

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday
January 31, 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**

"We Are Called"

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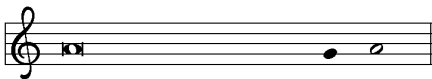
*Greeting

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.

Kyrie

Cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



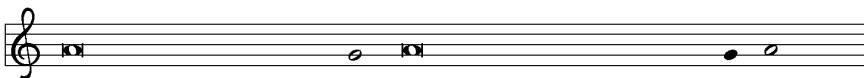
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



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



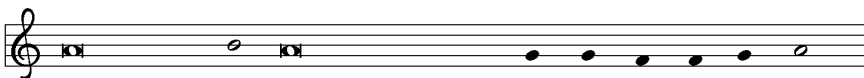
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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



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



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.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Special Music

“You Are Mine”

Joan Hendrick & Kay Mach

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah’s task is to preach God’s word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from of the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Hymn of the Day

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

#666

***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 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**

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Worship

News & Announcements

Dates and times of Lenten Services:

Wednesday Lenten Services will begin Ash Wednesday February 10 at 11:00 AM and 7:00PM with imposition of ashes and communion at both services. Lenten services will then be held at 11:00AM and 7:00PM on Wednesdays through March 16. The AM service will be a short traditional style Lenten service, the Holden Evening Prayer service with times of silence will be held Wednesday evenings.

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...

Valentine Opportunities

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!)

Please take a little of your time to send a message of support to our troops from the Valentine display I the narthex. Just write your message on a card and place in an envelope—do NOT seal the envelope. Thank you!

Service

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From the Heart food pantry featured item for February is **Cereal**, hot and cold

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.

Etc.

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Dollars for Trinity!

During February, Trinity Council members will be selling Herberger's Community Day coupon books. Each book contains over \$500 in savings and has an additional coupon for \$10 off regular or sale priced item. These books are available for \$5.00 each - AND the best part is, the money from the sale of each book, goes to Trinity! Do you have friends or relatives that would like to take part in this savings? Please let Pam Ball (769-7789) or another council member know if you would like to purchase additional books. The coupons will be honored Friday and Saturday, February 26&27 at Herberger's. These books will be offered for sale following the 5:30 and 8:30 services in February.

Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches will begin on Wednesday, February 10 following the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall. For \$5.00 you get soup, sandwich, dessert, beverages and an hour or so for great conversation. See you there!

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.

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Memorials

General Fund:

In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Eric & Karla Korish

In memory of Jean Bruemmer, given by Kathi Volden

In memory of M. Jean Bruemmer, given by Jack Wartinbee

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December Giving
\$43,333

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December Budgeted
\$46,186

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Year to Date
Giving:\$

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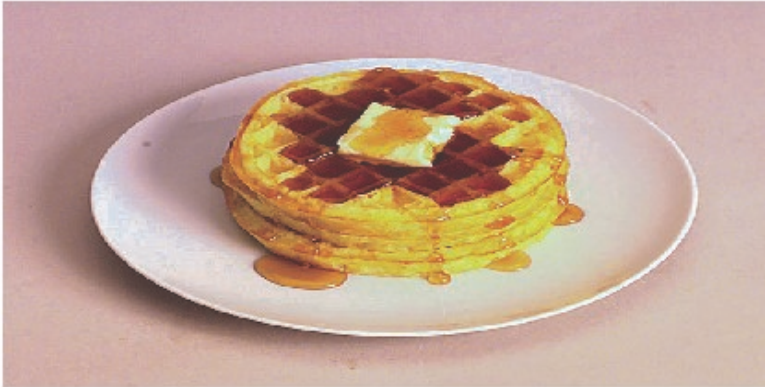
Budgeted giving
through Jan: \$16,169

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

Dad's

Belgian Waffles

All You Care to Eat



SERVING: WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, TOPPINGS and BEVERAGES

SATURDAY, February 13

8:00-11:00

Trinity Lutheran Church

1010 Sill Street

La Crosse, WI

Adults \$5 advance/\$6 @ door

Kids 6-12-\$4 advance/\$5 @ door

5 & younger – Free

Carry-outs Available

Proceeds Benefit:

Eagle Scout Project of Blake Olson, member of our congregation

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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 31

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9a TOPS

4p Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday Meals

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

6:30p Bell Choir

6:30 Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00p C.I.A.

6:45p Confirmation

7p Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

