

***Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

Welcome to worship! The Savior's Sermon: Trust in God's strength! The weaker you are, the stronger God is in your life. Look at the past acts of God's grace and you will find many reasons to trust his strength in the face of adversity, persecution or sorrow.

**Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** "Service of the Word" can also be found on page 38 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:** 249

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.**

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**

## **OH, TASTE AND SEE (Sung)**

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M: Let us pray.**

**M:** Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 (NIV84)**

Listen to what the LORD says: “Stand up, plead your case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say.<sup>2</sup> Hear, O mountains, the LORD’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.<sup>3</sup> “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me.<sup>4</sup> I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.<sup>5</sup> My people, remember what Balak king of Moab counseled and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”<sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

**C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 90**

**Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12**

“BLESSED ARE YOU TO SEE YOURSELF”

*STAND*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

*BE SEATED*

## **OFFERING**

*STAND*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**(Saturday)**

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.

Or

**(Sunday)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN:** 446

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HYMN: 382**

*\*The viewing of the WELS Connection is after worship.*



*We welcome those visiting us this weekend. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Come worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her organ playing.

### **“Luther” – Viewing on Sunday**

In celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we are showing the 2003 film, “Luther” in place of Bible class for two Sundays. The second half will be shown January 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 am. We plan to have a copy of the DVD in our church library about two weeks from now, so that any member may check it out. There will be breakfast served again on Sunday. Thank you to those who brought food and drink items last Sunday. Please join us!

### **February Calendar**

Due to fitting in the Hispanic Outreach meetings, the February calendar has been revised since the printed calendar came out. The calendar dates listed in this bulletin are up to date, as is the online calendar, at [trinityliberty.org](http://trinityliberty.org). Note: public school catechism will be from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, February 8 through February 22.

### **Forward In Christ magazine**

The new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, if you would like to order the ***Forward In Christ*** magazine. Please write your name and how many copies of the magazine you would like to receive. The price is \$11.50, if we get at least 12 copies. Please pay by cash or check (make check payable to **Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church** and place in the Church secretary's mailbox (not in the collection plate). **Last date to sign up is Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## **New Adult Bible Class – February 5**

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is the start of our new Bible class, “The Word Endures - Lessons from the Lives of Powerful Politicians”. This is not a study of modern politicians but of the politicians that had a major impact on the church during the Lutheran Reformation, such as Elector Frederick the Wise and Emperor Charles V. In this study, participants will get a glimpse of the Word's powerful work in the Reformation era, as well as its effect on the lives of Christians today. It is an eight lesson study. We invite you to join us at 8:15 am on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have breakfast served, and coffee. Please come check it out.

## **Hispanic Outreach – Informational and Training Sessions**

After leading our mission festival in October, Pastor Timothy Flunker worked with us to see what Hispanic population there is in our area. He feels there are a good amount of Hispanics we could reach out to with the gospel. Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28). The goal would be to hold English Improvement Classes at our church, where we would also share the saving news of Jesus with attendees. We pray that at least a dozen of you Trinity members would consider taking part in this ministry. The informational and training sessions are as follows:

**#1. Cultural Sensitivity (Ours and Hispanic) February 8, 6:30 pm**

**#2. EIO (English Improvement Opportunity) Philosophy and Methodology February 15, 6:30 pm**

**#3. Planning how to proceed. February 22, 6:30 pm**

These Wednesday sessions in our Fellowship Hall are between an hour and an hour and a half, depending on questions. If you have zeal to bring the gospel to our Hispanic neighbors, please attend.

## **Sharing Table – Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, February 5, will be our sharing table after worship. Feel free to bring extra vegetables, homemade canned goods, baked goods, or crafts. It is for a freewill offering, which in February will go toward new music for our choir. Any questions on the sharing table, please contact Lisa Kiesow at 905-2813. It is the first Sunday of each month.

## **Church Office Hours**

Church office hours will change as of the week of January 16. The new hours will tentatively be: Monday - Thursday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

### **Altar Guild: January – Group 5**

Sarah Hackmann, Jennifer Pope, Jean Reindl, Janice Wehausen

### **Greeters**

January 29<sup>th</sup> Paul & Tammie Nagel family  
February 5<sup>th</sup> Janice Wehausen

### **Ushers**

Saturday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Jim Krim, Jacob Krim  
Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Todd Bergmann, Jeff Kasten, James W. Ott, Jeff Tuschel  
  
Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Jeff Knutson, Steve Pleuss  
Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> David Petersen, Marty Kiesow, Ben Kiesow, Josh Kiesow

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sat.28<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.29<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class – “Luther” movie
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<b>Wed.1<sup>st</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Thurs.2<sup>nd</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Sat.4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 a.m.	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.5<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class – New Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Table
<b>Tues.7<sup>th</sup></b>	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Spiritual Affairs
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
<b>Wed.8<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Hispanic Outreach Info. – Meeting #1

### *Happy Birthday to...*

1/28 Carol Glaeser  
 1/28 Paige Howard  
 1/29 Sandra Skidmore  
 1/30 Ilona Fisher  
 1/31 Dakota McArdle  
 1/31 Marlene Sieker  
 2/2 Tammy Bratz  
 2/5 Connie Mangin  
 2/5 Jeff Tuschel

### *Happy Anniversary to...*

2/7 Matthew & Amy Petersen – 13 years

\*If you have a January/February birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records. Thank you!