



*You will do well
to be attentive to this
as to a lamp
shining in a dark place ...*

2 Peter 1:19



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Epiphany 5

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeters: Jeanne Helke

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 119:89-112*

Pre-service Prayer:

Lord, grant us all aright to learn
the wisdom Your Word imparts,
And to its heavenly teaching turn
with simple, childlike hearts. Amen. (TLH 291:5)

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.*

Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 284 —How Precious Is the Book Divine

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**



Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:6-11

Now is the time to seek the LORD through His Word and call upon Him. Now is the time to repent and return to the LORD for His pardon and

forgiveness. God's powerful Word goes forth and is effective in its purpose--calling sinners to repentance and bringing the good news of the gospel. It is effective in our own hearts and in our sharing.

*"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119:89-90, 93, 103-105, 111

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

Cong: you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P: I will never forget your precepts,

C: for by them you have given me life.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P: Through your precepts I get understanding;

C: therefore I hate every false way.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

P: Your testimonies are my heritage forever,

C: for they are the joy of my heart.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-13

Mark's account of Jesus' transfiguration.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one [g] on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Peter was an eye witness of Jesus' transfiguration. Peter uses this as an example of what he witnessed and is now recorded for our learning. We have a prophetic word confirmed and fulfilled in the New Testament--a word authored by the Holy Spirit, written by Peter and others.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 Nicene Creed

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

I believe 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 Spirit 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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: 135 -- 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

The Sermon

Text: 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word;

be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

“You are a Contrast”

- I. But YOU - Your outlook
- II. But YOU - Your soul
- III. But YOU - Your work

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide (**bulletin back page**)

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C (spoken): **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C (spoken): **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God . . . Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C (sings): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in**

**the highest. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

P: Words of Institution...The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C (sings): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.



Distribution

Christ teaches us in His Word that He desires unity of faith and confession among those who commune together at the Lord's Table. For this reason, we ask that only those who have confessed their unity with us through communicant membership in our congregation or in a sister congregation in our church body--the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)-- come to the Lord's Supper this morning. This scriptural practice we call "close communion" is not a judgment on your faith, but is an expression of our own. Visitors who may wish to learn more about communing with us in the future are invited to speak to the pastor at your convenience. We would also like to share this blessing with you.

Thanksgiving

C (sings, p.10 WS Supplement):

**Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Send us with Your promises, Lord; Lead Your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell
ev'ryone what He has done. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): Amen.

Hymn: 285 -- How Precious Is the Book Divine

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

Prayer List: Tom & Jackie Steger, Joyce Miller, Pastor John Hein & family, Ariel Smith & her Dad, Samuel Radermacher, Donna Zarling



This Week's Schedule

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

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words w/ Big Meanings:**
Sanctification)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Gethsemane (1 John)

Next Saturday (February 14)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words with Big Meanings:** Kingdom)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. Church Council

Greeter: Jeanne Helke

Next Sunday

2:15 p.m. Winter Movie Series @ Gethsemane

Trinity's Calls

Call Returned: We received the following from Pastor Johnathan Schnose:

Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you for the divine call to serve you as your pastor and for your kind words of encouragement during this period of deliberation. After much prayer and careful consideration, I have decided to return your call at this time.

This was a difficult decision - I could see my gifts serving well there - but right now I think I should stay here.

We have unity through our fellowship and I feel a connection to your ministry to the souls of Spokane. I will hold all of you in my prayers as you continue your search for the right pastor to lead your congregation.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Johnathan Schnose

New Call Extended: In last week's voters' meeting, we extended a call to Seminarian Samuel Radermacher. Sam will complete his second year (out of three) of seminary in May. He is also getting married at the end of May. Seminary students vicar for six weeks in the summer prior to each of their last two years in seminary. Our call is for Sam to serve as a vacancy pastor of Trinity as an extended summer-long vicarage under Pastor Eichstadt at Gethsemane (from about mid-June through September). This call has been discussed and extended with the knowledge and agreement of the Seminary Dean who makes vicaring assignments. The voters approved Sam's compensation for this time period and call documents were sent to Sam this week through the Seminary Dean.

Sam has received the call and writes:

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Earlier this week I received the call to serve as your vacancy pastor this upcoming summer. I know I have received this call on behalf of your congregation through the Holy Spirit. Since His Word tells us "*The*

effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much," (James 5:16) I would also ask for your prayers for me as I seek the Lord's guidance in this. We know that the will of our heavenly father will certainly be done as I prayerfully consider this call. The Lord our God is surely with us.

Your brother in Christ,
Samuel Radermacher.

News & Notes

Lent begins in 11 Days: Ash Wednesday is February 18 and midweek Lenten worship services begin on that day. This year, there won't be midweek worship services at Trinity, but all are invited to attend Gethsemane's midweek services at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. each week. The 6:30 p.m. worship service is also live-streamed. The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the Ash Wednesday worship services. This year's midweek worship theme is: "It Is Finished" and features a series of texts from the prophet Zechariah. There will be a minimal pulpit exchange for these worship services with Pastor David Naumann coming to Spokane one time.

Winter Movie Series @ Gethsemane

February 15 and 22 / All start at 2:15 p.m.
All are welcome

February 15 - Church History/Comparative Religion

Apostle Paul and the Earliest Churches: This presentation contains an archaeological treasury: mosaics, frescoes, statues, amphitheaters, agoras, temples and more. The historical, religious, and archaeological background of each Anatolian region in which Paul preached the gospel is explained. It also features reenactment of the miracles Paul performed, the difficulties Paul encountered, and the persecution Paul faced. **Runtime:** 48 minutes

Judaism: Some view Judaism—the religion of traditional Jews—as "a sister religion" to Christianity. This talk helps you better understand

Judaism to make you a more effective witness for the gospel. Judaism deviates from the core teachings of Christianity with the rejection of Christ Jesus and the New Testament, and an embrace of the Pharisaical teachings of an oral tradition. **Runtime:** 55 minutes

February 22 - American History

The American Miracle: Whether it is the protection that surrounded George Washington throughout his life or the mysterious weather conditions that dramatically favored the movements of the Continental Army at critical battlefield junctures, it is difficult to explain the outcome of these, and so many more events like them, without allowing for divine intervention. In his first inaugural speech, President George Washington described it as “the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men.” **Runtime:** 134 minutes



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has received and returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI / Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA / Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY / Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck is considering the vacancy call to Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church,

Red Wing, MN / Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, is considering the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ

Retirement: Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026.

CLC Officer and Board Nominations: All voting members of CLC Congregations are able to nominate candidates for election as synod officers and board members at this summer's Convention. Nominations can be made through March 31, 2026. To nominate, go to clclutheran.net/nominations. If you have any questions or need assistance in making nominations, please ask Pastor E.

Our Response to God's Love At Jesus' Feet

"But Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word"

(Luke 10:38)

January 24

Attendance: Bible Class - 5 / Worship - 19

Offerings: \$1225
(\$1185 General Fund, \$20 MDF, \$20 Kinship)

January 31

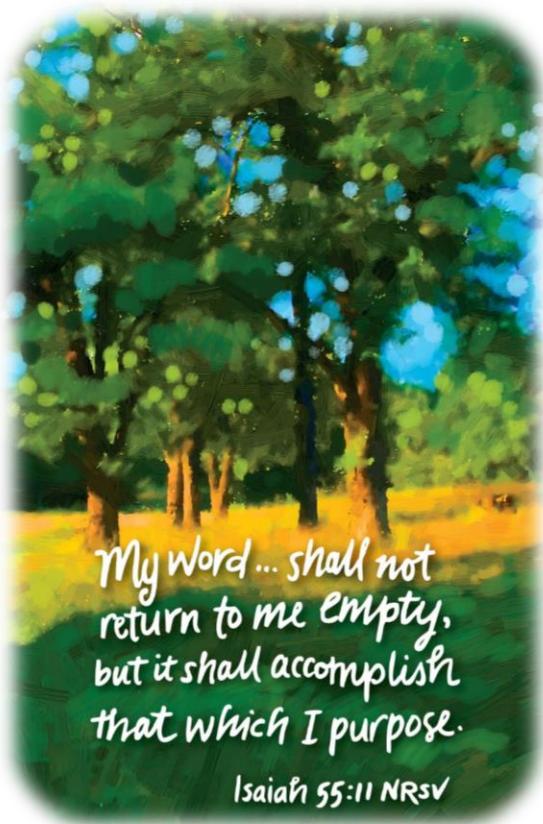
Attendance: Bible Class - 9 / Worship - 26

Offerings: \$975
(\$945 General Fund, \$15 MDF, \$15 Kinship)



February Cleaners

Sanctuary: Bettinger / **North Entry:** Lux
Basement: Helke



*My word... shall not
return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish
that which I purpose.*

Isaiah 55:11 NRSV

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword

falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that

that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.