



# Trinity Reformed Church

THE LORD'S DAY  
Epiphany Season

JANUARY 11, 2026

"Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."  
— ISAIAH 60:1 —

# Welcome to Trinity Reformed Church

Trinity Reformed Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege worshiping the Triune God. In the Lord's Service, the Father renews covenant with His people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest Jesus Christ.

**COMMUNION** — The Lord Jesus Christ invites to his Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. If you are exploring Christianity but have not yet been baptized, please refrain from eating the Lord's Supper. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with the pastor.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** —We desire that families feel welcomed in our worship service and hope that our youngest members and visitors alike will be able to participate as much as they are able. If you have any questions about you or your children's participation in worship, please speak to Pastor Grant.

## ***What is Epiphany Season?***

The English word is derived from the Greek epiphainein, which means "to appear" or "manifest." The Epiphany season has to do with the Lord's manifestation or appearance to the nations. Epiphany (January 6) and the season called by the same name (from January 6 through March 2) celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, beginning with the visit of the Eastern Kings (the Magi) in Matthew 2. The four main events commemorated during Epiphany are the adoration of the Magi, the story of Christ's visit to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle of turning water into wine for the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee. The color for the church season is white and green.

# The Lord Calls Us

## Call to Worship

Let us worship God! *[stand]*

We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

**May the Lord our God favor you!**

From Bethlehem has come a ruler who will shepherd his people Israel; May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth!

**Wise men from the east came and worshiped him! May all kings render him tribute!**

May all kings bring him gifts! May all kings fall down before him and all nations serve him!

**Amen!**

# Hymn of Procession

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Guitar chords do not match vocals.

G D G Em D G D G D

1. Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem - er's praise,  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin, He sets the pris - 'ner free.  
 5. He speaks, and, lis - t'ning to His voice, New life the dead re - ceive,  
 6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-enèd tongues em - ploy;

G C G/D D G

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!  
 To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.  
 The mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joyce, The hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

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*Amen!*

# Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray ... (*pastor prays*)

**Amen!**

[please sit]

# The Lord Cleanses Us

## THE SIN OFFERING

Dearly beloved brethren, long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. He is the light, which gives light to everyone. But He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### Confession of Sin *[please kneel]*

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature,

Prone to evil and slothful in good,

And all our shortcomings and offenses against You.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways,

In wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Teach us to hate our errors,

Cleanse us from our secret faults,

And forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.

Send Your purifying grace into our hearts that we may henceforth live in Your light,

And walk in Your ways.

Amen.

Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

### Declaration of Absolution *[stand]*

Hear what words of comfort the Scripture speak to all who turn to Christ in humble repentance...

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus name!

# The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

## Hymn of Ascent

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, Whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand;  
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my jour - ney through;  
Death of death, and Hell's de - struc-tion, Land me safe on Ca - naan's side;

Strong De - liv - 'rer, Strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my  
Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, Feed me till I  
Songs of prais - es, Songs of prais - es I will ev - er

Strength and Shield, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
want no more, Feed me till I want no more.  
give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Strength and Shield,

Music: William Williams (Pantycelyn), 1745

Text: John Hughes (Dowlais), 1907

[please sit]

*Amen!*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture Lessons**

### **First Lesson    1 KINGS 3:4-15**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Lesson    PSALM 119:97-104**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Third Lesson    EPHESIANS 1:3-14**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*[stand for the gospel reading]*

### **Gospel Lesson    LUKE 2:40-52**

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*[please sit]*

# The Sermon

Rev. Grant E. Van Brimmer

## Genesis 11:1-32 “God Topples the Tower of Babel”

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters. Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

# Sermon Notes

# Response to God's Word [stand]

## Hymn of Response

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff an alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. Chords indicated above the staff include G, D, G, Em, Bm, C, G, C, Em, D, G, D, G, Em, Bm, C, G, C, G, D, C, Em, D, G, C, G, D, G, B, Am, D, G.

**Lyrics:**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. *Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -*  
 4. *Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath*  
 5. Praise to the Lord, who, when dark - ness of sin is a -  
 6. Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me a -

a re - ign - eth, O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
 fend thee; Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
 made thee, Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here  
 bound ing, Decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
 dore Him! Who, when the god - less do tri - umph, all  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion. All ye who hear, Now to His  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen How thy de -  
 dai - ly at - tend thee; Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief Hath not He  
 vir - tue con - found - ing, Shed - deth His light, Chas - eth the  
 prais - es be - fore Him; Let the A - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do If with His love He be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, Spread - ing His wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 hor - rors of night, Saints with His mer - cy sur - round ing.  
 peo - ple a - gain, Glad - ly for aye\* we a - dore Him.

\* "Aye" rhymes with "day" and means "ever."

Music: *Ernwertens Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

**Amen!**

## **Confession of Faith      NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith together.

Christian, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God,  
Light of Light,  
very God of very God;  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made.  
Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
Came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
And was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
And ascended into heaven,  
And sits on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life;  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

# The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

## Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

### Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, our holy and Triune God, for your glory and the advancement of your kingdom, with grateful, joyous, and faithful hearts we present to you these tithes and offerings, together with all that we are. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness; magnify your name and purposes in their distribution; continually increase in us the joy of honoring you; and now set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory.

In Christ Jesus, in whose mighty name we pray,

Amen!

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be-low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; alt.  
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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[please sit]

## Prayer for the Church and World

*Prayer for the church...*

Before your throne, your children plead:  
**Lord, hear our prayers and build your church, Amen.**

*Prayer for the servants of the church...*

Before your throne, your children plead:  
**Lord, hear our prayers for those who serve, Amen.**

*Prayer for missions in the world...*

Before your throne, your children plead:  
**Lord, hear our prayers for our missionaries, Amen.**

*Prayer for our civic leaders...*

Before your throne, your children plead:  
**Lord, hear our prayers for those in office, Amen.**

*Prayer for those suffering and in need...*

Before your throne, your children plead:  
**Lord, hear our prayers; comfort the suffering, Amen.**

Lord, we thank you for the words your Son taught us to pray, saying:

**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 debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## Gloria Patri [stand]

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in  
the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Text: Traditional, c. 100s

# The Lord Communes with us

## THE PEACE OFFERING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord!

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is good and right to do so!

## Sanctus

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God... ...Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time and G major. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic (fff) and a three-measure repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts." The second staff continues with a three-measure repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the". The third staff begins with a three-measure repeat sign. The lyrics are: "High - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the". The fourth staff concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est!" Measure numbers 1, 2, and 3 are indicated above the staff lines.

## Passing the Peace

*Please stand and greet one another with the phrase “The peace of Christ be with you,” or other expressions of warm Christian greeting.*

## Preface

Let us proclaim the faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again!**

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us:

**Therefore let us keep the feast!**

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but resting in your great mercy.

**Heavenly Father,**

**through the Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we offer ourselves to You as a living sacrifice.**

**As we break the bread together and share the cup,**

**make us to be the one body of Christ.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to the Lord**

## The Lord's Supper [*sit and feast together*]

*This supper belongs to all Christians, not just Trinity Reformed Church, and so we invite all members of God's family to partake with us, as the one body of Christ. If you are a baptized Christian, and not under church discipline—come and feast, celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and Satan.*

## The Bread

PRAYER, BREAKING OF BREAD, DISTRIBUTION, EATING

## The Wine

*Our Lord Jesus Christ through his blood gives us peace with God. Having ascended to the throne, we are seated as kings at the Lord's royal table.*

PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION, DRINKING

## Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Song of Simeon "Nunc Dimittis" Based on Luke 2:29-32

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, G major, and 6/4 time. The bottom staff is in bass clef, C major, and 6/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing under the notes. The chords indicated are F, B♭, F, Dm, C, F, Am.

1. <sup>29</sup>Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your Word is now ful - filled.  
2. <sup>31</sup>This is the Sav - ior of the world, <sup>32</sup>The Gen - tile's pro - mised light,

<sup>30</sup>These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This Child so long fore - told.  
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Music: American traditional melody; arr. Anabel Buchanan, 1938

Text: James J. Quinn, SJ (1919–2010) © 1969, 1989, OCP

LAND OF REST (American)

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## The Lord Commissions Us

### Benediction

Look up and receive the Lord's blessing.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen!

# Hymn of Commission

## Blest the Man That Fears Jehovah

From Psalm 128

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

1. 1 Blest the man that fears Je - ho - vah And that walk-eth in His ways;  
2. 4 Lo, on him that fears Je - ho - vah Shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,

2 Thou shalt eat of thy hands' la - bor And be pros-pered all thy days.  
5 For Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on Shall to thee His bless-ing send.

3 Like a vine with fruit a - bound-ing In thy house thy wife is found,  
Thou shalt see Je - ru - s'lem pros-per All thy days till life shall cease;

12 And like ol - ive plants thy chil-dren, Com-pass-ing thy ta - ble 'round,  
6 Thou shalt see thy chil-dren's chil-dren. Un - to Is - ra - el be peace!

16 And like ol - ive plants thy chil-dren, Com-pass - ing thy ta - ble 'round.  
Thou shalt see thy chil - dren's chil - dren. Un - to Is - ra - el be peace!

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Rev. Grant E. Van Brimmer – Guest Pastor

Sunday Worship – 4:00 p.m.

## Announcements

We are grateful you joined us today and would like to get to know you. If we can assist or pray for you in any way, or if you desire to join the church, please speak to one of the members or send an email to [trinityreformedcrec@gmail.com](mailto:trinityreformedcrec@gmail.com).

Fellowship Meal - Please join us for a time of fellowship following the service today.



