

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray: You taught us that whoever has two coats can share with those who have none. Bless these gifts which we offer and multiply them so that no one needs to go without basic necessities, and so that all may thrive in your love. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

(Other petitions will be added, which end: "Lord, in your mercy..**Hear our prayer.**")

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – WOV #649

"I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain:

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain:

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



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Baptism of Our Lord

9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prepare a way for the Lord!

Clear a pathway!

The valleys and mountains will be leveled,

Everyone will see it.

Prepare a way for the Lord!

Clear a pathway!

Opening Hymn – LBW #36

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Announces that the Lord is nigh;

Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad

tidings of the King of Kings!

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;

Make straight the way for God within,

And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ

to come and enter there.

3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our

refuge and our great reward;

Without your grace we waste away Like

flow'rs that wither and decay.

4. Stretch forth your hand, our health

restore, And make us rise to fall no more;

Oh, let your face upon us shine And fill the

world with love divine.

5. All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose

advent has our freedom won,

Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy

Spirit, evermore

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, with joy and

awe we praise you for claiming us as your

sons and daughters, and for pouring your

Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this

earth for your glory, and shine your light

on all your faithful children, for the sake of

the one whose birth and baptism brought

renewal and transformation to this world,

Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard

that Samaria had accepted the word of God,

they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two

went down and prayed for them that they

might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet

the Spirit had not come upon any of them;

they had only been baptized in the name of

the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid

their hands on them, and they received the

Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 3:1-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has

none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Special Music

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – LBW #90

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem In thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow’r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil’s might;
Manifest on gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word,
Grace to imitate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee At thy great epiphany,

Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

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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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering

[I ask that you take out your checkbook, write a check and put in the mail; You may also give electronically by downloading the [tithely](http://www.trinitybenson.org) app on your phone, by clicking the “Give” button on our church website (www.trinitybenson.org), or by clicking on the link on our church Facebook page. Search for us at “Trinity Lutheran Church Tlc.”]

Prayer concerns: Maggie Anderson, Mick Boone, Krysta Connolly, Merlin Simonson, Lois Torgerson

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church, Benson MN will be on Sunday January 17th on Zoom at 10:00am.

Sympathies to Betty Twitchell's & Brad Wester on the death of their sister, Kathy Wester Beckman. She passed away Dec 31.

Congratulations to Jeff & Jessica Anderson on the birth of Maggie Jo. She was born on January 1.

ROCK (4-6 grade youth group) will meet on Wednesday, January 13, from 3-4:30 p.m. If you need a ride, contact Marlene Giese at 320-226-7372.

We need your help. In-person services will resume on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We need volunteers to help with:

- 1). Sign-in;
- 2). Instructing people to have a seat in the sanctuary and not gather in the narthex;
- 3). Reading the lesson;
- 4). Camera operators; and,
- 5). Computer operators.

All of these are easy to do and many willing hands are a big help. Please contact the church office to sign up. We'd love to include you in our services!

This Weeks Schedule

Sun. 8:30am – KBMO AM 1290
1/10 Radio Worship
9:00- Zoom Worship
Wed. 3:00-ROCK
1/13 5:30-Confirmation
Sun 8:30am – KBMO AM 1290
1/17 Radio Worship
9:00- Zoom Worship
10:00-Zoom Annual Meeting