

Trinity

Lutheran Church ELCA

An open house and reception was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 8th, 2008, to mark the installation of a four panel acrylic painting entitled "Come to the Water" by artist, Kristen Jordahl Gilje.

The commissioned work is installed in the sun-lit entry of TLC. Drawing on themes of water: Lake Coeur d'Alene and the natural beauty of the region, the four panels highlight the place of water in Holy Baptism for the Christian faith and as symbol of the living water in John 4:7-15 and in Revelation 22:1-5, the vision of the river of life watering the tree of life which bears "the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Artist Kristen Jordahl Gilje lives and works in Bellingham, Washington, where she paints in oils, acrylics, watercolors and silk dye on silk. Part of her work includes designing and making artwork for churches, including stained glass windows, large silk banners and paraments for worship use. Ms. Gilje maintains a library of silk banners of her creation that are loaned to churches all over the United States as an outreach of Holden Village, Chelan, Washington, where she worked as Artist in Residence for almost 10 years. She is a regular teacher at the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, Washington, and has shown her silk banners and lectured at Yale Divinity School. Before moving to Holden Village she and her family lived and worked in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, a place they still call home.

