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Baptism of Christ. A window in the Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary.



The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to Trinity!

A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see (+), you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Chris and Terri Sullivan.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell,
Presiding Minister

Patrick D. Preacher,
Assisting Minister and Preaching

**Jim Parham, Organist &
Choir Director**

Lector
Lyle Mortensen

Prayers
Mary Mueller

Cantor
Lynn Andrews

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Communion Assistants
Elizabeth Allen
Angie McCormack

Acolyte
Jenna Mast

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Sharron Goodlett,
Kerrie Seymour, Philip Wessinger

**Children's Worship
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Nursery
JL Dykes

Praying for Possibilities
Donna Potts

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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you're able.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
For the Reedy River, Lake Hartwell, and Lake Keowee,
For the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet,
water from his wounded side.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen.

Worshippers are invited to move to the front of their section where a water bearer will refresh their baptismal cross on their forehead with the words "In baptism you are set free!"

Text: Marty Haugen,
b. 1950

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

Music: TWO OAKS,
Marty Haugen

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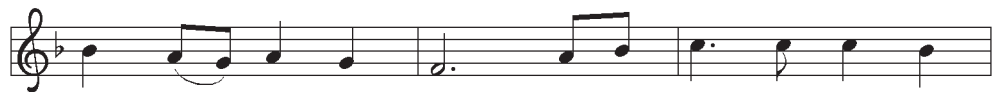
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.



GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - ci - ous Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

and also with you.

Let us pray.

O God our Holy Parent and Advocate, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved and anointed him with your Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your children and empower us all with your Spirit. Use the waters of baptism to set us free from that which binds us. Turn us toward your love, allowing your waters to guide us in our daily dying to sin and rising to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

The divine name, YHWH (pronounced YAH-wey), is the English transliteration of the four consonants of the original Hebrew. This is the name God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, and is an ancient and extremely holy name for God. One of its possible meanings is "I am that I am."

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹You are my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon you;
you will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ²You will not cry out or lift up your voice
or make it heard in the street;
- ³a bruised reed you will not break,
and a dimly burning wick you will not quench;
you will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴You will not grow faint or be crushed
until you have established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for your teaching.
- ⁵Thus says God, YHWH,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶I am YHWH; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
- ⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸I am YHWH; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
- ⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 29

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

- ¹ Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹ O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

You are a Beloved Child of God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.



Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized. ¹⁴ John would have prevented Jesus, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Only Begotten Child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Turned Toward Love

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. God who troubles the waters,
receive our prayer.

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Guide us in keeping clean the waters you have gifted this area with, especially our beloved Reedy River. When you bring rain, let each drop remind us of our baptisms. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. God who troubles the waters,
receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring peoples and end cycles of violent retribution, especially where war, occupation, and terror claim daily lives. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee persecution, including those caught in political conflict and economic coercion. Ease strained relations between the United States and Venezuela as well as between other countries on the brink of war. Sustain international aid workers, diplomats, and peacemakers who labor for justice beyond borders and fear. God who troubles the waters,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God who troubles the waters,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another. Continue leading us in new ways of serving the marginalized among us and in the Greenville community. Help us to further the work of GOAL and to stand strong alongside your Queer and Transgender children whom you call beloved and with whom you are well pleased. God who troubles the waters,
receive our prayer.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those whose baptisms are complete in death, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace on that day. God who troubles the waters,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

We invite members of the Congregation Council and Officers of the Congregation to come and gather with us at the baptismal font.

Richard, Mike, Margaret, Lynn, Chris, Jess, Carl, William, Danny, Jaime, Donna, Deirdre, Pat, Jeff, Matthew, and Clayton, beloved, baptized children of God, you have been called by God and elected by this community to serve as leaders in our life together. This calling will be joyful, challenging, meaningful, and full of opportunities to grow, change, and practice the spiritual gifts of patience, grace, and mercy.

Each of you has unique and God-given gifts that are needed and wanted as we serve and lead together. We thank you for your willingness to step forward in faith to serve and lead and to do so with bravery, boldness, vulnerability, authenticity, and compassion.

Hear these words of inspiration, guidance, and insight:

From Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus: Some are given the gift to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, and still others to be pastors and teachers. These gifts are given to equip you (God's holy and beloved ones) for the work of service and to build up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

From the contemporary prophet Brene Brown: Daring leaders work to make sure people can be themselves and feel a sense of belonging. Only when diverse perspectives are included, respected, and valued can we begin to get a full picture of (God's call and expectation for us). A brave leader is someone who says I see you, I hear you. I don't have all the answers but I am going to keep listening and keep asking questions.

From Paul's letter to the church at Philippi: There must be no competition among you, no conceit, but everyone is to be humble, valuing others over yourselves, each of you thinking of the interests of others before your own. Philippians 2:3-4

Will you, God's called and elected leaders, strive to serve with patience, humility, and grace? Will you embrace Trinity's mission of diversity, inclusion, and belonging? Will you extend welcome and radical hospitality to all?

In times of crisis and conflict, will you be strong and bold, give others (especially our pastors and staff) the benefit of the doubt? Will you extend grace upon grace?

Will you seek to listen more than you speak? Will you listen with the intent to hear and understand, before planning what you wish to say?

Will you follow God's call on your life through baptism to work for justice and peace in this community and in the world?

Will you set aside your personal desires and preferences in favor of the needs, hopes, and dreams of this entire community?

Will you support each other and the pastoral leadership of this congregation with your care, your words, and your prayers?



Will you attend worship regularly? Will you support this ministry with your time, talent, and treasure? Will you strive to be a servant leader?

I will, trusting that God will be with me and will give me everything I need to be a faithful, trusted leader.

Please stand as able

People of God, will you support these your called and elected leaders? Will you care for them, support them, and pray for them? Will you trust their leadership?

Yes, we will, trusting God to help us and encourage us.

Trinity leaders, blessed by the Triune God and inspired and empowered by God's Holy Spirit, you are installed as leaders of this community of faith. May you feel the power and strength of God's love and care and may you share that love and care with all people, no exceptions.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Epiphany Carol: Sing of God Made Manifest

Adult Choir

Music: Bruce Neswick; Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star lad guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, Signs mysterious and profound; myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by your, but your bidding I will do." Then from heaven a double sign dove-like Spirit, voice divine – hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain's crest, where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God, God would save.

OFFERING HYMN

Please stand as able.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving.

This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



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b. 1929

Music: LINSTeAD,
Jamaican folk tune;
adapt. Doreen
Potter, 1925-1980

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory,
**great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

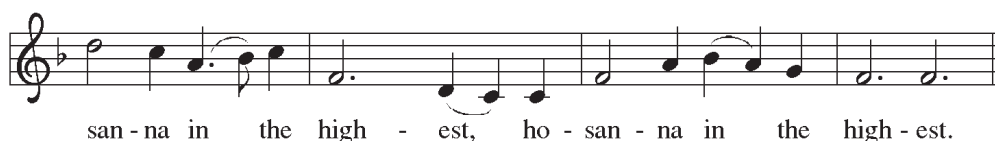
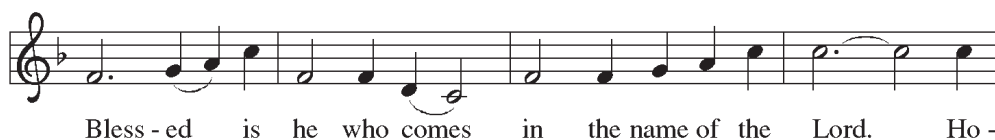
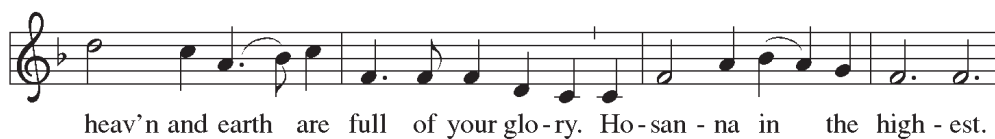
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star Christ was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of baptism you proclaimed Christ your beloved child;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine your glory was revealed;
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.



COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker

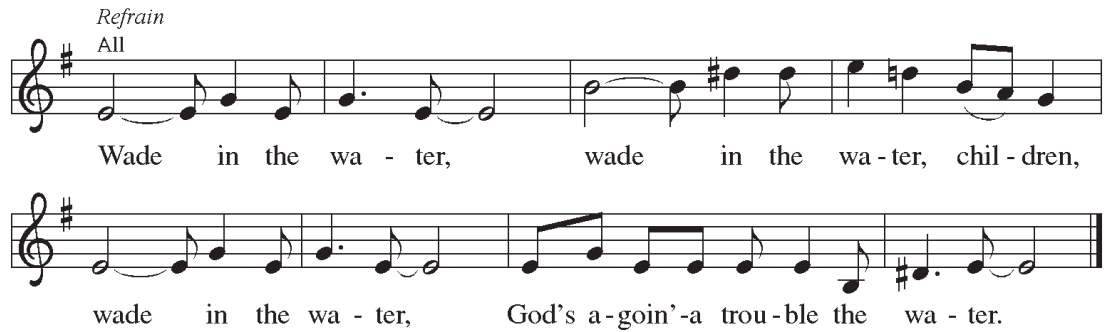
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Text: African
American spiritual

Wade in the Water

Music: WADE IN
THE WATER, African
American spiritual

Refrain
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

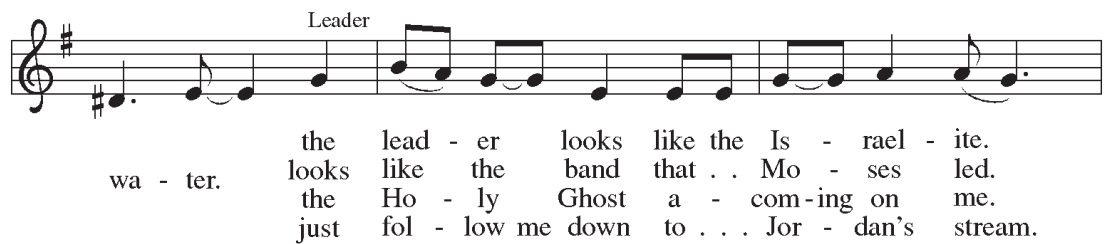
Leader All



1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

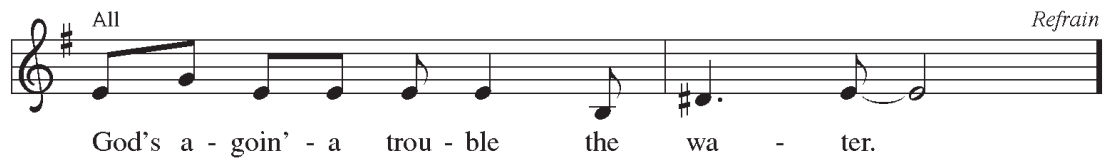
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looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

Leader



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All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.



I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African
American spiritual

Music: JESUS
LIFTED ME, African
American spiritual

Text: Horatius Bonar,
1808-1889

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Music: KINGSFOLD,
English folk tune



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: John C.
Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: OUIMETTE,
John C. Ylvisaker

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Ylvisakertraditional



Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

Text: James K.
Manley, b. 1940

Music: SPIRIT,
James K. Manley

Text and music
© 1978 James K.
Manley, admin.
Augsburg Fortress.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

May the Triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
(+) bless you now and forever.

Amen.

After Communion, we
give thanks for being
part of the communion
of God's life and for
being fed so that we
may go out to feed
and serve others in our
world.



SENDING HYMN

Hymn continued on next page.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Text: South African
 traditional; tr.
Freedom is Coming,
 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA,
 South African
 traditional; arr
Freedom is Coming

Additional stanzas ad lib.

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Be refreshed by the waters of God.
Carry buckets of love that overflow and
spill around you for the sake of the world.
Thanks be to God.

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather for
refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym.*

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.



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Activities & Opportunities



January 11, 2026

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to Jeff Roth and his family at the death of his sister, Rosa Waldrep and her family at the death of her brother, and to Chris Lawrence and his family at the death of his uncle.

Trinity Children (Kindergarten - Grade 5) will gather this morning following worship. The group will meet in the Youth Room for lunch, followed by activities to learn more about the Epiphany Season.

Adult Faith Formation. Please consider attending Adult Faith Exploration prior to worship Sundays at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Below is the teacher and topic schedule for January. New discussion leaders are always welcome. Contact Patrick Preacher via text, 864-483-2590, if you are interested in leading.

- **January 18:** David Potts leads a discussion about Astro theology (Space, Aliens, and Jesus Christ).
- **January 25:** Chaplain Missy Roberts will lead a discussion about processing grief and loss through a Christian lens.

Offering Tellers Needed. The Church Office staff is looking for volunteers to count offering and prepare the bank deposit each week. We need two volunteers (non-related individuals) to count on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. The process should take an hour or less. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Kay Cook in the Church Office via email at kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws.

The Welcome Table. The Welcome Table continues ministry despite cuts to government grants which allowed Trinity to distribute local and fresh produce at no cost from Feed and Seed. This means the Trinity Food Pantry will be even more crucial in the coming months. Please consider donating non-perishable food items and/or toilet paper as able. The next Welcome Table dates are January 14 and February 28. A hot meal is served beginning at 11:00 am in the Multi-purpose Room and typically includes an engaging activity centered around community building or song. Everyone is welcome to enjoy lunch! Volunteers are always needed. To volunteer, please contact Patrick Preacher via email at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws or text at 864-483-2590.

Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group. A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 am to 8:00 am in the Parlor. Calvin Harmon leads and facilitates this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning includes a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Upcoming dates include January 14 and February 11.

Love Wins will gather on Thursday, January 15, for some social time together and discussion/planning for the new year. The group will meet at 6:30 at The Southern Growl, 155 N. Buncombe Road, Greer. Contact Angie McCormack ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws to sign up or for more information.

The Trinity Lutheran Church History Reading Group will meet on Sunday, January 18, following worship in the Church Parlor to discuss *The Great Influenza* by John Barry. David Potts will lead the discussion. All are welcome to attend. Contact Don Todd at dktodd47@gmail.com, 803-517-8129 or Bob Schirmer at rwschirmer@gmail.com, 419-348-6508 with questions. A video link will be available.

A Class on Spiritual Disciplines. In *The Awakened Brain* by Lisa Miller, research shows that those who regularly participate in spiritual disciplines are 20% more resilient than those who do not. A small group will gather on Thursdays, January 22 and January 29, at 10:00 am in rooms 12 and 13 to learn more about and practice several spiritual disciplines designed to encourage, uplift, soothe, comfort, and connect to the vastness of God's love and grace for all of God's beloveds. This small group gathering will be facilitated by Renee Heiliger and Pastor Susan Crowell and will be limited to 15 participants. Participants may register for one or both sessions as each session will focus on different practices. To register for this learning opportunity, reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, JAN 14		THURS, JAN 15	FRI, JAN 16	SUN, JAN 18
11:30 am Trinity Children	7:00 am: Men's Reflection Group	6:30 pm Handbell Practice	6:30 pm Love Wins	10:00 am Mahjong Group in Parlor	10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:00 am: The Welcome Table Meal	7:00 pm Adult Choir			Following Worship History Reading Group