

A close-up, low-angle shot of a weathered wooden cross against a dark, starry night sky. The cross is made of two thick, light-colored wooden beams. The vertical beam has some faint, illegible markings on it. The horizontal beam is positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is a deep blue-black sky filled with numerous small, bright stars.

"AND I, WHEN I AM
LIFTED UP
FROM THE EARTH,
WILL DRAW
ALL PEOPLE
TO MYSELF."

JOHN 12:32



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February 14, 2026

The Last Week of Epiphany

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeter: Jeanne Helke

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: Psalm 40

Pre-service Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as we prepare to begin another season of Lent, open my eyes of faith to see You fully. Open my eyes to truly see my sins and repent of them, seeing You as our only Savior. Increase my love for You and my confidence in Your Word so that I always see You with trusting eyes. Enable me to live for You and serve You so that others will see You in my words to them and in my life and actions. Amen.

Order of Worship (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

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: 16 -- Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

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

Congregation



Confession and Absolution

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.

(Worship Supplement p. 13)

Congregation (sings):

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P: Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 40 (EHV)

This psalm, written by King David, looks prophetically ahead to the Messiah who would come and His work of

redeeming the world and proclaiming the good news.

Messiah's Prayer of Thanks

I waited and waited for the LORD.

Then he turned to me and heard my cry.

*Then he pulled me up from the deadly quicksand,
from the mud and muck.*

He made my feet stand on a rock to keep my steps from slipping.

*Then he put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.*

Many will see and fear.

They will trust in the LORD.

*How blessed is everyone who trusts in the LORD,
who does not look to the proud
or to those who turn aside to falsehood.
Many are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God.
No one can explain to you all your thoughts for us.
If I try to speak and tell about them,
they are too many to count.*

Messiah's Willing Sacrifice

*Sacrifice and offering you did not desire.
Ears you have opened for me.
You did not ask for burnt offerings and sin offerings.
Then I said, "Here I am, I have come.
The book written on a scroll tells about me.
My God, I take pleasure in doing your will.
Your law is in my heart."*

Messiah's Preaching of Good News

*I preach righteousness in the great assembly.
Indeed, I do not hold back my lips, O LORD, as you know.
I do not conceal your righteousness deep in my heart.
I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
I do not hide your mercy and your truth from the great assembly.*

Messiah's Prayer in Distress

*LORD, you do not hold back your compassion from me.
Let your mercy and your truth always protect me,
although troubles without number surround me.
Punishments for my guilt have smothered me, so I cannot see.
They are more than the hairs of my head, so my courage deserts me.
Be pleased, O LORD, to save me.
LORD, hurry to help me.
Let all who seek to end my life be frustrated and completely confused.^[d]
Let everyone who desires my ruin be turned back and disgraced.
Let those who say to me, "Aha! We got you!" be dismayed,
because they have been put to shame.
But let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation always say,
"The LORD is great!"*

*Yet I am poor and needy.
May the Lord think about me.
You are my help and my deliverer.
O my God, do not delay.*

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

Jesus, His cross, His suffering, death and resurrection, and our faith in these truths all looks like foolishness to the unbelieving world. But it is the power of God for salvation and we preach Christ crucified!

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:31-34

As the time of His death drew near, Jesus told His disciples what was going to happen. However, this isn't what they had in mind and they didn't understand what Jesus was saying.

And taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

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: 390 – Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest

The Sermon

Text: *John 12:20-33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I

will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

As we approach Lent

“We Wish to See Jesus”

- I. Crucified to Bear Fruit
- II. Glorified by the Father
- III. Drawn into our hearts

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and 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 Spirit free.

Hymn: 409 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Congregation



Hymn: 45 -- Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Welcome

Glad you're here!

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 or 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. 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: Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein & Family, Ariel Smith & her Dad, Craig & Taylor Mason and newborn daughter, Joyce Miller, Donna Zarling, CLC pastoral vacancies





This Week's Schedule

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

Today

9:05 a.m. Bible Class (Pastor Hein Memorial Service)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday

2:15 p.m. Winter Movie at Gethsemane

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship with Communion at Gethsemane

5:00 p.m. Soup supper at Gethsemane

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship with Communion at Gethsemane

Saturday (February 21)

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Greeter:** Kevin Shaffer

Trinity's Call

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

After much prayerful consideration, the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve as your vacancy "pastor" this coming summer - in conjunction with my vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. I thank you for your prayers for me during this time, and my 'soon-to-be' wife and I are very excited to be joining you all to worship our God and Savior together soon. As the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." We ask for your continued prayers as we finish up this current school year, and we will continue to pray also for you in anticipation of our travels to Spokane this summer.

*Your brother in Christ,
Samuel Radermacher*

We are thankful to the Lord for providing Samuel to serve in the vacancy during the summer. We pray for the Lord's blessing on that work and in the work of the gospel between now and then. We pray for the Lord's blessings on Sam's continued studies in seminary and for his fiancé, Trinity, as she continues to prepare for the teaching ministry.

News & Notes

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday as do the midweek Lenten worship services at Gethsemane. All are welcome to join in worship at Gethsemane either at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (also live-streamed) The Ash Wednesday service is a Communion service. This week there is a soup supper, starting at 5:00 p.m. -- all are welcome.

Winter Movie Series @ Gethsemane

February 15 and 22 / Start time is 2:15 p.m.

All are welcome

Tomorrow (2/15) - Church History/Comparative Religion

Apostle Paul and the Earliest Churches: 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. **Runtime:** 55 minutes

Next Sunday (2/22) - American History

The American Miracle: It is difficult to explain the outcome of events leading to the founding of our country without allowing for divine intervention. **Runtime:** 134 minutes



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN / Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has accepted the summer vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA / Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, is considering the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pray for Laborers: This week, the President, Vice-President, and Conference Visitors met to discuss the current ministry needs in the CLC. With Pastors Barthels and Kanzenbach announcing their retirement, we have nine locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

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| 1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing | 2. Living Hope, Appleton |
| 3. Trinity, Spokane | 4. Holy Cross, Phoenix |
| 5. St. Paul's, Austin | 6. St. Luke's, Lemmon |
| 7. Grace, Fridley | 8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor) |
| 9. Professor at Immanuel | |

With one seminary graduate anticipated in the next three years and an aging pastorate, we see the great need before us. This is not a problem unique to the CLC. 11% of our CLC congregations are calling. This is similar in the WELS. The LC-MS is at 20%. Nor is this a new problem in the Christian church. 2,000 years ago, Jesus told his disciples: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (Luke 10:2) What can you do? First, pray! Let us hear and heed the Lord's call to pray earnestly for the Lord to provide for the needs of the ministry.

Our Response to God's Love

At Jesus' Feet

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

(Luke 10:38)

February 7, 2026

Attendance: Bible Class - 5 / Worship - 22

Offerings: \$950

(\$920 General Fund, \$15 MDF, \$15 Kinship)



February Cleaners

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

Basement: Helke

Midweek Lenten Worship

Meditations in Zechariah

"It is Finished"

Date	Theme	Text	Catechism Connection
February 18 - Ash Wednesday	"Return to Me!"	Zechariah 1:1-6	
February 25	The Truth--the Whole Truth and nothing but the Truth	Zechariah 8:14-17	1 st Article
March 4	What Is He Worth to You?	Zechariah 11:7-13 (Pastor David Naumann)	2 nd Article pt 2
March 11	Scattered Sheep	Zechariah 13:7-9 (lay service)	2 nd Article pt 1
March 18	The Kingly Priest	Zechariah 6:9-13	2 nd Article pt 3
March 25	Look at the One who Was Pierced	Zechariah 12:10-13	3 rd Article

