

Come and See



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

**Sunday, January 18, 2026
9:00 am Service**

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Karla Keller

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the One who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

verses 1, 3, 4

Hymn #314

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

*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

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Hymn #152

*Hymn of Praise

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Hymn #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,

**Our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,
follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Children's Moment

Jenny Lutter

Reading

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Hymn of the Day**Come and See***Sing two times*

What are you looking for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
looking for? Come and see.

***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 the Church**

Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

*Thank you for your continued financial support.
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as
you leave worship. Or give online at www.trin.org/give.*

**Offertory Response****We Are An Offering****Hymn #692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution**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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Communion Hymn**Let Us Break Bread Together****Hymn #471**

***Closing Prayer**

Gracious God,

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, O God. Open our ears to the words of your prophets. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, that we might serve you with joy as we walk in your path of peace. Amen.

***Benediction**

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.

***Closing Hymn**

How Marvelous God's Greatness

verses 1, 2, 4

Hymn #830

How marvelous God's greatness, how glorious God's might!
To this the world bears witness in wonders day and night:
in form of flow'r and snowflake, in morn's resplendent birth,
in afterglow at ev'ning, in sky and sea and earth.

Each tiny flow'ret whispers, the great life-giver's name;
the mighty mountain masses his majesty proclaim;
the valleys deep are hymning God's shelter for his own;
the snow-capped peaks are pointing to God's almighty throne.

The starry hosts are singing through all the light-strewn sky
of God's majestic temple and palace courts on high;
when in these outer chambers such glory gilds the night,
oh, what transcendent brightness is God's eternal light!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Our Prayers:

Scott Johnson, Frank Fritzke, Dick Erickson, Stacey Lewandowski, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann), our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

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Announcements

Financial Review Forum A 2025 financial review and an overview of Trinity's 2026 Spending Plan will be presented following worship today, Sunday, January 18 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 25, following worship at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend. 2025 Annual Reports will be available on the church website this week and printed copies will be available at the Annual Meeting.

Adult Education: The Book of Jonah Study Join Pastor Paul for an adult Bible study on the Book of Jonah on Wednesdays in January from 1:30–2:30 pm in the Pioneer Room. Together, we'll explore how this ancient story speaks to our daily lives today. All are welcome—drop by on Wednesday afternoons and bring a friend!

Summer Bible Camp Opportunities Water's Edge Ministries (formerly Green Lake Lutheran Ministries) offers summer Bible camps for kids in grades K–12, plus Family Camp options, at three beautiful Minnesota lake locations. Trinity offers "camperships" for Trinity youth attending Bible camp. Visit www.gllm.org for more information.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex.