Jesus Brings Good News





Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

O God of Celebration,

Today we acknowledge all that you have done for us, even though we often forget to share with others what you have first shared with us. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who gives us all that we have. Remind us of the overflowing love shown by your Son, Jesus, and help us to follow in his footsteps. Amen.

People of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. The light of Christ shines in our lives, and we are given forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Verses 1-4

Hymn #533

 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

- Gracious God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me, Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
- 3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown, Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone, So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
- 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine, Howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine. As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Liturgy

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

God of the nations,

Show us how to love all the people of the earth: those who make do with very little and those who use many resources; those with formal education and those without; those who call upon your name and those who do not. May all your children be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-30 Jesus Brings Good News

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Hymn #843

 Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the one who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease, Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

- 2. Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word. Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand. From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.
- Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

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Offertory Response

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be, Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you have filled the earth with the light and love of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Comfort us in our darkness, and turn us toward the love of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, so that others might be drawn into the light which alone brings comfort, courage, and peace. Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever. Amen. **Closing Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

- 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head, His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
- 3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns, the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king, Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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In Our Prayers:

Mary Seifert, Elvina Nelson, Don Hendricks, Lisa Diffley (neice of Liz Hirsch), Ned Lindberg (brother of Tom Lindberg), Dick Erickson, Tim Swanson (brother of Roxanne Lunderby), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Dick Standtlander and John Panzer (brother of Mike Panzer) who both passed away recently. Also, please keep Mary Jech and her family in your prayers as her brother, Carl's memorial service takes place this weekend. May God grant you all peace and comfort.

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Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, cinnamon rolls and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Trinity Nursery The nursery is open from 8:45 - 10:45 am each Sunday morning and is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your children (6 months and older) before or during worship and sign in with the Nursery Staff.

Financial Review Forum A 2024 financial review and an overview of Trinity's 2025 Spending Plan will be presented following worship today, Sunday, January 19 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll and join the conversation.

Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 26, following worship at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend. 2024 Annual Reports will be available on the church website this week and printed copies will be available at the Annual Meeting.

Looking ahead at Trinity During the month of February, we'll be holding our annual Stewardship Campaign, where we will consider how we will continue to participate in God's work among us with our time, talents, and treasures. Watch for more details coming soon.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex.