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Trinity Lutheran  
5th Epiphany

# WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN:

*Rise, Shine, You People!* (ELW 665)

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'r of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing.  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of light and life,  
you call us to shine as signs of your presence in the world.

Yet,

**We confess that we often hide what you have kindled within us.  
We dim our witness out of fear, comfort, or indifference.  
We place your light under baskets of busyness,  
cover it with silence when love requires courage,  
and obscure it when our good works are done for our own glory  
rather than for yours.**

**Forgive us, O God,  
for the ways we withhold mercy, resist generosity,  
and fail to trust that your light is enough.**

**Turn us again toward your grace.**

**Remove what blocks your light in us,  
and by your Spirit, rekindle the flame of faith,  
that our lives may reflect your love for the sake of the world.**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
In  Jesus Christ, God's light has come near to you—  
not to condemn, but to forgive, heal, and make you new.

By grace, you have forgiveness.

You are set again on the lampstand of God's love,  
sent to shine—not by your own strength,  
but by the mercy of Christ. Amen.

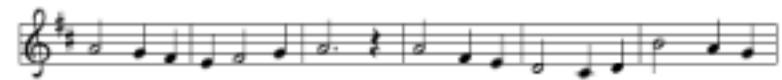
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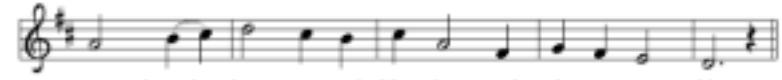
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Holy God,**

**you have named us the light of the world**

**and placed us where your light is needed most.**

**Set us on the lampstand of your grace,**

**that our words and works may shine with your love,**

**draw others toward hope,**

**and give glory to you alone.**

**Through Jesus Christ,**

**the true Light who shines in the darkness**

**and is never overcome. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!

    Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
    to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
    and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
    and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
    they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

    Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
    and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
    and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
    will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
    a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
    and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
    a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:

    to loose the bonds of injustice,

    to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

    and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

    and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them

    and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

    and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you;

    the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

    you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
    and have great delight in God’s commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**  
    **the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
    and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**  
    **the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
    and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;**  
    **the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
    their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**  
    **until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor,  
    and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
    they will hold up their head with honor.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

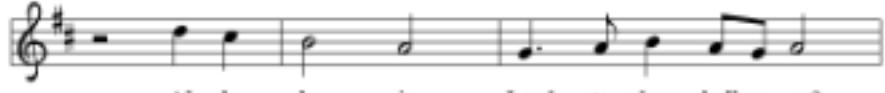
“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)

♩ = 140

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness, Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone  
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.  
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.  
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.  
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath-ered to-day.

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## HISTORY FUN

The Nicene Creed was formulated at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD (before the Apostles Creed 390 AD). The Council was convened by Constantine to address the divinity of Jesus. Some thought that Jesus was created by God the Father, therefore not coeternal, meaning Jesus didn't exist as God before he was born. This was a significant dispute, so the creed was addressing this controversy.

The original Nicene Creed affirmed the belief in one God and the full divinity of Jesus Christ, stating that He is "of one substance" (homoousios) with the Father. This was a direct counter to Arianism, which believed that the Son was a subordinate being to God. In 381 AD, the First Council of Constantinople further developed the Creed, addressing additional theological issues, particularly concerning the Holy Spirit.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Almighty God,  
through the testimony of those who know your love  
you have guided us to ask for what we need.  
Our Lord Jesus called his disciples  
to live as a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand,  
that all may see the glory of God.

We pray for the church, the community of disciples.  
**Grant that we, who claim the name of Christ,  
may shine as light into our dark world.**

We pray for those who serve the church.  
**Let our pastors, teachers, those who minister in the name of Christ,  
be led by your truth.**

We pray for our world, for the governments and for its leaders.  
**May all who rule honor justice and compassion  
and serve the common good.**

We pray for the sick, the hungry,  
the poor, the homeless, and those who are oppressed.  
**Let your church minister to those in distress  
and bear witness to your abiding compassion for all who suffer.**

To you, O God, we pray,  
through Christ, with Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and  
may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the  
end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY: *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)



1. This little light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
  
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
  
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine, ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine, Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine, let it shine.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you  
open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table,  
that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ,  
our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## EUCARISTIC PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.  
White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.  
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN: *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.  
Amen.

## SENDING HYMN:

*Amazing Grace* (ELW 779)

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toil, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright  
  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun. we've no less days to  
  
now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## DISMISSAL

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

## Serving in Worship

TODAY — Feb 8, 2026

Altar Month: **Al & Bobbie Schimek**  
Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**  
Welcome: **Lisa Guarnieri**  
Reader: **Martin Greller**  
Assistant: **Lukas Rabie**  
Fellowship: **OPEN**

NEXT SUNDAY — Feb 15, 2026

Altar Month: **Al & Bobbie Schimek**  
Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**  
Welcome: **OPEN**  
Reader: **James Apronti**  
Assistant: **James Apronti**  
Fellowship: **Belinda & James Apronti**

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Feb 8:	9:00am	Worship Service
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Confirmation Class
<b>Mon, Feb 9:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
Tue, Feb 10:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Feb 11:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm</b>
Sun, Feb 15:	9:00am	Transfiguration Worship

The divine Light shone that day on  
the blessed mountain.  
Mount Tabor is rejoicing, ah rejoicing,  
ah rejoicing, rejoicing and exulting!  
That day Mount Tabor flourished  
and is filled with luminous flowers.  
For Jesus blossomed in the body and manifested the glory of Adam.  
— Armenian Ode for Transfiguration Day

	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Does the Bible say... ...you should beat your kids?
<b>Mon, Feb 16:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Becoming</b>
Tue, Feb 17:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
<b>Wed, Feb 18:</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
Sun, Feb 22:	9:00am	Band Lenten Worship
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Trinity Lutheran

# Worship WELCOME

We can be better about  
engaging folks we don't  
recognize, as they come in,  
even as they leave: jump the  
"pastor line" and chat!



Gruver Room Sign Up Available

## Lent 2026

*The Trinity Council has voted to recast our Lenten ministry. Due to attendance, we will worship midweek only on Ash Wednesday.*

*Instead, we will emphasize a journey of transformation. Trinity CrossTalks, our midweek digital devotionals, will also be appearing on numerous online platforms.*

### **Ash Wednesday: Necessity of Falling, Wisdom of Dust 630pm February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary**

We hope you will join us in this Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten journey with an acknowledgement of mortality and imperfection. We must “fall” to grow—life’s necessary losses can become our path to transformation.

### **Sundays in Lent 9am in the Sanctuary**

Band Lent 1: **A Container for the Soul**  
Holden Lent 2: **When the Container Breaks**  
Band Lent 3: **Living From the Center**  
Holden Lent 4: **The Wisdom of Descent**  
Holden Lent 5: **The Cross Does Bring Life**

### **Holy Week Sundays 9am in the Sanctuary**

Palm Sunday: **Entry Into Freedom**  
Easter Sunday: **The Rising Life**

## **Falling Upward: The Journey of Lent**

Lent is often described as a season of repentance: self-examination, and returning to God. But what if

Lent is also a season of growing—of being reshaped by God in ways we never expected?

This Lent, we invite you to join us for a sermon series inspired by Richard Rohr’s *Falling Upward*. Rohr writes about two halves of life: the first half, where we focus on building, striving, and proving ourselves; and the second half, where life—often through loss, failure, or change—teaches us how to let go, trust more deeply, and live with greater freedom and grace.

Through scripture, prayer, and reflection, we will explore how God meets us not only in our successes, but especially in our struggles; not only in what we build, but in what we release.

Lent reminds us that the cross comes before resurrection—and that what feels like falling may actually be the way God is drawing us upward into deeper faith.

Whether you feel grounded or uncertain, fulfilled or weary, certain or questioning, this series is for you. Come as you are. Bring your questions, your hopes, and your whole self as we journey together toward Easter, trusting that God is at work—even when the path leads downward before it rises.

We hope you will join us for this Lenten journey of honesty, grace, and transformation.

# Thank You

DEPARTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Stephen Boss
- Lori Johnson
- Eric Loseke
- Larry Oolman

## Trinity Outreach

Downstairs from the northwest entrance, our Campus Cabinet food pantry is equipped with a full-size refrigerator.

MORE THAN 10 VOLUNTEERS  
BRING MORE THAN  
\$1000 OF FOOD  
EACH MONTH FOR  
US TO SHARE!

## Welcome

JOINING COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Tyler Bartholme
- Thom Edgar
- Paul Kunkel
- Martha Leonard



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ELCA Global Mission personnel serve in more than 40 countries in assignments that range from a few months to eight years or more. Positions fall into four categories of service:

- Long-term (usually four or more years)
- Global Mission two-year program
- Self-funded volunteer (varied length) - includes teachers and health care professionals
- Young Adults in Global Mission (usually one year)

Horizon international internships are also available to students nominated by their seminaries.

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## 2025 Financial Snapshot

**Income** - \$243,591.72

**Expenses** - \$231,160.42



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