



8:15 Worship Trinity Lutheran

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024

Order of Worship

LSB – Lutheran Service Book which can be found in the rack in front of you.

Prelude and Welcome

LSB 901 Holy God We Praise Thy Name, st. 1,4, 5

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

✠ Silence for Personal Reflection ✠

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

LSB p. 204 Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 111:1-10, NLT

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will thank the LORD with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.

² How amazing are the deeds of the LORD!

All who delight in him should ponder them.

³ Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.

His righteousness never fails.

⁴ He causes us to remember his wonderful works.

How gracious and merciful is our LORD!

⁵ He gives food to those who fear him;

he always remembers his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his great power to his people

by giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷ All he does is just and good,

and all his commandments are trustworthy.

⁸ They are forever true,

to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.

⁹ He has paid a full ransom for his people.

He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever.

What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has!

¹⁰ Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom.

All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom.

Praise him forever!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, NLT

¹ Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. Yes, we know that “we all have knowledge” about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. ² Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. ³ But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes.

⁴ So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. ⁵ There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. ⁶ But for us,

There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created,
and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.

⁷ However, not all believers know this. Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. ⁸ It's true that we can't win God's approval by what we eat. We don't lose anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do.

⁹ But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. ¹⁰ For if others see you—with your "superior knowledge"—eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? ¹¹ So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. ¹² And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. ¹³ So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LSB p. 205 Alleluia and Verse

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:21-28, NLT

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

²³ Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. ²⁶ At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him.

²⁷ Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" ²⁸ The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed - *Please see LSB inside back cover.*

LSB 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

Sermon Costly Freedom - *Pastor David McBurney*

We Worship the Lord with our Offerings

LSB 696 O God, My Faithful God

The Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

LSB p. 208 Sanctus

Words of Our Lord and Peace

LSB p. 210 Agnus Dei

Hymns during Communion

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Dismissal

LSB p. 211 Nunc Dimittis

Benediction

LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus, st. 1, 4, 6



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Announcements



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PRAYING FOR . . .

Myrna Custer, Rachel Crutcher, Alan Owen, Wally Bergmann, Pastor Tom Wirsing, Steve Nalefski, Charlie Fitzgerald, George Vellella, and Larry Mays; the senior pastor call process; the building program efforts; those we name in our hearts and minds.

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar flowers in honor of the 100th birthday of Betty Jean Hall which would have been January 25th, by her family.

LENTEN MEALS

Now is your chance to use your culinary and baking skills in contributing to this Lenten season's Soup and Salad Meals.

If you and some friends are interested in making a favorite soup recipe for a large group, we have (5) open dates to choose from.

If you are interested in making a homemade dessert (cake, pie, cookies, brownies, etc.) we have (6) dates available to choose from.

For details about the soup, please contact Amy Cottone at amycottone@trinluth.org or text (309) 261.6563.

For details about desserts, please contact Carol Brown at (309) 824-7039.

VOTERS MEETING

The annual January Voters Meeting that was to be held last Monday, January 22, at 7PM has been rescheduled for this Monday, January 29 at 7. All are invited to attend!



WINTER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Please join us at 9:30 for one of our winter Adult Discipleship classes taking place in various rooms throughout the Madison campus. Scan the QR code on the left for details and locations!

LADIES AID MEETING

Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 1:00PM in Room 140. We will be signing valentines to be taken to area nursing homes. Since we have a surplus of cards from last year you do not need to bring any. Guests are invited to attend, and we look forward to seeing you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPONSORING A GAME DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

"Gotta Have Heart" is the theme for the day and everyone is invited to this afternoon of fun and fellowship that will include a team game about hearts and love, prizes, and snacks. Join the fun in Room 140 from 1:00-3PM. No babysitting will be provided.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEER MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Are you looking for a service opportunity? Are you willing to provide food, set up, serve food, clean up OR coordinate lunches? If so, please consider joining our team of funeral lunch volunteers. At the meeting, we will catch up with fellow volunteers, review our 2024 schedule and discuss suggestions for improvements. Snacks will be provided! For more information about funeral lunches, join us on February 12th at 1PM in Room 140 or contact Karen Starckovich at (309) 830-6679.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION MILESTONE

Calling all seniors and parents of seniors in High School...we have a gift for you as you prepare for life after high school. Join us for four Wednesday nights beginning FEBRUARY 7, 2024 from 7-8:15PM. Find out more and register by scanning the QR code on the left.



PRESCHOOL FAITH MILESTONE: (3's & 4's with Parents)

We are excited to invite families with 3 or 4 year olds (2023-24 school year) to our PRESCHOOL MILESTONE where kids will receive the PRESCHOOL BIBLE. These two parent sessions will take place on FEBRUARY 4 & 11, 2024.

Find out more and register by scanning the QR code on the left.

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