



TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of our Lord
Sunday, January 14, 2017
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Welcome! and be confident that what David prayed to the Lord long ago you can pray, too: “Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7).

Service Theme: We recall our Lord’s baptism and our own.

Suggested silent prayer: Hymn 82, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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GREETING AND WELS CONNECTION VIDEO

LITURGY

Service of the Word, CW page 38

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

C: **(J)** Baptized into your name most holy, *(Hymn 294)*
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit
(John 3:5,6).

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us *(Psalm 51:5).*

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God *(1 Corinthians 6:11).*

**C: (J) My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**C: (J) My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain

or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless
(*Ephesians 5:25–27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ
and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**C: (♩) All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

(all rise) **Glory to God for endless ages
And peace on earth, good will to those
On whom his favor rests! Sin's wages
Are death, But Jesus died and rose.
Put in his grave, we, with him, rise
And share his seat above the skies.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Father in heaven, at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him who would go and die for us with the Holy Spirit and power. Keep all who are baptized into Christ rejoicing that we are your adopted children. Let us never stray from you, but let us inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (♩) Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 3:14–17, 4:8–11, 15–24

When the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge,¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town

called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. [...]

⁸ So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.⁹ Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

¹⁰ Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the LORD had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over,¹¹ and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the LORD and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. [...]

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Joshua,¹⁶ “Command the priests carrying the ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan.”¹⁷ So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.”¹⁸ And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

¹⁹ On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho.²⁰ And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan.²¹ He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, ‘What do these stones mean?’²² tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’²³ For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.²⁴ He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”

PSALM 114

(paraphrased, to the tune of Hymn 52)

**C: (♩) When Israel fled from Egypt land,
From foreign tongue and cruel hand,
Twelve tribes became one holy place,
Dominion of the God of grace.
Red Sea looked up and fled attack.
Jordan as well— its floods turned back!**

**The mountains skipped like joyful rams,
The little hills like playful lambs.
What made you part, O mighty sea?
Why, Jordan, did you turn to flee?
Sinai, why skip like joyful rams,
And Horeb's hills, like playful lambs?**

**Now tremble, earth, the LORD is near;
Bow down, because your God is here.
Rock, too, surrenders at his rule;
Dead stone yields his life-giving pool!
Flint springs with fountains at his word,
Fires, seas and floods confess our LORD.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:1–11

If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? ² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

⁴ Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you appoint as judges men of little account in the church? ⁵ I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? ⁶ But instead, one brother goes to law against another— and this in front of unbelievers!

⁷ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.

⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

VERSE

Refrain (first by pastor, then by all)

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia!' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first.

M: “The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered, ‘You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased’” (*Mark 1:7–11*).

All sing refrain. Then all rise.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:7–11

This was John’s message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out

of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated for the children’s Gospel

HYMN 89

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

SERMON

Mark 1:4-11

GOD’S SON IS YOUR SAVIOR

1. A prophet proclaims

2. The Father confirms.

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 & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Stand for prayer

M: Lord Jesus, lead these your servants to discharge their duties with diligence, boldness and wisdom. Teach them to pray. Make them hungry to hear your word, and help them be good examples for others. Grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, your gospel may spread, and your praise may abound. To that end we are bold to pray for them in particular and for our whole congregation, including all those in any need among us, just as you have taught us . . .

**C: 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

*“From Wilderness to Jordan Came”
(to the tune of Hymn 84)*

- 1. From wilderness to Jordan came
The final prophet to proclaim
That judgment soon was to begin
To punish mankind for its sin.**
- 2. Although of Abraham’s descent,
Since all have sinned all must repent
And, like the Gentiles, undergo
Baptizing, and their sorrow show.**
- 3. But when Christ came, no judgment dire
Did he pronounce with venging fire;
Himself baptizing underwent,
The sinless One, subservient.**

- 4. On him the Spirit as a dove
Descended, and the Father's love
Voiced his approval that the One
Baptized was his beloved Son.**
- 5. All who believe and are baptized
Are likewise by the Father prized.
The Spirit rests upon us, too,
Impelling us God's work to do.**
- 6. All glory, Lord, to you we pay
For your Epiphany today,
And to the Father praise we bring,
As by the Spirit here we sing.**

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: ♪ **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. [...]and † give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN 297

"Baptized in Water"

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Please join us in the Fellowship hall after the service for treats and fellowship followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Games & Gospel will follow at 11:30 am with the Chili dump and Bunco. Hope to see you!

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A prayer for willing witnesses of the King:

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love him through my love,
And speak through me; give me a part
In leading him above.*

*Peace came to earth when you were born;
Now I can die in peace.
Grant me to feel for all forlorn,
To share divine release.*

*When I get home and you I see,
Your saints all 'round appear,
May someone weep while hugging me:
"Thanks for your invite here."*

Assertive gratitude

By Jason Nelson

Along the way, expressing appreciation became a passive activity. It's how we were raised. Grandpa gave us a quarter and Mom said, "Now, what do you say?" We were conditioned to say thanks in reaction to kindness. I am proposing that we become proactive and put gratitude ahead of the curve. That we express appreciation as a way of signaling to others that we anticipate good things from them.

Assertive gratitude is the response of people made alive in Christ. **"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful"** (Colossians 3:15). When Christ is at the heart of our sentiments, thankful is what we be.

We tend to forego expressing appreciation to people we take for granted or for things we view as someone's responsibility, especially if they're getting paid for it. It's their job. They shouldn't need a pat on the back. But if we withhold our gratitude from them, we fail to thank God for them. They are his agents to us through their efforts.

So, I've been practicing. Thanks for being my friend. Thanks for your courage in marrying my son. Thanks for taking my call. Thanks for taking my pulse. Thanks for squeezing my car in, again. Thanks for staying with me for all these years. Thanks for coming to church today. And thanks a lot for reading this. I really appreciate it.

Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

The picture below teaches us two precious truths about God's second commandment. ("Honor your father and mother, that is may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.")

In the picture Jesus is working in his adoptive father Joseph's shop. Jesus is helping his father help others.

This was Jesus keeping God's commandment in our place. Why? We have broken God's command to honor those above us. We have not obeyed parents, employers, pastors, government officials and others God put over us—not the way God wants. We have not given them full love and respect.

But Jesus did so, in our place. By his holy life in our place, he makes us look like saints in God's holy sight. And Jesus died for all our sins against all God's commands.

So in thanks to God, we want to serve and honor those whom God has placed over us, like Jesus served Joseph.

God promises that this will lead to great blessing from him.



TRINITY NEWS

GAMES & GOSPEL: The next function will be today, for the third annual “Chili Dump” followed by a rousing game of Bunco! We will have it after Bible class in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU to all those that helped with the Christmas clean-up last weekend!

TRINITY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: A new sign up sheet is on the bulletin. If you are able to take a weekend to serve coffee and donuts please help out by taking a weekend!

THRIVENT GIFT CARDS: Please take advantage of ordering a Thrivent gift card for upcoming church events such as Lenten suppers, Easter Breakfast, Kinderfest picnic, Summer Car food stand., CEA Carnival, Christmas for kids, Easter for kids, Ladies Guild Ice Cream Social, the Sewing club. These are just a few events that they can be used for. Each Thrivent member has the opportunity to order 2 of them during the year worth \$250.00. They need to be ordered 3 weeks to 3 months in advance. If you need help getting one, Lori in the office can help you.

VANCO: What is it? It is a way to give weekly, monthly or however you want to do it. It can be set up in the office as a direct deposit. It is an easy way to give to Church without writing a check each week or month. Let the office know if you are interested in doing this.

FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINES for January are on the shelf for you to take and enjoy. A \$2 donation in the container to cover the cost would be appreciated unless you have given a yearly donation in your envelope.

TRINITY DIRECTORIES have recently been updated and for a \$2 donation, you can have a hard copy. It would be good for every member to take a glance at your info and make sure that it is all correct even if you don't take one! Better yet, add the app, “Instant Church Directory” to your smart phone to have everyone's numbers at your fingertips!

SECRETARY ON VACATION: The week of January 19th-26th Lori will be gone. You can always call her cell 507-380-4667 if you have a question.

MLC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS for the *Men is on Saturday, March 17, 2018 and the Women's is on Saturday, March 24, 2018.* The entry deadline date is *February 9, 2018.* The entry fee is \$50. All info and registration forms will be on the board in the Narthex if you are interested in getting a team together.

TRINITY NEWS

MOUNT OLIVE: Applications are now being accepted for a part-time office assistant at Mount Olive Lutheran Church (ELS) in Mankato. A job description and application are available from Mount Olive. Completed applications are due January 7.

MOUNT OLIVE is hosting a free, hearty men's breakfast on Saturday, January 27 at 8 a.m. Dr. Michael Smith from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato will lead a discussion of *Spiritual Leaders Seek to Protect their Families from Media Influences*. RSVP by January 25 to 507-345-4966.

MINNESOTA OWLS (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS) will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20.

The speakers for the day will be Timothy Redfield and his wife Megan, from Trinity, Belle Plaine, and Pastor Peter Georgson, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life. Pastor Redfield and his wife will share their experience bringing up their blind child, Libby.

OWLS will also get an MLC update and hear national OWLS news from Executive Director, John Paulson and Convention Coordinator, Werner Lemke. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com.

TOURS: Pastor James Humann, retired WELS pastor, invites you to join him on a new travel adventure. Instead of the usual land/bus tours he has hosted in the past, he is offering a thirteen day Scandinavia & St. Petersburg, Russia cruise tour. The tour dates are September 12-24, 2018. The ship is the luxurious Norwegian Breakaway, a five star Grand Class superliner of the Norwegian Cruise Line. The ports of call include St. Petersburg, Russia, home of the world famous Hermitage Museum; Warnemunde, Germany, the gateway to the historic capital city of Berlin; Tallinn, Estonia, medieval city with its cobblestone streets and watchtowers; Helsinki, Finland with its ultra-modern architecture; Stockholm, Sweden with its intricate waterways; Copenhagen, Denmark, home of Hans Christian Anderson. For a brochure describing the daily itinerary, General Conditions and costs, e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday: Worship—9:00 am
Bible Class & Sunday School — 10:30 am
Games & Gospel Chili Dump — 11:30 am

Monday: NO School — Curriculum Day
Bible study — 7:00 pm
Dart ball – St. Peter at Nicollet — 7:00 pm

Tuesday: Trinity BB at St. Peter 3:45 pm

Wednesday: Bible study—9:00 am
Choir—6:30 pm

Friday: Trinity school parent transport day

Saturday: Worship—5:30 pm



Our Response to God's Grace

Saturday attendance : 23

Sunday attendance: 184

Operating (General Fund)	\$ 5817.50
Missions:	\$ 132.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 720.00
Electronic Funds:	\$ 110.00
Debt Retire	\$ 70.00
MVL	\$ 345.00
F/W in Christ	\$ 275.00
Grain Gifting	\$ 4000.00

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Organist: Lori Enter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am-New Years Eve Service 5:30 pm-New Years Eve Service	1 New Year's Day	2 7 pm—Elders	3 8 am Trinity begins 9 am Bible Study	4 1:30 pm Ladies Guild	5 8 am-Trinity Chapel	6 10:00 am Christmas Clean-up 10:30 am Trinity Basketball at Samuel, Marshall 5:30 pm- Worship Service
7 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	8 3:05 pm-Faculty meeting 6 pm -CEA meeting 7 pm Bible Study-Fireside	9	10 9 am Bible Study 7:30 pm-Council meeting 6:30 pm-Choir resumes	11 4:15 pm- Trinity BB at Hutchinson	12	13 5:30 pm- Worship Service
14 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	15 NO school-curriculum day 7 pm Bible Study-Fireside	16 3:45 pm-Trinity BB at St. Peter	17 9 am Bible Study 6:30 pm-Choir	18	19 8 am-Trinity Chapel	20 5:30 pm- Worship Service 10:30 am Trinity BB vs. Sleepy Eye
21 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	22	23 4 pm—Trinity BB vs. Hutchinson 7 pm- School Anniversary	24	25 4 pm-Trinity BB @ Arlington	26 CEA potluck meal & board games	27 5:30 pm- Worship Service
28 9 am-Worship Service/ Trinity Children Sing 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	29 4 pm Trinity BB vs. Im-manual 7 pm Bible Study-Fireside	30 7:00 pm—Board of ED	31 9 am Bible Study 9 am-School open house 5:30 pm—School open house 6:30 pm-Choir			