

You Are the Light



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, February 8, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Jesus Have It All

by Jeremy Riddle

Worship Band

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**

Gather Us In

Hymn #532

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***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 Eleison

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

by Chris Tomlin

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

Chorus:

For Your Name is great, and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign, you alone can save
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy on us now

Who is this God
Who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy *(repeat 4x, Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

Lord God,

with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Through All of It
by Molly Reed and Ben Glover

Worship Band

Children's Moment

Jenny Lutter

Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymn # 715

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *(Refrain)*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *(Refrain)*
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

***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.

Council Moment

Adam Rowan

Stewardship Moment

Alyson Blakstad

Offering

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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.

***Closing Prayer**

Gracious God,

We entrust ourselves to your care. Shape our minds, hearts, and hands to reflect your love in all we do. Root us deeply in your Spirit, that we may share your life and grace with those around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***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.**

***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**

Go, Make Disciples

Hymn #540

Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me.

Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me.
Go, make disciples."

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Be A Light

Worship Band

by Thomas Rhett, Josh Miller, Josh Thompson & Matthew Dragstrem

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

Prayers of celebration for Miles Barrett Boyd, son of Sam and Sarah Boyd,
who was welcomed into our congregation yesterday through Holy Baptism.

We extend our sympathy the family and friends of Warren Henning, whose memorial
service will be held at Trinity this week. May God grant you peace and comfort.



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Paul Lutter, Interim Pastor
Chelsea Farniok, Children's Ministry
Penny Koets, Worship Band Leader

Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

February Underwear Drive! Trinity invites you to donate new underwear in all sizes (kids to adult) for the Free Store at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Drop off new packages of underwear at our Donation Station at the main parking lot entrance.

Trinity Call Committee The Church Council is forming a Call Committee to search for Trinity's new permanent pastor. If you are interested in being considered for this committee, please notify the church office by February 15.

Stewardship Campaign Trinity members will receive an annual Stewardship mailing soon, inviting you to consider your financial and "Time & Talent" commitments to the many ministries of Trinity in 2026. Today, Trinity member, Alyson Blakstad, will share a bit about our Stewardship campaign during worship.

A Community Action Conversation If you would like to talk about how we as Trinity members can show up for our community in times of need, join us for a Social Justice Team conversation today, Sunday, February 8 following worship in the Pioneer Room.

Ash Wednesday, February 18 7:00 pm Service (Onsite & Online)

Midweek Lent Services Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25
Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm (Onsite & Online)

Weekly Prayer Gatherings We are a people of prayer and believe God does amazing things when we simply ask. You are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm as we gather for an informal time of prayer for our congregation and community.