

Jesus Blesses Us



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, February 1, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Joy Rundell

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**

As We Gather at Your Table

Hymn #522

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

***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."

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Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

***Prayer of the Day**

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Anthem

African Psalm

Worship Choir

Children's Moment

Lydia Haller

Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus Blesses Us

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Hymn of the Day

Build a Longer Table

(ACS #1062)



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

*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.

Church Council Moment

Steve Boylan

Stewardship Moment

Terri Gens

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 Anthem

One Bread, One Body

Worship Choir

*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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Hymn #551

verses 1, 3, 4

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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),

Prayers of celebration for Nolan James McCain, son of Andrew and Lindsay McCain,
who was welcomed into our congregation yesterday through Holy Baptism.

Prayers of comfort and condolence for the family of Rev. Ken Halstead,
whose funeral Pastor Lutter preached/presided at this last week.

Announcements

You are invited for coffee and donuts following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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, Terri Gens, will
share a bit about our Stewardship campaign during worship.

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.

Share Your Story The Praise Band invites you to share a story of God's presence through
hardship for a special song on February 8. Please pick up a purple sheet in the narthex
to submit your testimony (signed or anonymous), which will be read during the song.
We hope you will join us in celebrating the power of our shared faith journey!

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 on Sunday, February 8 following worship in the Pioneer Room.