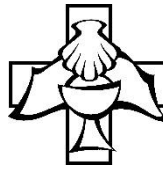


The First Sunday after the Epiphany
 The Sunday of Jesus in the Temple at Twelve Years Old
 January 7, 2024



**SERVICE
 OUTLINE**

INTROIT - Ps. 100; antiphon: Is. 6:1, Rev. 19:6

Antiphon

*I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and | lifted up;**
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.
*Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, | crying out,**
"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Al- | mighty reigns."



- A** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*
- Serve the LORD with gladness!
- Come into his presence with | singing!

- C** Know that the LORD, | he is God!*
- It is he who made us, and we are his;
- we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

- A** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
- and his | courts with praise!*
- Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

- C** For the LORD is good;
- his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
- and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Isaiah 42:1-9

¹[Thus says the Lord God:]

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."

Romans 12:1-6a

¹[Brethren:] I appeal to you therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 2:42-52

⁴²[At that time:] When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



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THE LORD'S SUPPER is being celebrated today. Trinity Lutheran upholds the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and that Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26). Therefore, for your own spiritual welfare, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or if you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are asked to first speak with the pastor.

The
Word *or the* **Lord**
endures **Forever**



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum

1 Peter 1:24-25

EVENTS AND INFO

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 6:30PM

Rom. 3:19-26; Matt. 3:13-17

#405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord.

This service offers a second opportunity for worship during the week and an alternate for those who can't make a Sunday.

- **VACANCY SERVICE AT ZION LUTHERAN IN WENONA:** Starting in January, Pastor Boehne will be overseeing the vacancy at Zion Lutheran Church in Wenona until they're able to call a pastor. That means he'll be leading a Saturday night Divine Service at 5pm in Wenona. Any members of Trinity are welcome to attend on a Saturday night if you can't make our Sunday morning here. Please keep in mind that there will be one Saturday each month where another pastor takes the service (Jan. 13, Feb. 17, Mar. 9).
- **JANUARY VOTERS' MEETING:** will be Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 7pm. On the agenda will be receiving the 2023 Annual Report and other various business items. Any member of Trinity who is 18 years or older is eligible to be a voting member. Simply attend the meeting.
- **DONNA PARKHOUSE MEMORIAL ORGAN & SOUND SYSTEM FUND:** By God's grace and generous giving, the current balance in this fund is **\$31,262**. The goal of this fund is \$75,000. Thank you to all who have contributed.

- **2024 TRINITY LUTHERAN HANDBOOKS:** are available on the table in the narthex. PLEASE make use of this resource. Here are the things you'll find in the Handbook:
 - ✓ Pictures
 - ✓ Explanation of 2024 Theme
 - ✓ Contact Info for everyone
 - ✓ Calendars for every month with birthdays, baptism days, anniversaries, daily Bible readings, all Sunday & Wednesday hymns, readings, and themes
 - ✓ Names of all officers, boards, etc.
 - ✓ 2024 Goals in Christ sheet
 - ✓ 2024 Prayer List Page
 - ✓ The 5 things of being a Christian explained – Church, Bible, Pray, Work, Give

OFFICERS 2024

- † President: Jerry Faulk
- † Vice-President: Craig Duncan
- † Secretary: Tishia Schramek
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- † Financial Sec.: Nancy Jarrett
- † Board of Ed Chair: Amy Whisker
- † Elders: Tim Matzke
Dennis Hocker
Paul Meyers
- † Trustees: Kevin Skare
Lucas Nenne
Kevin Evans

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
MONDAY	8:30am	Preschool
	9:00am	Quilting Ladies
TUESDAY	8:30am	Preschool
WEDNESDAY	8:30am	Preschool (<i>Chapel at 8:45</i>)
	9:00am	Bible Study (Parish Hall)
	10:30am	Bible Study at El Paso Health Care
	3:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
THURSDAY	8:30am	Preschool (<i>Chapel at 9:00</i>)
FRIDAY	8:30am	Preschool
SUNDAY	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	1:30pm	Service at The Arc of El Paso (Pastor)

PASTOR BOEHNE'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

- M: Office Day
- T: Circuit Pastors Meeting in Bloomington
- W: Bible Studies in AM; Office/Confirmation PM; Church at 6:30
- Th: Visits Day
- F: Family Day
- S: Office AM; Church in Wenona 5pm



THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor Rev. Jonathan P. Boehne
Elder Tim Matzke
Organist Dr. Tim Fredstrom
Ushers Rob Oakley & Luke Oakley
Acolyte Maryanna Boehne

SERMON ON ROMANS 12:1-6A



GIVING OUR BODY AND MIND FOR CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER

Sermon Outline

1. We are one body in Christ!
Rom. 12:4-5 "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."
2. Give your body as a living sacrifice.
Rom. 12:1 "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship"
3. Give your mind, renewed by God's Word.
Rom. 12:2 "be transformed by the renewal of your mind"
4. Exercise your body and mind so you're ready to serve.
Rom. 12:6 "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them."

DOCTRINE FOR THE DAY – EXERCISES OF FAITH

Our Confessions teach that the true “exercises” and “sacrifices” that God desires aren’t empty works but the spiritual exercises of faith. This includes, as seen below, praise, prayer, confession, suffering, self-control, etc:

From the Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article XV: Human Traditions

And of the mortification of the flesh and discipline of the body we thus teach, just as the Confession states, that a true and not a feigned mortification occurs through the cross and afflictions by which God exercises us (when God breaks our will, inflicts the cross and trouble). In these we must obey God’s will, as Paul says, Rom. 12:1: “Present your bodies a living sacrifice.” And these are the spiritual exercises of fear and faith.⁴⁶ But in addition to this mortification which occurs through the cross [which does not depend upon our will] there is also a voluntary kind of exercise necessary, of which Christ says, Luke 21:34: Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting. And Paul, 1 Cor. 9:27: I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, etc.⁴⁷ And these exercises are to be undertaken not because they are services that justify, but in order to curb the flesh, lest satiety may overpower us, and render us secure and indifferent, the result of which is that men indulge and obey the dispositions of the flesh.

From the Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article XXIV: The Mass

Now the rest are eucharistic sacrifices, which are called sacrifices of praise, Lev. 3:1f.; 7:11f.; Ps. 56:12f., namely, the preaching of the Gospel, faith, prayer, thanksgiving, confession, the afflictions of saints, yea, all good works of saints....And such are the sacrifices of the New Testament, as Peter teaches, 1 Pet. 2:5: “An holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices.”... Paul teaches the same thing Rom. 12:1: “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, which is your reasonable service.” Reasonable service signifies, however, a service in which God is known, and apprehended by the mind, as happens in the movements of fear and trust towards God....The Epistle to the Hebrews 13:15, teaches the same thing: “By Him, therefore, let

us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually"; and he adds the interpretation, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. He bids us offer praises, i.e., prayer, thanksgiving, confession, and the like.

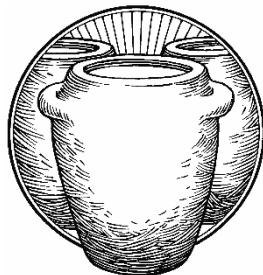


NEXT SUNDAY - January 14, 2024 Epiphany 2

The Sunday of Water into Wine

Amos 9:11-15; Rom. 12:6-16a; John 2:1-11

Hymns: 394, 408, 398, 644, 917



DAILY READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

(Please see the 2024 Trinity Family Handbook for a complete outline to use at home in your devotions. These readings are taken from the Daily Lectionary on p. 299 in the hymnal. The readings in italics are optional. If you would like these readings already printed out in an easy to use format, please order Treasury of Daily Prayer from Concordia Publishing House, download the PrayNow app to your phone, or talk to Pastor Boehne. Other options for daily readings are also listed in the handbook.)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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Jan. 7	Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28 <i>Hab. 1:1—3:19</i>	Rom. 1:1-17
Jan. 8	Ezek. 2:1—3:11	Rom. 1:18-32
Jan. 9	Ezek. 3:12-27 <i>Ezek. 4:1—11:25</i>	Rom. 2:1-16
Jan. 10	Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 <i>Ezek. 19:1—24:27</i>	Rom. 2:17-29
Jan. 11	Ezek. 33:1-20	Rom. 3:1-18
Jan. 12	Ezek. 34:1-24	Rom. 3:19-31
Jan. 13	Ezek. 36:13-28	Rom. 4:1-25
Jan. 14	Ezek. 36:33—37:14	Rom. 5:1-21

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- † Larry Byrd (Cancer)
Nick Cargill (cancer – cousin of Amy Whisker)
Joe Comincioli (husband of Joan Comincioli)
Evangeline Crump
Roger Fredrickson (friend of Todd Johnson)
Ethan Jeffreys (cancer)
Bev Jones (cancer)
Brian Kurz (cancer)
Stacy Vandegraft
Jerry Whisker
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- † Rev. Matthew Harrison, Synod Pres.; Rev. Michael Mohr, District Pres
- † Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Michelle Wahls & Linda Haas

