23,160.32
Difference: (\$ 7,468.87)

2023 Year-to-date Income: \$290,449.45
2023 Year-to-date Exp: \$280,658.12
Difference: \$ 9,791.33

Prayer Concerns

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

Our sympathy to Dale and Linda Ulve on the death of Dale's brother, Dean.

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