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ROMANS 12:6, NIV



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The First Sunday after Epiphany



Serving Us Today

Greeters: Dennis & Linda Lux

Organist: Kathy Conway

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 84*

Pre-Service Prayer

Oh, teach me, Lord, to love You truly
With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may daily
Extend Your love in every part.
Grant that my every thought may be
Directed e'er to glorify Thee. Amen (cf. TLH 399:5)

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

Hymn: 718 — O Jesus, King of Glory

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): Amen

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): Amen.

C (sings): Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

(WS2000 pp. 2-3)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

**Old Testament Lesson: Psalm
84**

The psalmist sings of the joy and blessing of being in the House of the Lord. We are indeed richly blessed to come into His presence for worship, to have Him as our source of strength and the listener to all our prayers who promises to hear and act.

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!*

*My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.*

*Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.*

*Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!*

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. [b]
As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.*

*They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.
O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah*

*Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:42-52

Even at twelve years old, Jesus was busy in the work He came to do. He was using and honing His gifts by listening and asking questions of the biblical teachers.

Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated 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: The Star Proclaims the King Is Here (LSB 399/cf. TLH 131)

The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.

And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

The Sermon

Text: *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

“Thank God with the Gifts He Gives”

- I. “Thank You” with body & life
- II. “Thank You” with discernment
- III. “Thank You” with service

Hymn: Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying (LSB 826/827, cf. TLH 496)

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?

Fields are white and harvests waiting--

Who will bear the sheaves away?"

Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.

Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.

If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: 408 — Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Guest and Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again! Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry at Trinity.



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church.

This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words with Big Meanings**: Justification)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Greeters:** Dennis & Linda Lux

11:30 a.m. Church Council (Basement) & Ladies Circle

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Seniors at Gethsemane

Saturday (January 17)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words with Big Meanings**)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Greeter:** Randy Estes

in the
HOSPITAL
and in our prayers



Hospitalized Last Week: Tom Steger (Sacred Heart, released)

Additional Prayer List: Joyce Miller, Pastor John Hein and family, Naumann family

News & Notes

Trinity's Calls: In last week's call meeting, we extended a vacancy call to retired pastor, John Schierenbeck. This call is for a limited time—we suggested mid-February through May, but if Pastor Emeritus Schierenbeck accepts the call, those dates could be adjusted. We also extended a call to Pastor Johnathan Schnose to serve as our full-time pastor. Pastor Schnose currently serves our sister congregation in Morris, MN. We pray the Lord of the Church to guide both of these men in their deliberations and provide a new full-time shepherd to His flock.

Thank You! “Thank you” to all for your kind Christmas greetings during the Christmas season and also for the generous gift from the congregation. It is a joy to be with you and to serve you during the vacancy. May the Lord continue to bless our joint labors in His name! — Pastor E.

You're Invited! The Gethsemane Seniors meet monthly and Trinity Seniors are invited to join them. The next meeting is on January 14 at 12:30 p.m. The meetings include lunch and fellowship and at times a program/entertainment. Talk to Pastor E. if you'd like more information.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Voters Meeting has been set for Saturday, January 31 following the worship service.

National Women's Retreat Coming in January!

What: Press Pause for the National Women's (Virtual) Retreat 2026

When: Saturday, January 31, 2026 / 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

How: Join us virtually via Zoom or in the group zoom at Gethsemane

Cost: Free event – all are welcome!

Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Calls: Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **received** the vacancy call to Trinity Ev.

Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA / Mr. Peter Reim is considering the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN / Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, is considering the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN / Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is considering the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Called Home: After a brief period of illness, Alice Naumann passed from this early vale early Wednesday morning, dying peacefully in her sleep. The previous day, family members were privileged to sit at her bedside, reading Scripture and singing hymns with her.

Despite her illness she was alert and cheerful to the end, trusting in her Savior. Alice is the mother of Pastor David Naumann, Professor Paul Naumann, and Missionary Bruce Naumann (plus additional siblings); and she is the grandmother of Pastor Drew Naumann (and many more).

2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip: The application deadline for the 2026 Mission Helper Trip to Africa is quickly approaching.

applications need to be submitted by Sunday, January 18, 2026. There are still spots remaining, so please apply soon. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

Nominations for ILC Professor and ILC President: All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding the candidates for these two positions are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 17, 2026 (letters postmarked January 7, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email:jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Our Response to God's Love At Jesus' Feet

"But Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word"
(Luke 10:38)

January 1

Attendance: 14 / Offerings: \$175
(\$155 General Fund, \$15 MDF, \$15 Kinship)

January 3

Attendance: 22 / Offerings: \$1505
(\$1475 General Fund, \$15 MDF, \$15 Kinship)



January Cleaners

**Sanctuary: Estes / North Entry: Clark
Basement: Helke**