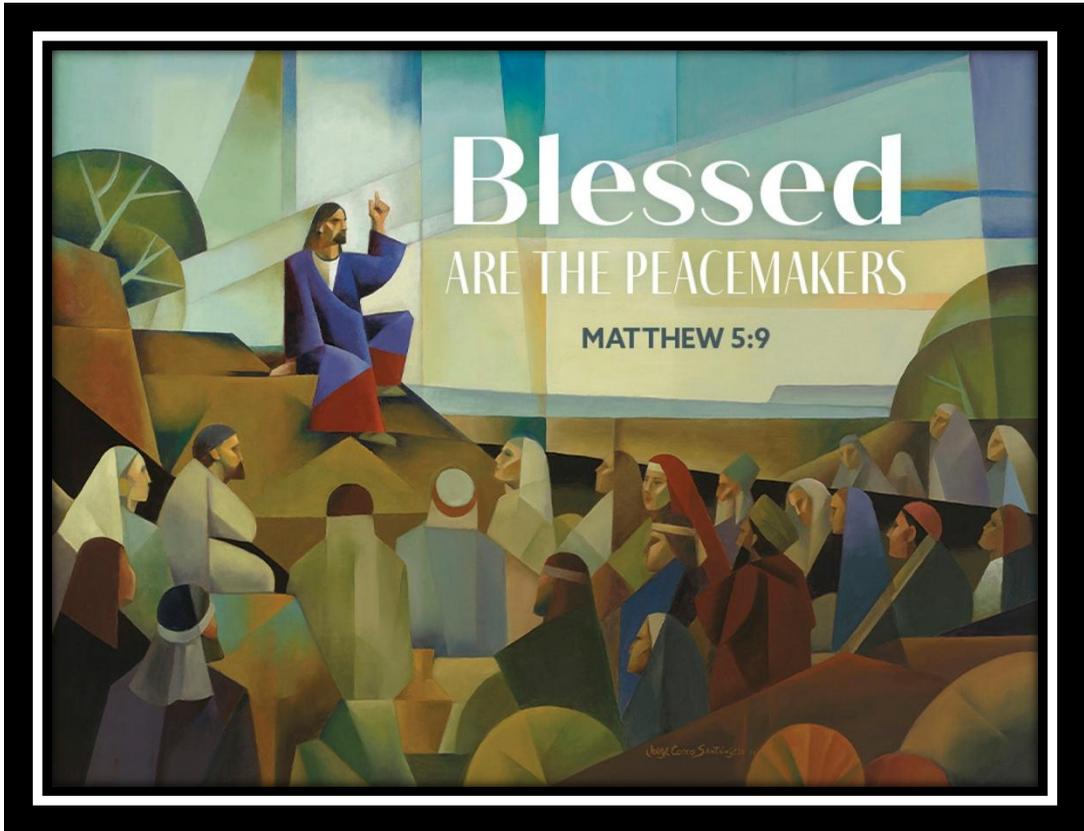


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Thorsen
Ministers: Every Baptized Member



Sunday, February 01, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

TRINITY'S MISSION

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

TRINITY'S VISION

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission.
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Introduction to the Day

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Indicates stand*

Prelude: Reflection

by: Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness (on camera)**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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.**

Canticle of Praise



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! High - est glor - y to You! _____



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! High - est glor - y to You!



O - pen now our lips and our mouths shall give praise.
O Lord, rush to help to de - liv - er Your world.
Mak - er, Spir - it, Friend, You are Great My - ster - y!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” ⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: “Bread of Life”

Joel Raney

Psalm 15 (Read in Unison)

Who has the right to enter your tent, Yahweh, or to live on your holy mountain? Those who conduct themselves with integrity and work for justice, who speak the truth from their heart and do not use their tongues for slander, who do not wrong their neighbors and cast no discredit on their friends, who look with contempt on the corrupt but honor those who revere Yahweh, who always keep their promises even when it hurts, who don't demand interest on loans and cannot be bribed to exploit the innocent. If people do these things, nothing can ever shake them.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. 6 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu-ia! the Word of God is liv-ing! Al-le-lu-ia! The



gos-pel is a-mong us! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

***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.

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**

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Peace: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: "Come Jesus, Come"

arr. D. Galbraith

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of pow'r and might - y love,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of earth and hu - man heart,



heav-en and the earth are full of You! Hal - le - lu -
heav-en and the earth are full of You, Em - man - u -



jah! Our hearts are break-ing o - pen. Save us, Ho -
el. Our hearts are break-ing o - pen. Save us, Ho -



san - na. O God of pow'r and might - y love,
san - na. Em - man - u - el, our broth - er,



help us, Ho - san - na. Bles - sed are You who
help us, Ho - san - na. Bles - sed are You who



bears the name, bles-sed are all— who bear the name of God!
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Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song: O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, shar-ing our weak - ness, our
O Christ, Lamb of God, bear-ing our heal - ing, our
O Christ, Lamb of God, shar-ing our stor - y, our

last time continue



weak - ness, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.
heal - ing, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.
stor - y, oh grant us, grant us your peace.



Oh grant us, grant us your peace. A - men.

1st Song after Communion: Blest Are They

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2nd Song after Communion: Beauty For Brokenness



1. Beau ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair, Lord, in Your
 2. Shel ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the
 3. Re fuge from cruel wars, ha - vens from fear, cit - ies for
 4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams, plun - dered and
 5. Light en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame, un - til Your



suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy,
 crafts - men, trade for their skills. Land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the
 sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share. Peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to
 poi - soned, our fu - ture our dreams. Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness,
 jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain; Un - til the na - tions learn of Your



peace, sun - rise to sun - set Your king - dom in - crease.
 weak, voic - es to plead the cause of
 green, Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the pain.
 greed. Make us con - tent with the
 ways, seek Your sal - va - tion and



those who can't speak. God of the poor,
 things that we need.
 bring You their praise.



friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion we pray, melt our cold hearts, let



tears fall like rain. Come change our love from a spark to a flame.



flame. _____

***Communion Blessing**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: To Be Your Presence

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "In Christ There Is No East or West" A. Reinagle / Tune: St. Peter

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