

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Baptism of our Lord Sunday

9:00am

January 7, 2024

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

BAPTISM RECOGNITION: Today during the worship service we will recognize those who were baptized in 2023 by giving a blessing and a small gift. Those being recognized are: Easton Hanson, Joyner Zelinske, Hayden VanBuskirk, Logan VanBuskirk, Blakelee VanBuskirk, Jaima Hohenstein, Harlowe Wagner, Taron Streiff, Nolan Linsky, Ryan Linsky, Brooks Andrist, Jacee Kruger, Blakely Goodwin, Asher Goodwin, and Hudson Ellis.

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.

Musician: Nancy Matti

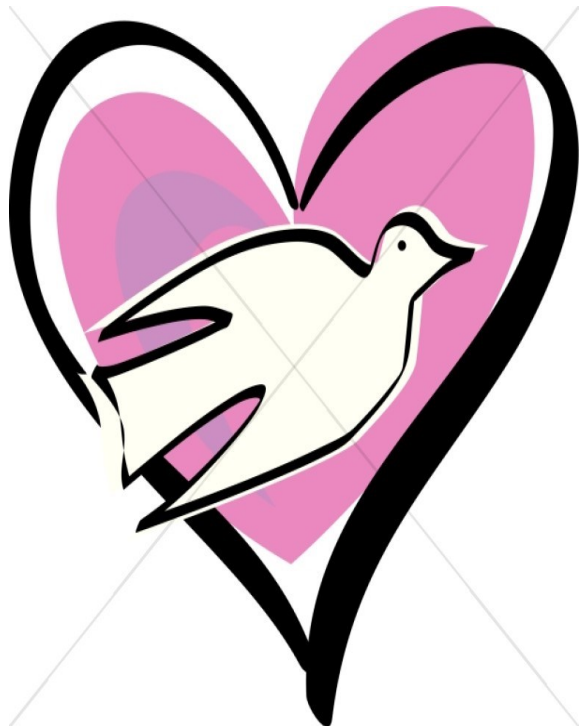
Lector: Randy Benson

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

Communion Assistants:

Acolytes: Nolan Pack and Logan Swygman

Videographer: Anthony Schnable



GATHERING

*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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* **GATHERING HYMN:** *“God, Whose Almighty Word”*

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***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.

* **KYRIE:**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



WORD

FIRST READING: **Genesis 1:1-5**

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm: **Psalm 29**

- L: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C: ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- L: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C: ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- L: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C: ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- L: ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C: ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and
strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹crying, “Glory!”
- C: ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned asking forevermore.**
- L: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: **Acts 19:1-7**

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

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

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

“The Gift of Baptism”

Pastor Kristen Anderson

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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.)

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION**

SENDING

*** SENDING HYMN:**

“Wade in the Water”

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE STAFFING NEWS: As of January 1, 2024, our church office will be staffed by two people. Judy Follmuth will serve as Administrative Secretary and will work on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cathy Tjepkes will serve as Financial Secretary and will work on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Welcome, Judy and Cathy!

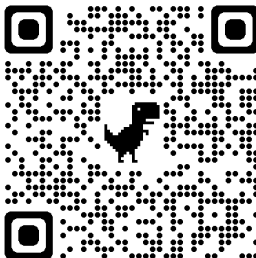
ANNUAL MEETING: will be Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Dust off your crock pots! Trinity is bringing back the congregational soup luncheon following our annual meeting on 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.

THANK YOU for your generous giving in 2023!

Winter-Spring Signup Open: Help Feed Our Hungry 3rd-12th Graders Wednesday Evenings--Volunteer to Help with Wednesday Suppers!

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and/or serve Wednesday Suppers, 5-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. We provide meals to help elementary and high school students have a hot meal between church and school activities. Use the QR code to sign up online. If you don't do online, talk with Denise and she'll get you signed up. We have only 10 meals this winter and spring, so sign up soon. Your costs are reimbursable if you wish.



Sunday School Resumes Today!

All children grades PK-4 will start in the Resource Room at 10 a.m. In January and most of February, all students will meet together. We'll do an activity that kids of all ages can participate in--we'll do group games and activities, see a movie or two, do some science and drama, and more. We won't be meeting in regular classrooms or with grade-level groups at all. We'll start at 10 a.m. in the Resource Room and move to a different part of the building depending on the day's activity. The pick-up location will be posted in the entryway to the office/education wing.

Wednesday Activities Resume Next Week

Wednesday activities (WASS, Wednesday Supper, confirmation, youth group) resume this coming Wednesday, January 10.

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, and April 14. (One set of dates may change for a 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.)



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BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD



God reaches out to us through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:4-11	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 1:1-5	God creates light
Tuesday	Acts 19:1-7	Paul baptizes in Ephesus
Wednesday	Matthew 28:16-20	The commissioning of the disciples
Thursday	Psalms 145:14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Friday	1 John 3:11-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of God in the storm
Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And just as he [Jesus] was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

Mark 1:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, we thank you for reaching out to us through Jesus' baptism so that your Spirit may rest on all of us with forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, you care for all that you create. We thank you for your power and glory that provides us food from the earth so that we may live in peace. Amen. (Psalm 29)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit bless you as God's beloved child.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

I'm Going on a Journey



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:

- Talk or reflect on a baptism that you witnessed.
- Do you believe that baptism is a life-changing event? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:4-11.

Jesus' baptism takes place in the context of a very important scene. John the baptizer is preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Huge crowds are drawn out to the wilderness to listen to John, where he baptizes and cleanses them from their broken lives. It is a time of truth telling that touches many lives. This happens in the wilderness, not in the center of political, economic, or religious powers like Jerusalem. It's a place on the edge, a place of vulnerability where surviving is not easy. Jesus' baptism happens in a life and death setting filled with hope for the future. After his baptism, Jesus sees the heavens torn apart and a divine voice announces Jesus as God's Son and the Beloved (v. 11). In Jesus, God is coming down from heaven to be with us through the Spirit that descended to be with Jesus, and through Jesus, to be with us. Jesus' baptism is the first story in the Gospel, and, therefore, has particular importance. It reveals God coming into our world through Jesus, the Son of God, bringing forgiveness and the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Discuss: How has God "come down" into your life?

Pray: **Loving God, you who reach out to us through Jesus and his baptism in the wilderness, give us confidence to trust that you have come for us with forgiveness and grace. Amen.**

SERVICE



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

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Christian baptism ushers in a new life in Christ that involves daily repentance and forgiveness. To emphasize the daily renewal we experience in baptism, begin the day by making the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your heart and say: **"In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I am a beloved child of God."**



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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun: 7 **9:00am:** Worship—Communion
 10:00am: Sunday School
 11:00am: Youth Board

Mon: 8 **7:00pm:** AA meeting
 7:00pm: Christian Educ. Board

Tues: 9 **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise Class
 10:00am: Bible Study

Wed: 10 **3:00pm:** WASS
 5:00pm: Wednesday Supper
 6:30pm: Youth Group
 6:30pm: Confirmation

Thurs: 11 **8:00am:** SAIL Exercise Class
 9:00am: Quilting

Fri: 12

Sat: 13

Sun: 14 **9:00am:** Worship
 10:00am: Sunday School

November 2023 Finances

Sept.	Offering Income:	\$ 18,076.71
Sept.	Budgeted Exps:	\$24,721.38
	Difference:	(\$ 6,644.67)
2023	Year-to-date Income:	\$242,928.55
2023	Year-to-date Expense:	\$233,841.03
	Difference:	\$ 9,087.52

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing: Russell Boul-
lion, Wayne Johnson, Pastor Bagne,
Skeeter and Shirley Miner, Joan Chris-
tians and Cody Hegna.

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December Attendance

December 17: 193

December 24: 3:00pm 145

December 24: 4:30pm 175

December 25: 49

December 31: 49