



... suddenly the heavens were opened to him
and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove ...

Matthew 3:16, NRSV



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 129 Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C (spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . .
- C** (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine;
For your light has come!
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;

But the Lord will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
³The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴“Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, they come to you;
Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side.

⁵Then you shall see and become radiant,
And your heart shall swell with joy;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

⁶The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*,
The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba shall come;
They shall bring gold and incense,
And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 18:1-3

P I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

C **The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;**

P My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

C **My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

P I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised;

C **So shall I be saved from my enemies.**

Second Reading

Romans 3:22b-31

For there is no difference; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. ²⁹*Or is He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, ³⁰since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff continues: 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day *LSB 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord (pg. 8)*

Sermon Text

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John *tried* to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Sermon Theme:
It Can't Be Anyone Else
I: It can't be anyone but John's Lord
II: It can't be anyone but God's Son
III: It can't be anyone but my Savior



P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

CW21 387 Arise, Your Light is Come (tune of TLH 449)

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| <p>1. Arise, your light is come!
 The Spirit's call obey;
 Show forth the glory of your God,
 Which shines on you today.</p> <p>2. Arise, your light is come!
 Fling wide the prison door;
 Proclaim the captive's liberty,
 Good tiding's to the poor.</p> <p>3. Arise, your light is come!
 All you in sorrow born,
 Bind up the broken hearted ones
 And comfort those who mourn.</p> | <p>4. Arise, your light is come!
 The mountains burst in song!
 Rise up like eagles on the wing;
 God's pow'r will make us strong.</p> <p>5. Arise, your light is come!
 Lift up your eyes and see:
 The Gentiles come to honor Him
 Who came to set you free.</p> <p>6. All glory be to God
 The Father, Spirit, Son,
 Who reigns in earth and heav'n
 above
 While endless ages run! <i>Amen.</i></p> |
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Offering

General Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also pray together:

- C** **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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 282 Christians Come in Sweetest Measures

Silent Prayer

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LSB 405 – To Jordan Came Our Lord

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council + Women's Circle – Next Sunday, the church council will meet after worship. Women's Circle will not meet, but anyone who can is asked to stick around and help put away Christmas decorations after church.

Pastoral Visit Schedule – Don't forget: the signup sheet for visiting with Pastor Naumann in 2025 is on the table in the entryway and there are plenty of openings in the couple of months!

Annual Voter's Meeting – Our annual voter's meeting will be held after worship next Sunday, January 19th. An info packet is available on the table in the entryway and was sent out in this morning's e-mail. All voting members, please make plans to be present for this important meeting. Non-voting members are also welcome and encouraged to attend, as your input will likely be requested.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Vicki Loomis**, one of our members living in Helena, MT, fell recently and broke her wrist and hip. She had surgery last Monday to repair the damage and is well on her way to recovery. We thank God for blessing her operation and ask Him to continue to be with her.
- **Mike Helke**, husband of Jeanne, had an accident with a saw that damaged his hand quite severely. He is currently recovering at home and recently got his stitches out. May God continue to grant him swift healing and a full recovery according to His will.
- **Dale Johnson** has returned home since having surgery to repair a broken hip. We thank God for Dale's progress and ask Him to continue to be with Dale throughout His recovery.

- **Barbara Anderson** has returned home after spending the last month in rehabilitation to manage the effects of a stroke she suffered in November. Praise the Lord! May He remain with her and keep her in good health.
- **Connie Estes**, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for kidney cancer. We ask the Lord's blessing on Connie and the whole Estes family during this time and pray for the treatment's success.
- **Tom Steger**, a friend of the congregation, continues to recover at home from spinal surgery to remove a tumor and has begun hormone therapy to treat his cancer. May God bless his recovery and treatment.
- **Pastor Timothy Wheaton**, who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado, has been diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable and highly aggressive stage-4 thyroid cancer. As his time on earth appears to be drawing to a close, may God give grace a comfort to Pastor Wheaton, his family, and our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace during this difficult time.
- Molly Bettinger's friend, **Jeanne** (pronounced "Genie"), who has been suffering from glioblastoma had an MRI that shows a more enhanced brain tumor. Please continue to pray for Jeanne that she may be healed if it is God's will. Above all, may the joyful hope of the Gospel comfort her and her family no matter what the future holds.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has received the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
12/25/24	18	\$939
12/29/24	22	\$390
1/1/25	11	\$690
1/5/25	28	\$1,850

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Travis Maguire
1/26	Laurie White
2/2	Tom + Molly Bettinger
2/9	Jeanne Helke

JANUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Estes
Sanctuary	Naumann
Basement	Helke

