

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday
February 8, 2015
8:30

Love God,
Love our neighbors,
Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

*Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

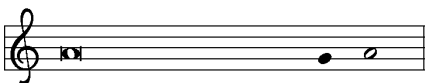
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***Greeting**

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


And also with you.

Cantor




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation




Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor




For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation




Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



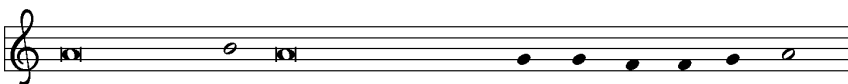
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation




Lord, have mer - cy.


Cantor



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

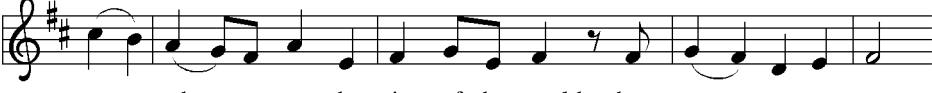
Canticle of Praise

Cantor  ^{Assisting minister}
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.


Congregation  ^{All}
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we


wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.


Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,


you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;


you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.


For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,


in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Special Music

“God’s Amazing Grace”

Bell Choir

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It 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 live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have 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. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love.^{20c} Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people.

Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

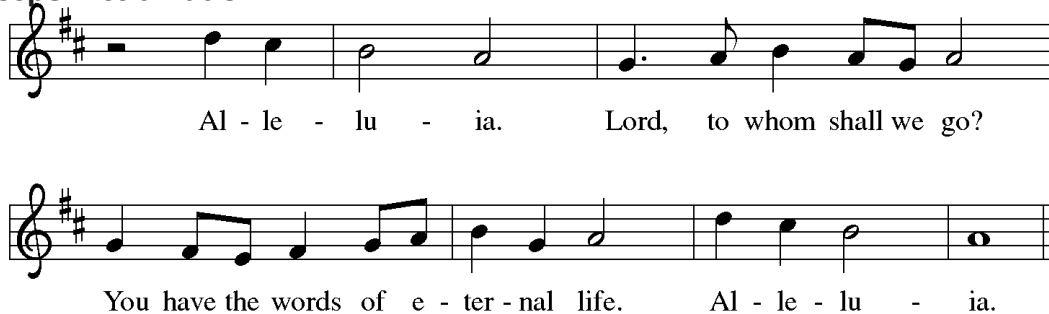
¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

***Blessing**

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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Dismissal

Postlude

Worship

News & Announcements

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

The traditional purpose of Lent is our preparation of Christ's sacrifice for us through prayer and repentance of sins. During this season, we will be using prayer as a discipline to prepare our hearts and minds for this most important time of our church.

Ash Wednesday is on February 18, with services at 11:00AM and 7:00PM. At these services there will be imposition of ashes and Communion.

We will have weekly Lenten services at 11:00 and 7pm on Wednesdays during Lent. With both services focusing on prayer, the 11:00 services will focus on the Lord's Prayer. The 7:00 service will focus on learning the ACTS method of praying and have prayer exercises each week.

Light meals will be available as follows:

Lenten lunches: Wednesdays in February and March following 11:00 Lenten service. \$5.00.

Lenten Light Suppers: Wednesdays in February and March 5:45-6:45 p.m. prior to 7:00 Lenten service. \$5.00

Service

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The February Food of the month for From the Heart Food Pantry: **Canned Fruit**
Donations go to help our neighbors and may be placed in the box in the back of the narthex. From the Heart Food Pantry is open Mondays from 5:30-8:00 and the 4th Saturday from 10-1.

Children & Youth

News & Announcements

Confirmation Schedule

February 11: Fellowship
February 18: Instruction
Feb 25: Service



etc.

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Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study, that meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month, will use the Nooma videos by Rob Bell over the next couple months as the focus of their studies. Some of you may have seen a couple of these videos in the past, but there are many we have not used yet. They are an excellent resource and create lots of good discussion. We invite all the ladies to join us in this faith sharing time. Study starts at 7 PM and is generally done between 8 and 8:30. Upcoming meetings through March will be February 2nd and 16th and March 2nd and 16th. We look forward to welcoming more ladies to the group.

Giving Envelopes

For those of you that requested giving envelopes, they are now available for you to pick up in the narthex.

Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2014 are available for you to pick up in the narthex.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

The 2015 Sugar Creek Summer Camp and Retreat Brochures are available on the counter in the narthex. Pick one up and see the exciting things that are available from this camp that Trinity supports.

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Sunday Brunch

FEBRUARY 15, immediately following 8:30 service until 10:15.

Please bring something to share. Need ideas, suggestions?

A-H . Egg bake, breakfast casserole or breakfast meat, etc.

I-N . Muffins, rolls, bread, coffee cake, etc.

O-S . Fruit, or breakfast fruit salad, etc

T-Z Milk, chocolate milk, or juice, etc.

Visitors and guests welcome. Join us for good food and fellowship!

Service Fair February 14 and 15

Check out all the places your God-given talents could be used to make a difference in someone's life to the glory of God. And, at the same time share fellowship with other members of Trinity. Hours will be:

Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

If you have a group that wants to participate, please contact Bonnie Jeranek to reserve a table at 608.784.2996. Set-up: Saturday morning between 9 and 11 a.m.

Lenten Lunch

Wednesday, February 18, following 11:00 Lenten service. Soup and Sandwich, \$5.00

Lenten Light Dinner

Wednesday, February 18, 5:45-6:45 Baked Potato Bar, with all the toppings including a meat topper, \$5.00

10:30 Service
Worship this week

Ever had your humanity get in the way of accomplishing all the great things you were destined to do? Most of us look for purpose in our lives, and hope for that purpose to be something fulfilling for ourselves and others, yet more often than not, our humanity (faults, failings, etc.) keep us from attaining all we were destined to achieve.

Even Jesus had struggles, and if he had struggles we can find hope for our own lives by taking a look at his. Come and hear his story and see how it intersects with yours as we journey with Jesus from pause to purpose this weekend!

Next Week in Worship
Sixth weekend after Epiphany

Next week's Readings

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

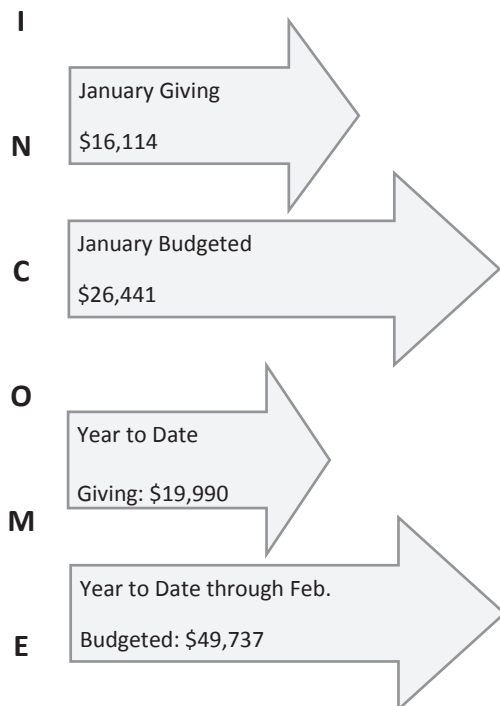
Mark 1:40-45

Be sure to check out Trinity's Facebook page for current happenings and photos.
(Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA)

You can find the 8:30 radio worship service bulletin and the monthly newsletter online at
www.trinitylutheranlax.org

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mike Sanding, Hilda Melde, & Military Member Austin Bekkum



There will be a special congregation meeting at 9:30 on Sunday, February 22, 2015, in the sanctuary to adopt a revised constitution.

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wed.

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30 WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9a TOPS

4-7 Northside Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday's Meals

5:30-8P From the Heart food pantry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:30 Social Ministry

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

First Communion class

6:00 Properties meeting

6:45 Confirmation

7p Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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