

# Trinity Lutheran Church

*“The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me,  
because he has  
anointed me...  
to proclaim the year  
of the Lord’s favor.”*

**January 26, 2025**  
*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

**PRELUDE: *Here I Am to Worship* (T. Hughes)**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG: *Hark, the Glad Sound!* (ELW 239)**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and Sisters,  
our faults and failings may remain hidden from others  
and even from ourselves.  
Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts,  
for God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven.

We pray together.

**God of our Restoration,  
whenever we come home to you,  
we realize how far we have strayed  
and how much we have forgotten  
of your law and your love.  
We have not loved you with our whole hearts  
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us, heal us,  
and restore us to our relationship with you;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

As a minister of Jesus Christ,  
I assure you that you have been restored in the grace of † God.  
Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice,  
for this is a new day for you and for me.

## 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


*Refrain*




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Holy One,**

**we thank you for the gift of the Bible,  
for its psalms and poems, myths and stories,**

**histories, teachings, and prophecies.**

**May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings  
continue to call us out today,**

**that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus,  
our crucified and risen Christ,**

**who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup> All 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. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, 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. <sup>3</sup> He 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. <sup>5</sup> And 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. <sup>6</sup> Then 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. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And 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. <sup>10</sup> Then 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."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 19

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

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

<sup>6</sup> **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.**

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Above 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.

<sup>14</sup> **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

<sup>12</sup> For 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.

<sup>13</sup> For 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.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If 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. <sup>16</sup> And 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. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The 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.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and 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; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

<sup>28</sup> And 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. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life.

**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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>16</sup> When 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, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “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,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And 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. <sup>21</sup> Then 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.**



# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (ELW 311)

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|---|---|
| 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,<br>great David's greater Son!<br>Hail, in the time appointed,<br>your reign on earth begun!<br>You come to break oppression,<br>to set the captive free,<br>to take away transgression<br>and rule in equity.                        | 2 You come with rescue speedy<br>to those who suffer wrong,<br>to help the poor and needy,<br>and bid the weak be strong;<br>to give them songs for sighing,<br>their darkness turn to light,<br>whose souls, condemned and dying,<br>are precious in your sight. |
| 3 You shall come down like showers<br>upon the fruitful earth;<br>love, joy, and hope, like flowers,<br>spring in your path to birth.<br>Before you on the mountains<br>shall peace, the herald, go;<br>and righteousness in fountains<br>from hill to valley flow. | 4 Kings shall fall down before you,<br>and gold and incense bring;<br>all nations shall adore you,<br>your praise all people sing.<br>To you shall prayer unceasing<br>and daily vows ascend;<br>your kingdom still increasing,<br>a kingdom without end.         |

## 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 to the dead.  
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, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray. As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers, mentors, and pastors. Inspire passion for the stories of faith.*

*As your word and presence revive the soul, come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, peace in depression or anxiety, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness.*

*As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world.*

*As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among your people.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY: *Will You Come and Follow Me* (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:**

**our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude,  
now and always. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.*

*White grape juice is available, and altar bread is gluten-free.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG:

*You Are Holy (M. Imbodent and T. Rhoton)*

## DISTRIBUTION:

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 496)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Now as you go from this place on this day holy to God rejoice in His strength,  
fix your eyes on the grace of Christ,  
and drink deeply of the Spirit..

And may that Spirit of the triune God

✚ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG:

### *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551)*



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Jan 26, 2025**

**Altar:** Lori Johnson

**Reader:** Thom Edgar

**Communion Assistant:**

Thom Edgar

**Fellowship:** Kris Oolman

**NEXT SUNDAY — Feb 2, 2025**

**Altar:** Al & Bobbie Schimek

**Reader:** OPEN

**Communion Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** OPEN

# Trinity Happenings:

<b>Sun, Jan 26:</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b>	<b>Band Worship</b> <b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Jan 27:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Jan 29:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm</b>
Thu, Jan 30:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sun, Feb 2:</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
Mon, Feb 3:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
<b>Tue, Feb 4:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>TheologyPUB</b> <b>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>
Wed, Feb 5:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
<b>Thu, Feb 6:</b>	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>MUGG Campus Meeting</b> <b>@ Rendezvous Café</b>
Sun, Feb 9:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am 10:15am	Worship Service Sunday School behind Gruver Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm Annual Meeting

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# ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

 AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

**FEB 9TH** [telcofficeanager@gmail.com](mailto:telcofficeanager@gmail.com)

PLEASE COME!



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### 2024 Financial Snapshot through December

**Income** - \$219,852.51

**Expenses** - \$215,050.41

