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to all to whom I send you, and

# SHALL SIGNAL Whatever

I command you...

JEREMIAH 1:7, NRSV



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# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

### , February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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### Third Sunday After Epiphany

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### Service of the Word

### **Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** 

TLH 496 – Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

### Invocation

- ${f P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $oldsymbol{+}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  - **C** (spoken) Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
  - (spoken) who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
  - (spoken) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
  - O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(spoken) Amen.

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





### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

### First Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup> Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup> And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup> "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <sup>22</sup> He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' <sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

<sup>24</sup> "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is* yours.'

<sup>26</sup> "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. <sup>27</sup> So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

<sup>29</sup> 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 10 (selected verses)

- P Why do the wicked renounce God?
  - He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."
- P But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand.
  - The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.
- P Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;
  - You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear.

### Second Reading

Acts 17:22-34

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; <sup>23</sup> for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to

you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' <sup>29</sup> Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup> And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." <sup>33</sup> So Paul departed from among them. <sup>34</sup> However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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



### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 🛧 of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day

WS 780 – Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Sermon Text

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."

"Do not say, 'I am a youth,'
For you shall go to all to whom I send you,
And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Bo not be afraid of their faces,
For I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

Sermon Theme:

### What Makes a Witness?

I: A calling
II: A testimony
III: An audience

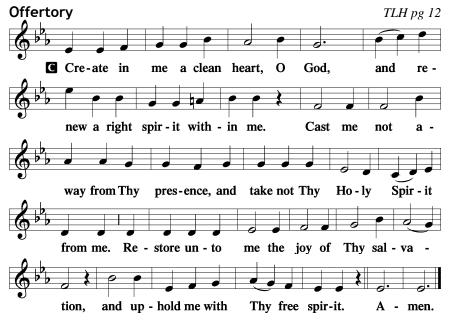
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Then said I:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

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



Hymn

TLH 400 – Take My Life and Let it Be

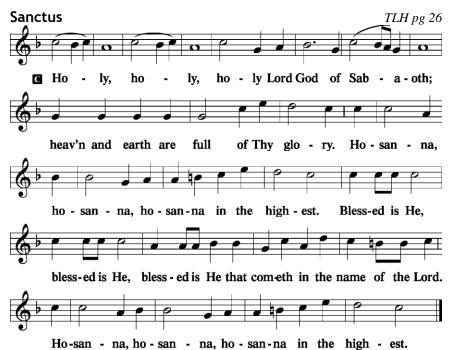
Offering

**General Prayer** 

### Service of the Sacrament

Preface TLH pg 24

- **P** The Lord be with you.
  - (spoken) And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
  - **G** We lift them up to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
  - It is proper and beneficial for us to do so.
- P It is truly proper and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For You have given to us the Good News of sins forgiven that we may believe it and share it with the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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### Lord's Prayer

TLH pg 26

P 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. . .



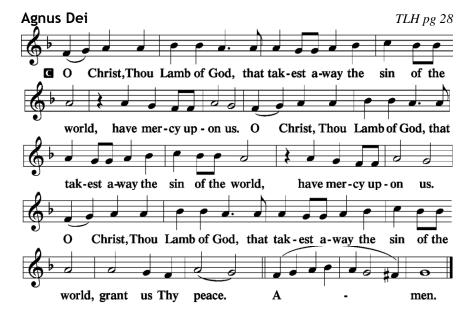
The Words of Institution

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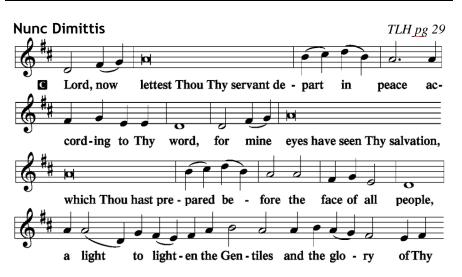
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

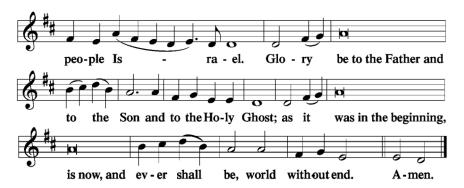




### Distribution

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.





**Thanksgiving** 

TLH pg 30

- P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
  - (spoken) And His mercy endures forever!
- P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this healing gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.



Closing Hymn

LSB 829 - Christ the Eternal Lord

Silent Prayer

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### LSB 829 – Christ the Eternal Lord



5 – Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise undending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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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**

**Fellowship Hour** – After worship today, we will have our fellowship hour in the basement with light refreshments. We hope you'll be able to stay and join us!

**Church Calendars** – Church calendars for the month of February are available on the table in the entryway. It was also sent out digitally in this morning's email.

**Women's Circle + Church Council –** Next Sunday, the church council and Women's Circle will meet after worship.

**Evangelism Committee** – Last week, the voters approved the formation of an evangelism committee. If you are willing and able to help direct Trinity's outreach efforts here in Spokane, please speak with Pastor Naumann.

**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!

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

- Connie Estes, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, was undergoing chemotherapy
  for kidney cancer when they recently discovered that the cancer has
  spread to her other kidney. We pray that, if it is His will, God might heal
  Connie. Above all, may the Gospel bring Connie and her family peace and
  comfort in the face of this disheartening news.
- Larry Ryals's sister, Linda, is beginning physical rehabilitation in Las Vegas after suffering a stroke. Please keep Larry's sister in your prayers, and may

- God grant her a swift and full recovery according to His will.
- Kathy Conway's friend, Pam, has been struggling with a recent bout of double pneumonia. We ask that the Lord might give her strength to overc
- Vicki Loomis, one of our members living in Helena, MT, fell recently and broke her wrist and hip. She had surgery and has been in rehabilitation since. This week, she will be discharged from rehab and will be moved into a memory care facility. May God continue to be with her in her recovery, granting strength and hope through our Savior!
- Mike Helke, husband of Jeanne, had an accident with a saw that damaged his hand quite severely. He is currently recovering at home. May God continue to grant him swift healing and a full recovery according to His will.
- **Tom Steger** has a follow-up appointment this Thursday to determine how well his cancer treatment has been going. We pray that God would grant him clear scans and that Tom's recovery might continue smoothly.
- 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: <a href="https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein">https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein</a>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family">https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family</a>.

### **CALL NEWS**

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has *returned* the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has *returned* the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has *returned* the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has *received* the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Ms. Blair Sydow has *received and accepted* the call to continue serving as the full time upper grade teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
1/5/25	28	\$1,850
1/12/25	25	\$680
1/19/25	23	\$1,665
1/26/25	27	\$1,229

GREETER SCHEDULE		
Next Sunday	Jeanne Helke	
2/16	Joyce Miller	
2/23	Kevin Shaffer	
3/2	Dennis + Linda Lux	

FEBRUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE		
North Entry	Clark	
Sanctuary	Bettinger	
Basement	Helke	

## "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Acts 2:32, NRSV

