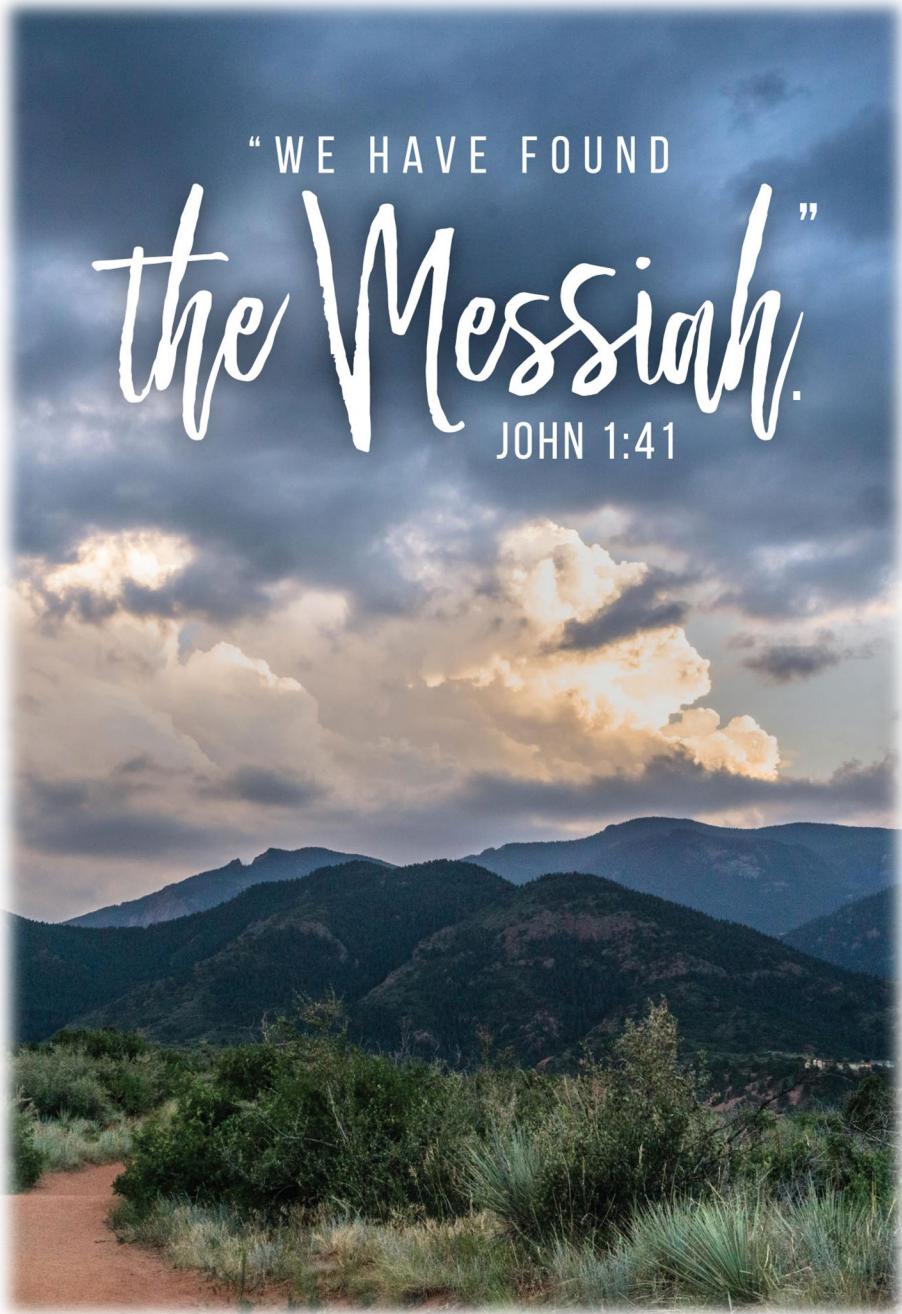


“WE HAVE FOUND

*the Messiah.*”

JOHN 1:41





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Let me introduce you to Jesus**

**January 18, 2026**

**Epiphany 2**

Can you imagine being Simon or Andrew or John and being introduced to Jesus for the first time in your life? What a memorable experience! We get to review their experience in today's Gospel. As we do so, we get reacquainted with Jesus, too.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

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## ORDER OF SERVICE — SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 372 *As with Gladness Men of Old*



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,  
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,  
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down.



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.  
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
There for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King!

### HOLY BAPTISM — ANDREW DANIEL MEDICI

(10:30 a.m. service) *page 151 in the Christian Worship Hymnal*

(10:30 service continues on page 4)

*Please stand.*

P: 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

P: 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.**

**P: 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.**

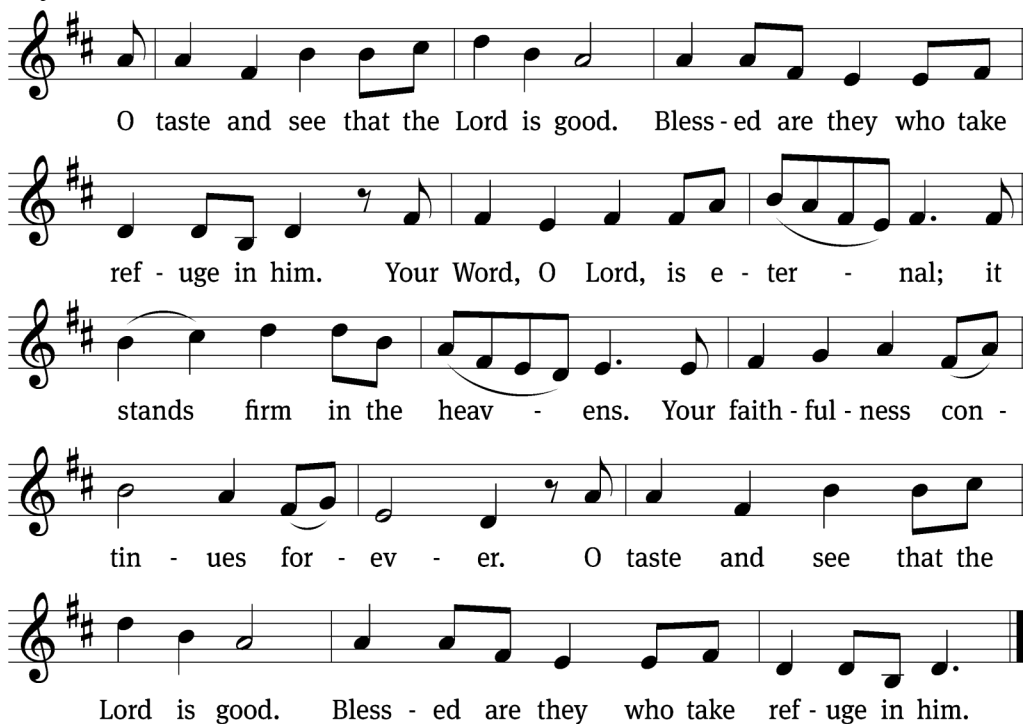
**C: Amen.**

*(10:30 service continues)*

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

*Hymn 965 O Taste and See*



O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take  
ref-uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal; it  
stands firm in the heav-ens. Your faith-ful-ness con-  
tin-ues for-ev-er. O taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson—Isaiah 49:1-6

Coasts and islands, listen to me;  
distant peoples, pay attention.

The LORD called me before I was born.

He named me while I was in my mother's womb.

He made my words like a sharp sword;

he hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me like a sharpened arrow;

he hid me in his quiver.

He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I myself said: I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and futility;

yet my vindication is with the LORD,

and my reward is with my God.

And now, says the LORD,

who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him

so that Israel might be gathered to him;

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God is my strength —

he says, "It is not enough for you to be my servant

raising up the tribes of Jacob  
and restoring the protected ones of Israel.  
I will also make you a light for the nations,  
to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 40*

*Refrain*



LORD, come to my aid; LORD, come to my aid.

*Tone*



I waited patiently / for the LORD;

he turned to me and / heard my cry.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders / you have done;

were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many / to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did / not desire;

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did / not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me / in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God; your law is with- / in my heart.” *Refrain*

Do not withhold your mercy / from me, LORD;

may your love and faithfulness always pro- / tect me.

You are my help and my de- / liverer;

you are my God, do / not delay.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

## **Second Lesson—Colossians 2:6-15**

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him,  
being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were

taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ. For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ, and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY



**C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**



**These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that**



**Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.**



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

## Gospel—John 1:29-41

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I told you about: ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’ I didn’t know him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and he rested on him. I didn’t know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The one you see the Spirit descending and resting on — he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come and you’ll see,” he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated “the Christ”).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 520    *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*



1	Oh,	for	a	thou - sand	tongues	to	sing	my
2	My	gra - cious	Mas - ter	and	my	God,	as	-
3	The	name	of	Je - sus	calms	our	fears	and
4	He	breaks	the	pow'r	of	can - celed	sin;	he



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 earth a - broad, the hon - ors of your name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.

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| 5 | See all your sins on Jesus laid;<br>the Lamb of God was slain.<br>His life was once an off'ring made<br>that you might live again. | 6 | To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be ever, ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the Church in earth and heav'n. |
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Sermon—John 1:29-41  
*Let me introduce you to Jesus*

**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.**

**OFFERING**

*Our offerings express gratitude to God for making us, saving us, and giving us all that we have. We express generous gratitude with generous offerings.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.  
The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.  
Thank you for your offerings.*



## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord of glory, as the light of your star once led the wise men to Jesus, so the light of your Word has led us to see Jesus. Let your word so shine in our hearts by your Spirit that each day we see Christ at the center of all we do. With him let us find comfort from sorrows, forgiveness from sins, and rest from turmoil. In his name, cause us to do good to others, to reveal him to the lost, and to praise your holy name.

Gracious God, we marvel not only at your ability to give life to us but also at the special gift of life you have given to our souls through the waters of Baptism. Help us to rejoice that you have connected us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Allow our baptism to assure us often that you have washed us clean and applied the perfect life of Jesus to us, and right now you consider us to be your children. Encourage us with the promises you have made and the promises you keep in Baptism.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

*Silent prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## BLESSING

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: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### Hymn 541 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing  
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
treasure filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought,  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought!

6 Till then I would your love proclaim  
with ev'ry fleeting breath;  
and may the music of your name  
refresh my soul in death.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Accompanist: Eva Brauer

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## **New baby**

Congratulations to Heather and Zach on Andrew's birth on December 19 and his rebirth today through baptism. May God continue to bless your family!

## **Education**

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m. The adults are studying 1 Peter.

## **Call meeting**

There will be a call meeting on January 25 after second service. We will be calling a 6th-grade teacher.

## **Offering envelopes**

If you use envelopes for your offerings, please check your church box for the 2026 envelopes.

## **Men's retreat**

The men's retreat will be April 24-26 at a new venue in Gig Harbor. See the poster in the entryway near the restrooms for more information.

## **Weekly email**

If you are not receiving the weekly church email and would like to, please email the office at [secretary@htls-wa.net](mailto:secretary@htls-wa.net).

## **Church directory**

The most recent church directory is on a table in the entry way. Please check and make sure that your information is correct.

## **This week at Holy Trinity**

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study

Sunday ..... 11:30 a.m. Call meeting