

Trinity Lutheran Church



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD



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10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021 10:00 a.m. Communion Service

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshipping with us today, whether at home or in person. Those joining us in person who are not fully COVID-19 vaccinated are asked to wear masks, especially when singing and when coming forward for communion. Please follow the instructions given by Pastor and the ushers to maintain a healthy environment for all present.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during communion services. Please speak to the pastor before service if you wish to receive the host in this form.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to the service before receiving the Lord's Supper.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Prayer requests may be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision:

Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



AS WE GATHER TODAY

Are you prepared for heaven? Admittedly, this is an odd question when we are celebrating Jesus' birth. Yet, Jesus was born to die to save His people from their sins. As Simeon held the Christ Child, he couldn't help but say, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word," while also telling Mary, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed." That opposition eventually brought about His death on a cross. Yet, Jesus was born to die and rise to life again so that all who believe in Him might live! That is the best Christmas gift ever.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Prepared for Heaven!

ORGAN

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Please Stand

✘ **PREPARATION** ✘

HYMN 386

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Kneel or Be Seated

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have taken for granted the free gift of salvation You give us through Jesus. Help us to focus on the reason for the season, the birth of Your Son. Forgive us, O God, and let us depart in peace, according to Your Word, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, who came to save us from our sins.**

Pastor: Receive the free gift that Jesus offers: the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of our newborn King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thank You, Jesus! Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Please Stand

INTROIT *LSB 387; Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 52:10*

[Hymn stanzas may be sung: *LSB 387*]

People: **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
People: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

People: **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

Pastor: The LORD has made known His salvation;
People: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
People: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

People: **No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow**

**Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
People: **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

People: **He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of our newborn King, which is beyond our understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our salvation from Christ, the Prince of Peace, for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Holy Christian Church, for we have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 383 vv. 1-3 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.

Refrain

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be
glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our Savior, we praise and thank You for coming to be born of Mary so that through faith in You we might depart this life in peace. Grant that we may ever share this gift; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*

(The Israelites are to consecrate their firstborn to the Lord.)

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

³Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

¹¹"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Pastor: And His name shall be called
People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:12–17*

(Wrap yourselves with the characteristics, peace, and word of Christ.)

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE *Luke 2:30–32*

Pastor: Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation;
People: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40* (Jesus is brought to the temple.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 370 “What Child Is This”



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

SERMON

Please Stand

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: 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 His 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 at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \times of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God and all people according to their needs.

Wonderful Counselor, we praise and thank You for guiding us with the Word of Christ, which dwells richly in us. Bless all pastors and teachers of Your Word, that they teach and admonish Your people with all of Your wisdom so that whatever we do, in word or deed, we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. O God of our salvation,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty God, You created this world and everything in it through Your powerful Word and still take care of it. Continue to watch over and work through all who lead and serve our

nation, state, and local communities. Lead and guide all first responders and members of the military as they carry out their duties to protect and serve. O God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

People:

Pastor: Everlasting Father, You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We ask for Your encouragement, healing, and care for all who are struggling with their health, [*especially . . .*]. Heal the broken hearts of those who grieve the loss of those close to them. O God of our salvation,

People:

hear our prayer.

Pastor: Prince of Peace, we praise and thank You for the peace we have in You. Empower us and all of your missionary people to embrace the opportunities You give us to share the gift of Your redemption. O God of our salvation,

People:

hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our newborn King.

People:

Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY 393 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing;
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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Be Seated

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

The Sacrament, or Lord's Supper, is a special gift from God that brings us into personal communion with Jesus Christ. "In, with and under" the bread and wine we receive His body and blood for forgiveness and renewal. If you are a repentant sinner, come to the table expecting to receive God's wonderful gifts for you!

Communicants will take their own wine cups as they are passed. Those requiring non-alcoholic grape juice will take the cups with white grape juice from the middle of the tray.

Remain Seated

OUR EXAMINATION

Pastor: In preparation for Holy Communion, St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." So that we may properly examine ourselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper, I ask you to reflect on these questions:

- Do you repent of all your sins of thought, word and deed?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your only Savior from all sin, Satan and death?
- Do you believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive His true Body and Blood?

If you answer in faith "Yes!" to these questions, and are properly instructed, you are invited to come forward and partake of the LORD'S Supper during Distribution. If you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms as Pastor approaches you and receive a blessing. By your coming forward, "You proclaim the LORD'S death until He comes."

Please Stand

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the gift of peace that flows freely through Your Son, who left His heavenly throne to become the firstborn of Mary. He would die once for all for the sins of the world before rising to life again. Because of

His perfect life, death, and resurrection, You clothe us with Christ in our Baptism and nourish us through His Word and this Sacrament of His body and blood. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS 368 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain
 Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, our newborn King, for all that was, is, or ever will be has been created through You. In Your divine goodness, You have chosen us to be Your holy and beloved people through the waters of Baptism.

Let Your Word dwell richly in us as we faithfully eat Your body and drink Your blood as You bid us to do in this sacred Meal, receiving Your full forgiveness; as You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He

gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

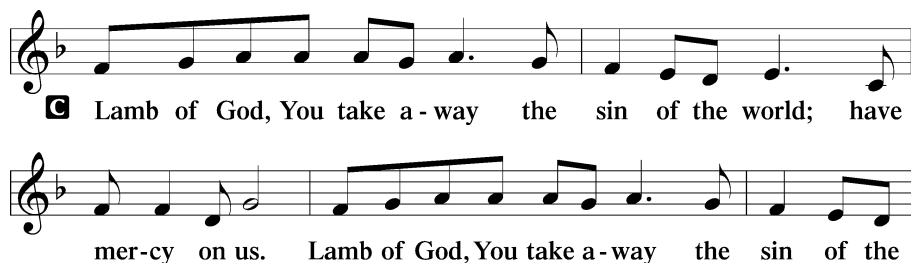
People: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI



☪ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this

they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

COMMUNION BLESSING

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Psalms 106:1b*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

People: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We thank You, our newborn King, for You have given us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Let Your Word and this Meal dwell within us richly, empowering us to live lives as Your chosen ones—lives lived with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience as we bear with one another in love and forgive others as You forgive us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN 383 vv. 4-5 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"



4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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Be Seated

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by the congregation.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

John 1:14

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate the beautiful Altar:

THOSE WHO GAVE IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

John & Mary Helen Anander, Cindy Baldwin & Lizzie, Tracy & Jimmy Chance, Cathy Crotwell, Mike & Linda Fajen, Fester family, Rick & Leasa Freese, Gretchen Holmes, Sherry Kreger, Patricia Lipari, Irita Love, Don & Barbara Lunick, John Morrison, Sandy Sanders

THOSE WHO GAVE IN LOVING MEMORY or IN HONOR OF SOMEONE

Jim & Carole Eckes in memory of Mark MacPhail
Ilse Hodgson in memory of husband and parents
Bill and Sharon Johnson in memory of our parents
Irita Love in memory of Bobby Love
Doug and Shirley Masini in memory of Floyd & Norma Chester
Lonna McEwen in memory of Royann & Larry Harley
Rick Mizell in memory of Marjorie and Robert Mizell
Betty Morrell in memory of Richard Morrell
Dorothy Perks in memory of Jim Perks
Rick & Renee Tindall in memory of Ray & Mildred Dixon
Wayne White in memory of Chris White

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

There is no Adult Bible Study today. Usually, Pastor Webb leads a Bible study in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service.

ENDURING FAITH (Elementary & Middle Grades)

For Sunday School questions or comments, please contact Kimberly Stillman at kimberly.m.stillman@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (9th – 12th Grade)

Karl Schumacher leads the High School students in Bible study. The class meets in the Education Building in the upstairs youth room with the couches.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Education Building to study the Word. Class will not meet on December 29.

HAPPENING AT TRINITY

GUIDANCE FOR CHOOSING YOUR WORSHIP LOCATION

Gathering in the Sanctuary

- √ You are healthy and have not shown any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19. (fever, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, chills, new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, chest pain)
- √ You have not recently been in contact with someone with Covid-19

Worshipping from Home via Live-Stream or YouTube

- √ Your age or health conditions make you more at-risk for contagion
- √ You may have been exposed to Covid-19 at your workplace or through a relative
- √ You are concerned about carrying Coronavirus home to at-risk family members.

OFFERINGS

Please remain faithful in bringing your offerings to the Lord by mail or online if you are unable to attend worship in person.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Barbara Lunick who continues to play the organ for us during our organist vacancy.

MATINS UPDATE

The Matins worship service will return on January 30 in the 8:30 service, and will be used on fifth Sundays in alternating services. The other dates for 2022 are May 29 at 11:00 and July 31 at 8:30. The October fifth Sunday will be a Single Service for Reformation Sunday.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

There will be no Wednesday Bible study on December 29. Class will resume on January 5.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITES

LWML MITES will be collected next Sunday.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation classes will take a break for the holidays. Class will resume on January 9.

NO JANUARY NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter for January. Copies of the calendar are in the Narthex and always on the website (trinitylutheransavannah.org under "What's New"). Look for full reports in the February newsletter.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Dunivan 1/1, Ted Schmidt 1/3, Peter Weilmann 1/7, Joel Crowe 1/10, Rich Hanovich 1/10, Ilse Hodgson 1/10, James Mathews 1/11, Bud Gerdes 1/13, Myrle Olson Sr. 1/14, Todd Freeseemann 1/15, Pamela Bennet 1/17, Kevin Riedl 1/19, Douglas Masini 1/20, Benjamin Crosby 1/21, Eric Tindall 1/22, Jackie Moss 1/24, Eddie Baldwin 1/28, Morgan Bennet 1/29, Gwen Newkirk 1/29, Matthew Crowe 1/31

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 offering envelopes are available to pick up in the Narthex. If your envelopes are not there, please contact Sonny Massey.

BLESSING BAG CHALLENGE

Join us for the Blessing Bag Challenge - starting on Sunday. Take a bag, give a bag to someone in need. Take another bag and do it again! Bags are in the bin located in the Narthex. Thank you, Kathy Cleveland, for making this your Thrivent project.

CHOOSE A DATE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

The new Flower Chart in the Social Hall is still looking pretty empty. That means there's a great selection of dates to choose from! Sign up today to provide beautiful flowers for our Altar. See Lonna McEwen for more information.

CONNECT WITH US

Connect with TLC and keep up with what's going on.

***Website** - www.trinitylutheransavannah.org

***Facebook** - Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church; Trinity Lutheran Church – Community Info & Events (shareable page); Trinity Lutheran Church of Savannah Media; TLC Hearts of Compassion Helping Hands Ministry; Lizzie Comfort Dog

***Instagram** - #lck9lizzie (Lizzie Comfort Dog)

***YouTube** – Trinity Lutheran Savannah

DEADLINE for BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Wednesday by 9:00am

Email bulletin announcements to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net prior to 9:00am on Wednesdays.

MINISTRY NEEDS

SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLIES

It's a new year, but a repeat project for the Board of Social Ministry. We will be collecting supplies for the neighborhood school nurses during the month of January. Needed items include children's underwear, band aids, antiseptic cream, disinfecting wipes, hand wipes, small bottles of juice, individual wrapped snacks, Kleenex, paper towels, Chapstick, and hand soap. Please place your donation in the bin in the Social Hall. For more information, see Karen Hanovich.

“YEAR OF GIVING HOPE” DONATIONS

Our Hearts of Compassion Ministry ends up our “Year of Giving Hope” campaign with this month's needed item of **hats, scarves, and gloves**. We will be collecting these items through the end of December. All you need to do is drop off your donation item in the bin in the Social Hall. Thanks to each of you for participating in our “Year of Giving Hope.” You have blessed many, many, many people with your donations.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Traditional 10:00 a.m.

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – 61 11:00 a.m. – 35 YouTube – 0 Facebook - 0

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| Giving | \$4,311.16 |
| Christmas - Staff | 1,040.00 |
| Comfort Dog | 75.00 |
| Food Pantry | 325.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | 25.00 |
| Poinsettias | 27.00 |
| Principal | 400.00 |
| Property Management | 50.00 |
| Youth - National | 100.00 |

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

10:00 a.m.

Jackie Deemer & Blake Chance, Greeters Janie Spainhour & Wayne White, Greeters
Gary & Patricia Bradshaw, Ushers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Mary Helen Anander, Reader

Bob & Cindy Reynolds, Greeters
Sandy Sanders & Karl Schumacher, Ushers

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| TODAY | Single Worship Service | 10:00 a.m. |
| MONDAY | 12/27 | |
| TUESDAY | 12/28 Clothes Closet | 4:00-6:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | 12/29 Clothes Closet | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. |
| | Young Adult Singles Zoom Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | 12/30 NAMI (Education Building) | 6:00-7:00 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | 12/31 Hot Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen) | 4:00 p.m. |
| | New Year's Eve Worship | 7:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | 1/1 New Year's Day | |

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(Please help us keep the prayer list updated)

HEALTH
Gila Martin

OUR WITNESS

Let us proclaim Jesus Christ is risen to all!

OUR CONCERNS

Raise up those, Lord, who would serve Your Church.

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