

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday
January 24 2016
8:30

Love God,

Love our neighbors,

Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

***Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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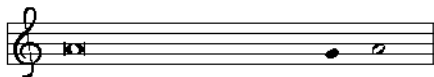
*Greeting

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.

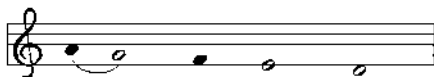
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Cantor



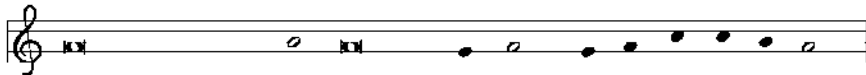
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



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

Congregation

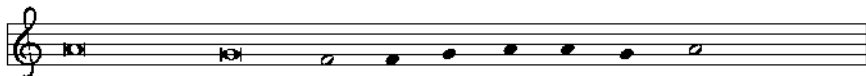


Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



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



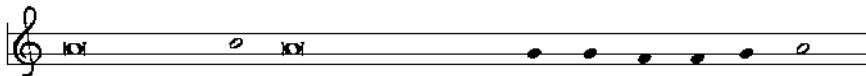
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

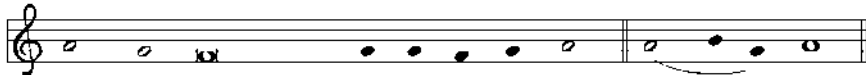


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Congregation



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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Special Music

Laurie Noelke, flute

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again**

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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***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 Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

#671

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Service

News & Announcements

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: The La Crosse Area Family Collaborative Community-Based Social Worker, who recently opened an office at Trinity Lutheran Church and Northside Elementary, could use our help. As Isaac Hoffman works with our neighbors on the North Side, there are many opportunities for us to enter in with the love of Christ. Please consider being on his occasional volunteer list. If a need arises, he will call those people who have said yes to see if they are available. The more folks on the list, the better we share the love of Christ and make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Please fill out the half-sheet and put in the offering plate. Thank you!

The **Social Ministry** Committee of Trinity has agreed to provide four meals this year as a part of **Monday Meals**, the weekly free meal provided to the community by local North Side churches. Our dates are Feb 8th, May 9th, Aug 15th, and Nov 28th. If you are handy in the kitchen, or friendly, or like clean dishes, we could use your help. Please sign up on the sheet being passed around at today's worship service. The menu has been set and everything will be provided. A member of the Social Ministry committee will contact you prior to the event for last minute details. Please consider joining our Trinity family as we care for those in our neighborhood...

Happy Valentine's Day (a little early!) God has loved us from the beginning and called us to love each other. One easy way we can do that is to send Valentines to neighbors, friends, and other people who could use a reminder that they are loved! If you are 6, 36, or 86 (or any other age), come join members of the Trinity family **Tuesday Feb 9th from 7-8pm** to create personal Valentines. You can take a few home to share with the people you care about. (Please RSVP to Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726 so we have enough supplies available!)

Etc.

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Giving Envelopes

General Giving Envelopes will continue to be available every week in the pews. For those who require their own numbered envelopes, there will be a limited number of sets available for pick up by the end of the year. Last year we handed out approximately 75 sets of the 150 that we had ordered at a cost of \$370. We will have the same number of sets available this year, however your Giving number will not be the same as last year. Please consider whether you really need to have a numbered envelope. Envelopes are available in the narthex—please sign up on the sheet if you take a packet.

Annual Meeting

Trinity's annual congregational meeting will be January 31 at 9:30 in the sanctuary. All voting members are invited to attend.

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee of TLC is looking for members to serve a 3 year term (maximum 2 terms). The Committee meets 4 times per year. Committee members are charged with the responsibility to manage and grow the Endowment funds which serve to assist with specific needs of the Church. Stakeholders and those with a special interest in the Endowment fund are encouraged to join this important committee. Please call Sandy Thompson at 608-792-9339 if you have an interest.

Giving Statements

If you would like to receive a statement of your giving for 2015, please email the office at: office@trinitylutheranlax.org and one will be emailed to you. If you are unable to receive one via email you may call the office to have one printed, then stop in and pick it up.

Memorials

General Fund:

In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by John Boehm
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Tom and June Lubinsky
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Howard and Jean Olson
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Margaret and Jim Fredrickson
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Claudia Gudvangen
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Leigh Wold
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Carol Ramsey Lewis
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Dave and Linda Hendrickson
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Joan and Calvin Hendrick
In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Jack and Minnetta Jansky

Organ maintenance:

Kay and Charlie Mach

The bulletin for the 8:30 radio worship
service and the monthly newsletter
are available on our website:
trinitylutheranlax.org

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December Giving
\$43,333

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December Budgeted
\$46,186

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Year to Date
Giving: \$ 8,723

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Budgeted giving
through Jan: \$16,169

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Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wednesday

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, JANUARY 24

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9a TOPS

4p Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday Meals

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

6:30p Bell Choir

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

6:30p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00 C.I.A.

6:45 Confirmation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

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