

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

First Sunday in Lent

9:00am

February 18, 2024

## Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

**Musician:** Nancy Matti

**Lector:** Randy Benson

**Ushers:** Jim Burmeister  
Hollis Holtan  
Linda Koski

**Communion Assistant:**  
John Schmeling

**Altar Guild:** Sue Anderson

**Acolytes:** Katie Roberts  
June Schmeling

## **Recent Attendance**

February 4	105
February 11	78
February 14	69



### **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.*

# GATHERING

\*Stand if able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**  
**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**  
**We speak in ways that silence others.**  
**We are silent when we should speak up.**  
**We keep score in our hearts.**  
**We let hurts grow into hatred.**  
**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN:**

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

**#326**

**\*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.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

**Trinity Choir**

“The Summons”

## WORD

### FIRST READING: **Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm: **Psalm 25:1-10** (read responsively)

- L <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.
- C <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- L <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

- L <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- L <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD.
- C <sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- L <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.
- C <sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: **1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### GOSPEL: **Mark 1:9-15**

P: The Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### SERMON:

*"Temptation"*

Pastor Kristen Anderson

<u>HYMN OF THE DAY:</u>	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"	#504
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### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

### \*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:**

“One Bread, One Body”

#496

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**SENDING**

**\* SENDING HYMN:**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#325

**\* OUR MISSION:**

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

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Today during our worship service, our 2024 Church Council members and officers will be installed. We give thanks for their gifts and for their service!

President	John Schmeling
Vice President	Amber Boles
Secretary	Corey Wagner
Larry Dobson	Board of Christian Education
Jim Burmeister	Board of Finance
Liz Hinsch	Board of Membership & Evangelism
Kathy Demmer	Board of Parish Activities
Jeff Tank	Board of Properties
Sarah Fredrickson	Board of Stewardship
Larry O'Malley	Board of Worship, Music & Art
Melanie Dobson	Board of Youth Ministry
Holli Nelson	Board of Youth Ministry
Ben Nelson	Youth Representative

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Did you know that in 2023, Trinity received \$1372 in Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thanks to all of our Thrivent members who designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Trinity! To designate your Thrivent Choice dollars for this year, (must be done by March 31), go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). You can also call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted. Or you can contact your Thrivent financial advisor and make the request.



## **Come Share Your Favorite Hymns with Sunday Schoolers!**

Adults are welcome to participate in a special Adult Forum today, when adults meet with Sunday School students (ages 3 through grade 4) to share their favorite hymns. You can say what your favorite hymn is, share some of the words that mean a lot to you--and sing it or play the melody on the piano or bring a CD (we'll have a CD player) or ask us to find a YouTube version (we'll have a laptop for this purpose). We'll all meet in Fellowship Hall after the worship service, around 10:15. (For the children, Sunday School starts as normal at 10 with Deb Oelkers leading music in the resource room.)

## **Middle School Youth Group February Event**

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to join us next Sunday, February 25, 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ice skating at the Rochester rec center. Bring \$6 plus your skates or \$9 if you need to rent skates. We'll have lunch at 11:45 at Trinity, then leave for open skate time 1-2:30. **Let Denise know if your child is interested.** We'll need at least one other adult and driver.

## **High School Youth--Sign Up for Escape Room March 3!**

High school students, grades 9-12, besides today's ski trip, save the following dates for spring monthly events: **March 3--escape room in Rochester and April 13-14--lockin.** Sign up now for the escape room using the QR code.



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.)

## **.Support Our Youth!**

Come to Hayfield American Legion bingo Thursday nights in February and March. Family members of those participating in the July 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering are working bingo these two months to raise funds for the faith journey. This happens at 7 p.m. at the Legion/Village Pub each Thursday.



**FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT**



*Jesus brings the good news of God's reign.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:9-15</b>	<b>Temptation of Jesus</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Genesis 9:8-17</b>	<b>God's promise to Noah</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b>	<b>Suffering for doing right</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Romans 14:13-23</b>	<b>Do not make someone stumble</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 16:5-11</b>	<b>Song of trust</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>James 3:13-18</b>	<b>Two kinds of wisdom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 25:1-10</b>	<b>Prayer for guidance</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 8:31-38</b>	<b>Jesus predicts his death</b>

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

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

**Mark 1:14-15 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Almighty God, you love what you have created; we thank you for your protection and that you come to bring us peace, joy, and love through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you remember the lowly and the hungry; we thank you for remembering us with your love and with this meal that gives us strength. Amen.

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

May the good news of Jesus give you joy.



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**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK** 

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er  
The Tumult*



**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:

- How would you survive in the wilderness?
- How would you describe God's reign to someone?

**DEVOTIONS** 

*Read:* Mark 1:9-15.

It is easy to miss the power and drama of Jesus' message that now is the time for the kingdom of God. His message seems so brief. Yet, in Jesus, God's reign is taking on all other claims to power and glory. The arrest of John the Baptist calls attention to another kind of power, the kind that seeks to control and destroy. In a world ordered by inequalities, unfairness, and brutality, another power is needed that can take on such harmful ways. That power is seen in Jesus' ability to take on Satan's deceitful testing of him. We also see it in Jesus being protected from wild beasts that could otherwise cause harm. God's justice and mercy has always championed life, love, and peace. Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, now steps out of his baptismal waters with the power of God's Spirit and takes on all forms of evil and death. We are now called to join this kingdom by turning away from destructive powers and trusting this good and awesome news and kingdom that Jesus brings.

*Discuss:* How do you see God's kingdom in Jesus bringing you and the world good news?

*Pray:* **Merciful and loving God, give us courage to trust the power and presence of your reign of life, love, and peace through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son, 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 bring Jesus' message of love and peace to others?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS** 

The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Lay out a purple cloth (the color for repentance and Lent) and place seven votive candles or battery-operated votive candles in the shape of a cross on the cloth. Light one of the candles this first week in Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

*Then pray:* **Dear God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and goodness that forgives and renews us in Christ. Amen.**



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 18**      **7:30am** Council Meets  
                 **9:00am** Worship/Communion  
                 **10:00am** Sunday School  
                 **10:15am** Adult Forum  
                 **11:00am** Youth Board  
                 **12:30pm** Gr. 8-12 Skiing

**Mon 19**      **7:00pm** AA meeting

**Tues 20**      **8:30am** SAIL Exercise Class  
                 **10:00am** Bible Study

**Wed 21**      **9:00am** WELCA Bible Study  
                 **3:00pm** WASS  
                 **5:00pm** Wednesday Supper  
                 **6:30pm** Youth Group  
                 **6:30pm** Confirmation  
                 **6:30pm** Lenten Service

**Thurs 22**    **8:00am** SAIL Exercise Class  
                 **9:00am** Quilting

**Sun 25**      **9:00am** Worship  
                 **10:00am** Sunday School  
                 **10:15am** Adult Forum  
                 **11:45am** Middle School Youth  
                 Group

### December 2023 Finances

Dec. Offering Income	\$ 47,556.74
Dec. Budgeted Expense	<u>39,698.12</u>
Difference:	\$ 7,858.62

2023 Year-to-date Income	\$338,006.19
2023 Year-to-date Expense	<u>317,102.81</u>
Difference	\$ 20,903.38

### Prayer Concerns

#### For strength and healing:

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

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#### Church Office Hours

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