

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

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BOTH CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Feb 1st	Mic 6:1-8	Psa 15	1 Cor 1:18-31	Matt 5:1-12
Feb 8th	Isaiah 58:3-9a	Psa 112:1-9	1 Cor 2:1-16	Matt 5:13-20
Feb 15th	Exodus 24:8-18	Psa 2:6-12	2 Pet 1:16-21	Matt 17:1-9
Ash Wed	Joel 2:12-19	Psa 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Cor 5:20b—6:10	Matt 6:1-6,16-21
Feb 22nd	Gen 3:1-21	Psa 32:1-7	Rom 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11

IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT



(01/23/25) With Summer on our minds, we ask you to prayerfully consider joining us overseas to teach English and have conversations with eager students, play games and sports inside and out, make crafts and art, and meet our family in Christ in places like Latvia and Slovakia and Albania!

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>



BOTH CHURCHES

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

Invocation

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." How many times have we heard those words? And yet, they testify with renewed freshness to our identity as children of God who've been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Wouldn't it be something if God's faithful would remember that every time they heard the words of the Invocation, perhaps tracing the sign of the cross as a visible reminder?

St. Paul beautifully captures the eternal significance of our baptism into Christ when he writes to the Galatians that "as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27).

We are clothed with his righteousness. Unlike the man in the parable of the wedding feast who had no wedding garment, when we stand before our Judge on the Last Day, we will be clothed and covered, robed in the purity of Christ.

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Already now, in this heaven on earth we call worship, we stand with boldness before the Triune God who has claimed us and named us. Each month, we will look at the different parts of the liturgy and discover why they are important to the church...

BIBLE STUDY

Trinity Lutheran (Wed, 4 pm) – Feb 4th
Not on ~~18th~~ because of Ash Wednesday

Light of Christ (Wed, 7 pm) – **NO BIBLE STUDIES!**
Not on the ~~11th~~ & ~~25th~~ because of the Jamaica trip / Lent.

CONFIRMATION

Trinity Lutheran (Wed, 6:00 – 7:30 pm) – Feb 4th

Light of Christ (Thu, 6:30 – 8:00 pm) – Feb 26th
Not on the ~~12th~~ because of the Jamaica trip.

COMMUNION at Church

Both Churches – **Feb 1st** and **15th**

COMMUNION - Arbor House (1 pm) & Briarwood (2 pm)

Mon, Feb 2nd

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

GATHERING:

Prelude Music
Greeting
Announcements
Invocation
Confession and Absolution
Introit
Opening Hymn
Greeting
Kyrie Eleison
Gloria In Excelsis
Salutation
Prayer of the Day

GOD'S WORD:

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Hallelujah
The Creed
Sermon

RESPONSE:

Hymn of the Day:
Prayers of the Church
Offering and Prayer

COMMUNION:

Preface to Communion
Propers
Sanctus
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Agnus Dei
Distribution
Nunc Dimittis
Thanksgiving

SENDING:

Benediction
Sending Hymn

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SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500



JAMAICA – Pr. Kevin will be on a mission trip from **Feb 6th** to the **14th**. Pray that our work will be a blessing to those who are affected by both poverty and the hurricane. Expect lots of photos and stories when we get back. Paul Bauer will be leading our worship on Feb 8th.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS – We will have an Installation of Council on **Feb 22nd**.

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Suppers at 6 pm.

02/18 – ASH WED..... LOC at 5:30 pm – Trinity at 7 pm.

02/25 - Lent 1 LOC at 7 pm

03/04 - Lent 2 Trinity at 7 pm

03/11 - Lent 3 LOC at 7 pm

03/25 - Lent 4 Trinity at 7 pm

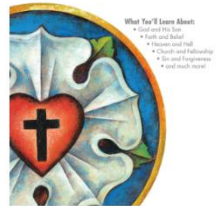
04/01 - Lent 5 LOC at 7 pm



NO BIBLE STUDIES during Lent. People are invited to attend the “**Lutheranism 101**” classes in Williston during Lent.

LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS at LOC – Feb 2nd & 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Lutheranism 101
THE COURSE**



What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique?

Why is Lutheran worship different than that of other churches? *Lutheranism 101* will answer these questions in a way you can easily understand, whether Lutheranism is brand new to you, or you're simply wanting a refresher on what you learned years ago. We will study our teaching on God and His Son, faith and belief, heaven and hell, church and fellowship, and many other facets of Lutheran heritage and beliefs.



TRINITY LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

TRINITY's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex



BIRTHDAYS

Zeke Delaney 2/02
Beau Rider..... 2/03
Darcy Delaney 2/09

Cierra Aamodt 2/22
Shane Cross 2/15

ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Tori Dwyer 02/18

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.



LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston



BIRTHDAYS

Matt Haugen 2/01
Erin Olson 2/06
Kelsey Ginther 2/15

Thea Holter 2/22
Amy Haugen 2/26
Melanie Heller 2/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Tommie & Amy Giordano 2/17
Dwight & Shelli Patch 2/20
Seth & Kayla Fenster 2/23

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.

NO BIBLE STUDY on FEB 11th and NO CONFIRMATION on FEB 12th because of the mission trip. Confirmation Students will accomplish all of the work for Feb 12th on their own with help from their parents and bring it to the next class.

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. Wed, Feb 4th at 2 pm. Mtg & Bible Study. All women are invited.
(Please note the time change!)

SERVICE GROUPS – A reminder that both men and women of LOC can read the lessons, assist with Communion, and usher. Please sign up on the church bulletin board!

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, **Feb 21st!**
Please come and invite a friend or two!

PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE - The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

LOC SOUP MINISTRY!



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

YELLOW SERVICE GROUP (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

Darrin Baker & Jolyssa Marquart
Ted and Peggy Bearce
Kelsey Ginther & Family
Steve and Renee Ginther
Scott and Melissa Heller
Gary and Bev Quale

Nick and Jessica Quale
Jed and Melissa Rider
Kelly Klem and Janice Deesten
Gary & Bonnie Wendel
Kevin & Melissa Sederquest
Aidan McCartney

LOC COUNCIL MEETING – Jan 13th starting at 5:30 pm.

LOC ANNUAL MEETING – Jan 25th following a shortened service. All committee reports need to be given to Pr. Kevin 1 week prior to the meeting!





**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
DEVOTION from
LHM.ORG



Matthew 5:1-2, 6 – Seeing the crowds, He [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

There’s a thing that happens to many of us when we’re fairly young—some older than others. That’s when something deeply wrong, evil, and unjust happens to you, or to someone you care about, and you sit back and wait for justice to come down on the person who did it. But time goes by, and you realize—the wicked person is getting away with it! Either nothing at all has happened to that person, or only a slap on the wrist—only a token punishment, quickly forgotten.

So you feel outraged. And maybe you take your outrage to someone you trust—a parent, a teacher, a pastor—and they tell you bluntly: “Yes, but that’s the way the world is.” And it hurts. And you go away angry, because something in your gut tells you it should not be this way at all. You want to pursue it, to make justice happen! But you can’t. You investigate, and discover all the options for bringing this person to justice are now closed. Nothing more can be done. It’s over.

At this point you can go two ways. You can give up completely, and grow bitter and cynical. You might even decide that doing good is a waste of time, since the evildoers come out ahead so often.

Or you can feed and cherish that drive for justice. You can continue to hunger and thirst after righteousness, even though you didn’t get it in this case. Some people will even devote their lives to fixing the problem, whatever it is, in order to bring justice.

That’s clearly the better choice. And Jesus says it’s not a waste of time! He says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

When? Where? Obviously not in this world, ruined as it is. But they will be satisfied, because the Lord Himself, who is justice, has come into our world to cleanse it of all evil and to remake it in righteousness. And how is He doing that? Through His own suffering, death, and resurrection.

God deals with our unrighteousness, not by destroying us, but by redeeming us. He chooses to cleanse us, remake us, raise us from spiritual death—and He does all this using His own body and blood. Jesus pays the price of justice for our wrongdoing in His own body on the cross.

And now that Jesus has risen from the dead, He gives us new hearts like His own—hearts that love justice, that care about what is good. He gives us His Holy Spirit, who works in us every day to make us more like Jesus. The Spirit is getting us ready for that day when we come into that kingdom God has promised us, “new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13b). And on that day, all our hunger and thirst will be satisfied, because we will be with the Lord forever—and He is our righteousness.

WE PRAY: Dear Father, help me when I see injustice and evil. Use me to correct it however You will. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

Reflection Questions:

What is one area of life in which you definitely feel a hunger for righteousness and justice?

Could God be calling you to become part of the solution to that evil?

Why is it a bad idea to let yourself get cynical about injustice on earth?

Blessed Are You

Find the 36 **bold** words from *Matthew 5:3-12 (ESV)*

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"Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**. "Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be **comforted**. "Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall **inherit** the **earth**. "Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst** for **righteousness**, for they shall be **satisfied**. "Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall **receive mercy**. "Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall **see God**. "Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be **called sons of God**. "Blessed are those who are **persecuted for righteousness' sake**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others **revile** you and **persecute** you and **utter** all kinds of **evil** against you **falsely** on my **account**. **Rejoice** and be **glad**, for your **reward** is **great** in heaven, for so they persecuted the **prophets** who were before you.

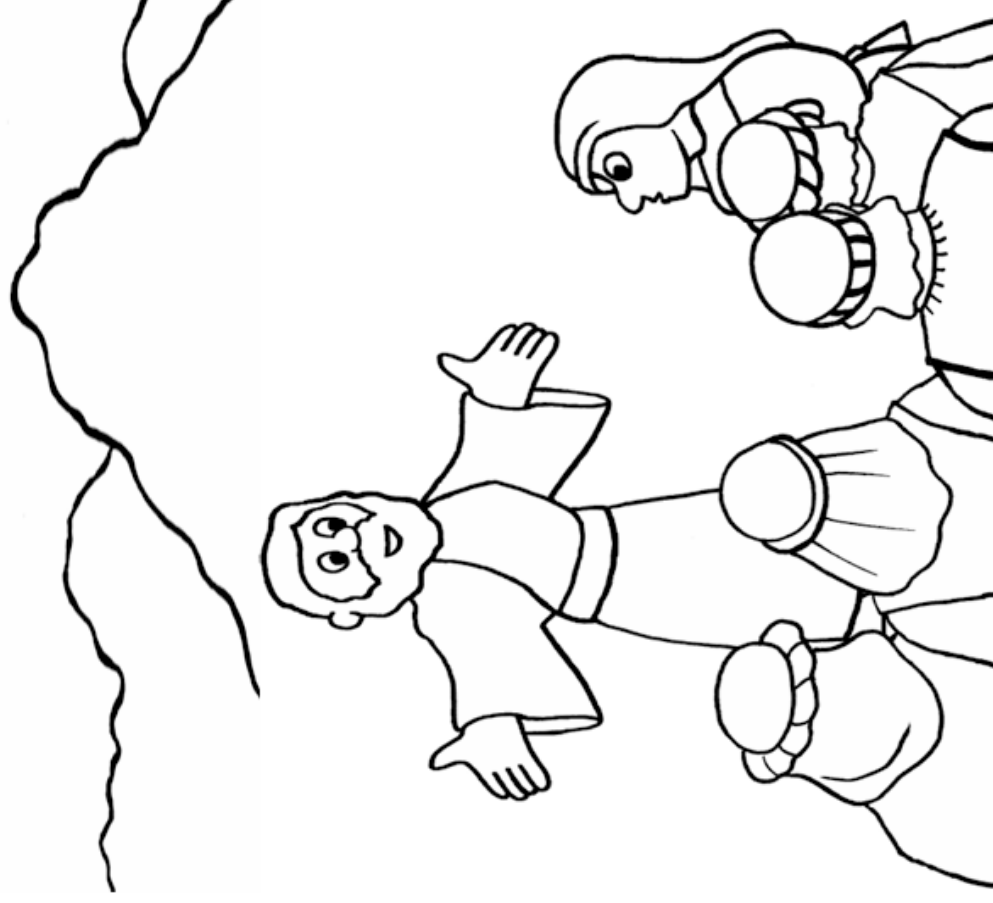
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Today's Gospel Lesson

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026



Jesus talked about what it means to be blessed by God.