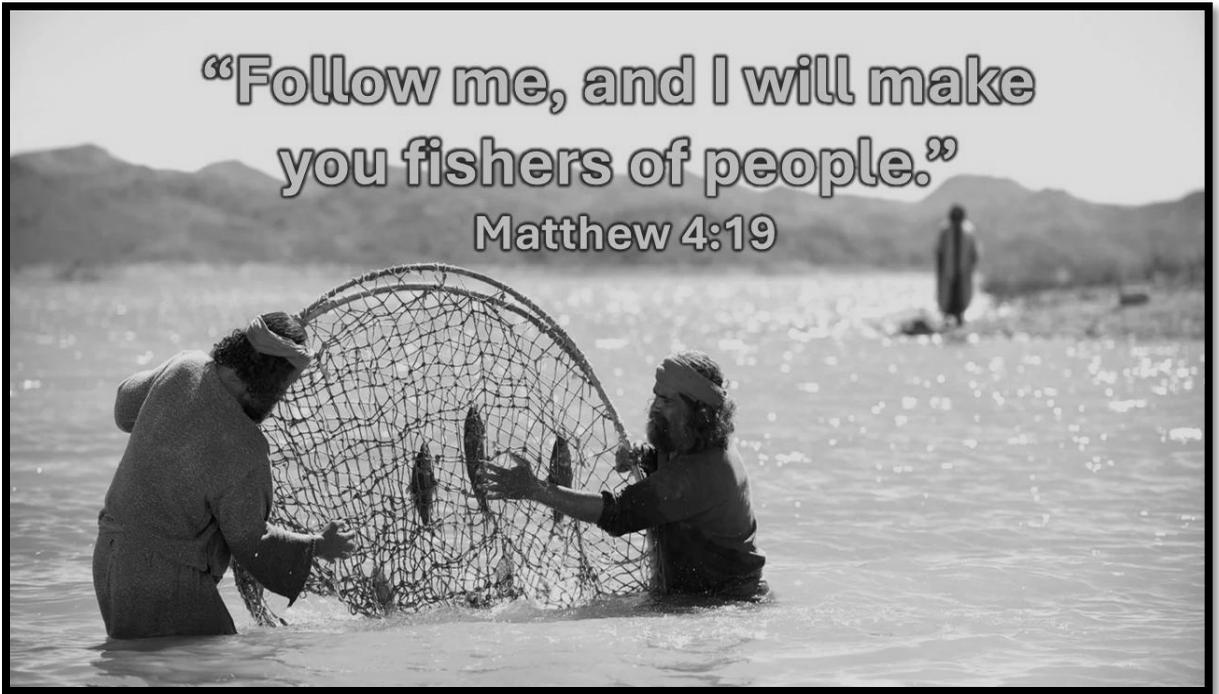


# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Thorsen  
Ministers: Every Baptized Member



**Sunday, January 25, 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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# 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Introduction to the Day

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

## GATHERING

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

*\*Indicates stand*

**Prelude: “Glory (Let there be Peace)”**

## Welcome and Announcements

### **\*Call to Worship**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in Galilee and in our midst.**

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**Whom shall we fear?**

Jesus calls, “Follow me.”

**We come to walk in the light of Christ.**

Come, let us worship the God who calls us out of darkness.

**Let us follow Christ, the light of the world.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, you call us into the light, yet we confess that we often cling to familiar darkness. We allow division to take root, resist the cost of discipleship, and hesitate when you invite us to follow. Forgive us, O God. Break the chains that bind us and turn us again toward your truth and grace. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: God is faithful and calls us into a relationship with Jesus. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, and called anew. **Thanks be to God!**

## Gathering Song: Here I Am to Worship



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me

2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en - a -



see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with

bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

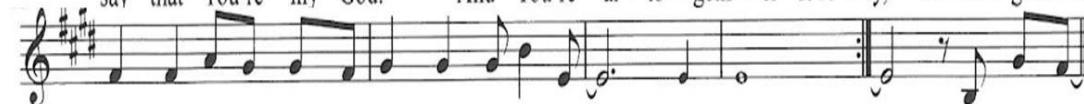


You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to

poor.



sav that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

And I'll nev -



er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev



that cross.

So, here I am to

## 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. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (Read in Unison)**

**Yahweh, you are my light, my salvation—whom will I fear? You are the fortress of my life—of whom will I be afraid? One thing I ask of you, Yahweh, one thing I seek: that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty and to meditate in your Temple. You will keep me safe in your shelter when trouble arises, you will hide me under the cover of your Tabernacle— you'll set me on a rock, high and out of reach. Then I'll be able to hold my head up, even with my enemies surrounding me. I will offer in your Tabernacle sacrifices of great joy— I'll sing and make music to you, Yahweh! Hear me when I call, Yahweh! Have mercy on me and answer me! You say to my heart, "Seek my face," and so it is your face I seek! Don't hide your face from me; don't turn your faithful one away in anger. Don't reject me, don't desert me, O God of my salvation, for you are my only help.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For 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.  
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 4:12-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

\*Hymn of the Day: Keep Calling Me

1. Christ you stand be-fore  
beck- on us to walk

(2. You)

us all, Christ, you come and Christ, you call: leave it all be- hind  
your way, your king- dom come on Earth this day, to lose our life but find

and join my jour- ney.  
it in the ris- ing. Come with me and find your life.  
Find it in your love for all.

Live my love and shine my light. Leave it all be- hind you. Come and fol-  
Find it in com- pas- ion's call: to seek the lost to whom your grace is cal-

**CHORUS**

low.  
ling. And you keep cal- ling me. You keep cal- ling me. You keep

cal- ling me: come and fol- low. You keep cal- ling me. You keep

A A/C# D G A D G 1. G A/C#  
cal- ling me. You keep cal- ling me, and I will fol- low. 2. You

2. D/F# G A D G A/C# D  
You keep cal- ling me, and I will fol- low.

## Sacrament of Baptisms:

Quinton Stanley Victor Kluck & Colter James Neal Kluck ELW Pg. 227

### \*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: We Labor Unto Glory

#### \*Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*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!  
 bears the name, bles-sed are all— who bear the name of God!

## 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

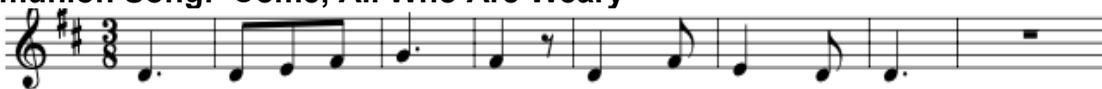
O Christ, Lamb of God, shar-ing our weak - ness, our  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, bear-ing our heal - ing, our  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, shar-ing our stor - y, our

*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.

# Communion Song: Come, All Who Are Weary



1. Come, all who are wear - y: I will give you rest.  
 2. Come, all who are woun - ed, cry - ing out, "How long?"  
 3. Come, all who are weep - ing, all whose hope is gone.



Come, all who are striv - ing: lean up - on My breast.  
 Come, all who are wait - ing for the break of dawn.  
 Come, all who are si - lent, all who've lost their song. Your



For My yoke is eas - y \_\_\_\_\_ and my bur - den light. O  
 Dark - ness will not hide you \_\_\_\_\_ for - ev - er from my sight. O  
 ev' - ry tear is num - bered, \_\_\_\_\_ your ev' - ry sor - row known. O



come, all who are wear - y, come. \_\_\_\_\_  
 come, all who are woun - ded, come. \_\_\_\_\_  
 come, all who are weep - ing, come. \_\_\_\_\_

## CODA



O come, all who are wear - y, wound-ed and weep -



ing, all of God's child - ren, come. \_\_\_\_\_

## \*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.**

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## Sending Song: Go



Go, go! Tell it on the moun - tain.

Go, go! Sing it in the streets;



Bless - ed are the feet of those who bring good news, an - nounc - ing the gos - pel of peace.



Go, go! Tell it on the moun - tain.

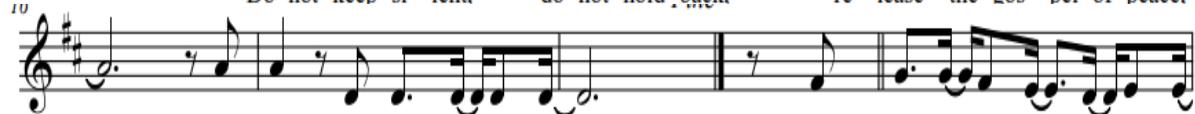
Go, go! Sing it in the streets;



Do not keep si - lent,

do not hold back,

re - lease the gos - pel of peace.



re - lease the gos - pel of peace.

For this is the day of sal - va -



tion, when the na - tions will stream to Your light;

The glo - ry of My king - dom shall



be re - vealed to the eyes of those who be - lieve,

to the eyes of those who be - lieve..

## Dismissal

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