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*Matthew 5:5,
NRSV*



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

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

Blessed are the meek

February 1, 2026

Epiphany 4

The way this world works and the way the kingdom of heaven works are often at odds with each other. In this world, people who are forceful and assertive and can promote themselves often get their way. In the kingdom of heaven, blessed are the meek (the humble), for they will inherit the earth. Today we consider this blessing spoken by Jesus himself.

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

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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ORDER OF SERVICE—SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 385 Christ Begins



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Yet six jars are filled with the
Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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.**

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

Psalm 37

Refrain



We com - mit our - selves to you, O LORD. Your
faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

Tone



**Do not fret because of those who are / evil
or be envious of those / who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon / wither,
like green plants they will soon / die away.**

**Commit your way / to the LORD;
trust in him and he will / do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine / like the dawn,
your vindication like the / noonday sun. *Refrain***

**I was young and now / I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children / begging bread.
The salvation of the righteous comes / from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of / trouble.**

**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—1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God has chosen what is

insignificant and despised in the world — what is viewed as nothing — to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, so that no one may boast in his presence. It is from him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom from God for us — our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption — in order that, as it is written: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

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 — Matthew 5:1-12

When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the humble,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

“You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 818 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion;
2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp-ta - tions;
3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com-plete - ly;



a for-ress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be
when e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal -
with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his



shak - en. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and
va - tion. Though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't
mer - cy. Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a



lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on
set your heart up - on them; the fields of hope in
sigh too brief to mea - sure, my king has crushed the



right - eous - ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.
curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

Sermon—Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the meek

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (3rd-8th grades 10:30 a.m.)

*1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine,
yet not I, but through Christ in me."*

*2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome, yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

*3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free,
yet not I, but through Christ in me."*

*4. With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day, I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat,
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."*

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and others. Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry. In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need. You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love. You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you. Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully. Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.

You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good. In wise compassion you often exercise your power to help and heal people with physical and emotional needs. Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content and cheerful when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship.

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

Silent prayer.

Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven. Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom ennoble our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life. Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel.

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 835 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2 When my way grows_ drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws_



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, when my life is_ al - most_ gone,
near and the day is_ al - most_ gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my



light. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; lead me home.
hand. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; lead me home.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Education

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

Welcome

We welcome all of our school families to our 10:30 a.m. service today. If you are interested in learning more about our church and its teachings, we offer a course taught by Pastor Brauer. Speak with him for more information.

Father/Son dodgeball

Father/Son Dodgeball is back today. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end about 4:00 p.m. with root beer floats! Please email Tad Doviak at tubatad@gmail.com to be sure there will be enough ice cream and root beer for everyone.

Ladies group

The ladies group will meet on Saturday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m. to plan upcoming events. All ladies are invited.

Giving statements

Please check your church box for your 2025 yearly giving statement.

Lent midweek services

The Lent midweek services will be held on Wednesdays starting February 18 through March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Weekly Lent suppers begin at 5:30 p.m.

Lent suppers

We are asking groups to host Wednesday suppers during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18. See the poster near the restrooms or our church's weekly email for the link to the sign-up page if you'd like to host.

Men's retreat

The men's retreat will be April 24-26 at a new venue in Gig Harbor. Pastor Donn Dobberstein, chairman of WELS Discipleship, will present and share tools on spiritual leadership in marriage, family, and church. The cost is \$175 per participant. Space is limited to the first 80 sign-ups. See the poster in the entryway near the restrooms or our church's weekly email for the link to the sign-up page.

This week at Holy Trinity

Today 2:00 p.m. Father/Son dodgeball
Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Ladies group