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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 9:40 a.m. (September-May)
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m. (September-April)

Confession and Absolution

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,

and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.


²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon,

to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

(8:30) Kings Kids (1st-8th Grade) “Saints All Around Us” This hymn was written specifically for the theme for this year “Endure” and for Lutheran Schools Week.

Children’s Message

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror’s maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - ’ry con - science
 wan - d’rers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d’ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav’n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, we give You thanks that You have gathered us together from our solitary lives to be a united family in the forgiveness of our sins. We thank You for Your wonderful grace and mercy, which You have revealed to us and to the whole world in Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have faithfully heard Your mighty Word this day, cause our hearts to rejoice and respond in glad praise to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant unity and blessing to Your whole Church on earth. Give her grace and power to faithfully proclaim Your perfect Law and glorious Gospel. Bless all preachers of Your Word and those who serve You and the world in their various vocations. Grant that many be drawn by Your Spirit to join us in the fellowship of all the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, graciously bless, protect, and defend our nation, its elected leaders, and especially those who serve bravely in the military and all the agencies that help and protect us. Bind all citizens of our country in a common allegiance and obedience to Your will and the rule of law. Bless all who care for the poor, the downtrodden, and the lonely. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your Son came to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, so bring comfort and healing to all who are sick or have any other adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Grant Your help and blessing to all who minister to them in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

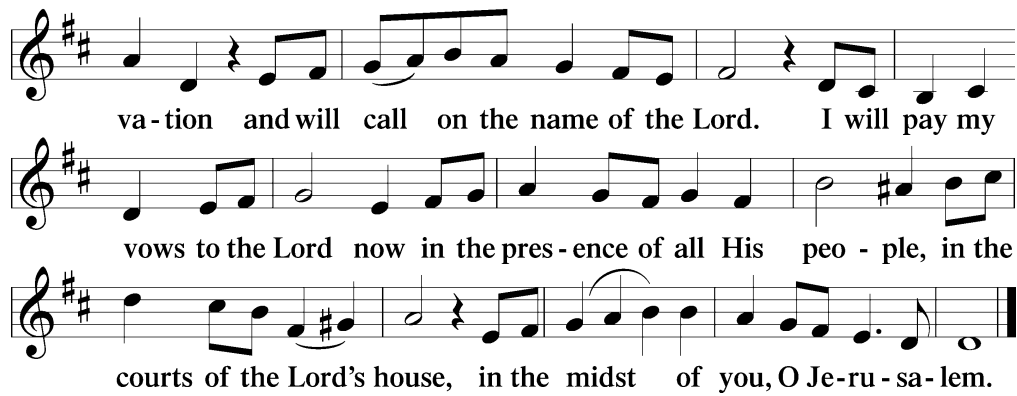
Offering

*Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Your offerings are gifts to God. They help us **serve Him as a witness to our community.** As you continue to place your offerings in the baskets, mail them to the church office, or give through our online giving opportunities, (follow the "Giving" link on the Trinity website at www.trinitymonitor.org or text the word "GIVE" to 989-270-0281 and follow the directions) know that we seek to use these resources to the glory of God and the furthering of His Kingdom.*

Offertory

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What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain (School Hymn of the Month)

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain
 Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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CALANDER			
Monday	1/27	7:00pm	Budget Committee
Tuesday	1/28	6:30pm	Stewardship Committee
Wednesday	1/29	6:00pm	Worship On Wednesday
Sunday	2/2	8:30 & 10:30am	Worship w/Communion
		9:40am	Sunday School & Bible Study
		12:00pm	The GATE @ Trinity

DECEMBER TOTALS		ATTENDENCE	
General Fund	\$118,394.35	1/12	179
Missions	\$5655.00	1/15 WOW	18
BFF	\$1440.00	1/19	152
Church Maintenance	\$470.00	1/22 WOW	14
Tuition Assistance	\$25.00		
Benevolent Fund	\$120.00		
TOTAL	\$126,104.35	TOTAL	363

Memorials included in the totals above: \$10.00

CORRECTION: The Building for the Future (BFF) Fund will remain OPEN. The message in recent church bulletins stated that the account would be closed and that is incorrect. The very generous anonymous gift that Trinity received has been used to pay off our current debt, which included the loan that BFF had originally been established to fund. The BFF account will remain open and will be used for future maintenance projects such as the need for a new church boiler, church fascia and HVAC units for the gymnasium just to name a few. In an effort to be proactive in maintaining our buildings and property, the Church Council will like to have this account open and available for contributions to have funds available for future needs. It is felt that maintaining the account for "Future" needs is in alignment with the spirit of the accounts' established purpose. Please consider maintaining your contributions to BFF if you would like, in addition to those contributions to the General Fund, as the cost of operating and maintaining Trinity has increased.

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity and our ministry.
God Bless,

Dave Friebe
Congregation Chairman



CHRISTMAS TREES: When the Elder's set up the tree's this year for the Christmas season it was clear the trees needed replacement. They had served us well for many years but it was time. After the first of the year during Begick's after Christmas sale the Head Elder, Paul Reinsch, approached the staff regarding the purchase of a 12' and 9' tree to replace the existing tree's. Begick's took an additional 10% off the normal 50% off and sold us the two trees for a total of \$1,300.00 (60% off the normal purchase price) because it was a purchase by a Church. We are seeking donations to offset the purchase if anyone would like to contribute. Please place the gift in an envelope designating to "Christmas Tree Purchase". If there are additional funds received than those required to offset the purchase cost, the funds will be placed in the Church Maintenance Fund for use on other needed replacement purchases in the future. Yours in Christ, Paul Reinsch, Head Elder-Thank you!

THANK YOU: I would like to thank all the members of Trinity for their prayers and support due to my recent diagnosis of Cancer. As I understand it this will be an on-going fight for the rest of my life. I also understand that the Cancer I have is treatable and my prognosis is good. I hope to remain with you all for many years to come, God willing! Your continued support and prayers are needed and greatly appreciated. I know that God is with me no matter what his will is. All Praise and honor to God! Yours in Christ, -Paul Reinsch



WILD GAME DINNER-MARCH 1, 2025: Tickets are on sale now! Scan the QR code to purchase tickets and for more information on this event. Any questions, contact Deadra Hurley or Cortney Feinauer.

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS: YSC meets today, January 26 at noon at Grace! Jubilee Jesus! You probably never heard that before! In Luke 4, Jesus says that He is the fulfillment of the Jubilee Year in the Old Testament! What does it mean that Jesus is our Jubilee and that He "Jubilees" us? Lots of Good News! He sets us free from Sin for a life of practicing Jubilee day after day after day!

VLHS: Tickets are on sale for this year's VL Auction and Benefit Dinner! Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront. This event brings together a great mix of the VL family - past, present, and future - all in support of the awesome ministry of Valley Lutheran. Tickets available at www.vlhsauction.com. Can't attend in person? No ticket needed to get in on the silent auction fun, which begins on February 20.

CHICKEN BBQ: The World Famous Amelith Valentine's Chicken BBQ will be held 2/16/2025 tickets are on sale now. \$15 for a 1/2 and \$10 for a 1/4 and includes with all the fixings and desserts. Meals will be available for dine in or take out. Pre-sale Tickets available after church in the back or in the school office at 1664 Amelith Rd, Bay City, MI 48706

GRIEFSHARE SPRING SESSION AT GRACE, AUBURN: Have you suffered loss? Are you grieving the death of a loved one? There's help for you. Grace Lutheran (303 Ruth Street, Auburn) will be starting a new round of GriefShare on Tuesday, February 4, at 10 a.m. GriefShare is a 13-week program designed to provide comfort to those who mourn. GriefShare is a safe space to open up about your sorrow and be heard. We're not alone; Jesus comes alongside us to comfort us and lead us through our grief. GriefShare is open to everyone; it's a free resource and all the latest materials are provided. Each session lasts around 90 minutes, beginning with a video and followed by discussion. Every session is a standalone session, so you can attend as you're able, and the videos are available online for review afterwards. Visit graceauburn.org/griefshare to register.

POSITION OPENING-FOURTH GRADE TEACHER: St. Paul Lutheran School, Bay City (Frankenlust), is seeking names of candidates for a Fourth Grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Highly qualified candidates should have a current Michigan Teaching Certificate, a Lutheran Teacher Diploma or be willing to obtain one. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Principal Valerie Matyas at valerie.matyas@stpaulbaycity.org by Tuesday, February 25, 2025.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER-GOD'S WORKERS

Certainly, God can use celebrities and successful people in His work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have any great talents, broken any records, or won any awards, God can transform and use us as effective workers in His Kingdom. *"[We] can do all things through Him Who strengthens [us]"* (Philippians 4:13).

Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus Who does the choosing. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit..."* (John 15:16).
