



Trinity Lutheran Church

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First Sunday after Christmas

Divine Service 4 With Holy Communion

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Services are aired on Cable TV, Channel 14, Sunday at 5:30 p.m. & Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Services are also aired on Digital Channel 990, Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Times
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

Bible Class and Sunday School 9:15am.

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THE CHILD GREW...
AND THE

**FAVOR OF
GOD**

WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40

OPENING HYMN : 366 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Congregation: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, Holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Please rise

THE INTROIT:

(We read together)

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

KYRIE: (Sung LSB— Page 204)

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: *Glory to God in the Highest (Sung—LSB Page 204)*

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth:
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated, at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit, alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT:

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Congregation: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: Please rise *(Sung—LSB Page 205)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter beginning at verse 22.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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 pray 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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED: (we confess together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

SERMON HYMN: 385 "From East to West" (Please rise for the final verse)

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please be seated

THE OFFERING: *We rise as the offerings are brought forward to the altar.*

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
Congregation: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy—(Sung— LSB Page 208)*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

PAX DOMINI

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God (Sung—LSB Page 210)

**1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION: *(Please be seated)*

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

370 "What Child Is This"

386 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

389 "Let All Together Praise Our God" (Please remain seated for the final verse)

384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (Please remain seated for the final verse)

NUNC DIMITTIS:

Song of Simeon (Sung—LSB Page 211)

**1. O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding,
Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

HYMN: **390 "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"**



We have 3 tickets remaining for the Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons show at the Stefanie Weil Center for April 21, 2018 at 7:30pm. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. This exhilarating family-friendly show has been thrilling audiences worldwide with great choreography, boundless energy, humor and, of course, instantly recognizable classic, pop songs that have

become timeless! We will eat at Rupp's before the show. You may attend both the show and dinner or attend just the dinner or show. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. **Tickets are \$40.00. Payments are due by February 1.**

SCRIP NEWS

Effective Jan.1 - The scrip committee will no longer be selling scrip **AFTER LATE** service. If you attend late service and need scrip, you will have to buy it before the service begins. As before, we will still be selling before and after the early service. Thanks for your cooperation!

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING WORSHIP

Our New Year's Eve Worship is this evening at 6:30pm .

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of all Officers and Committee Members will take place at both our worship services on January 7th. This includes those that are newly elected as well as those who are continuing to serve.

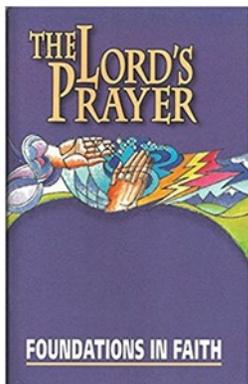
JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING

WJUB Radio Station for Lutheran Hour broadcasts – Radio station 1420 AM. Lutheran Hour is aired each Sunday evening at 5:00 pm.

BRUNCH

We will be going out to eat at Altona in new Holstein on Sunday, January 21st at 12:30pm. We hope you will join us for great food and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

VICAR'S BIBLE STUDY



The gift of prayer is truly an amazing thing. When we fold our hands and close our eyes, we can talk to God. We can lay all our troubles on him or give thanks for what He has already given us. Sometimes prayer goes underappreciated. In this six-week Bible Study *The Lord's Prayer* from the Foundations in Faith series, we will go through piece by piece the prayer we say every Sunday. By the end, there will hopefully be a new-found thankfulness for the familiar words Jesus taught us. Bring a friend and join us Mondays at 10 am and Thursdays at 6:30 pm starting the week of January 8th!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful cards and gifts you gave to me for Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. In Christ, Vicar Koester.

NEAT REPEATS

The sales for January at Neat Repeats area as follows:

1/2-1/6 Baskets, Candles & Candle Holders 50% off

1/8-1/13 Pictures, Frames & Vases 50% off

1/15-1/20 Books & Magazines 50% off

1/22-1/27 Boots, Shoes & Socks 50% off

1/29-2/3 Kitchen Items 50% off

FLOWERS:

The tall pedestal flowers for this week are in celebration of Mark and Angie Schorer's 18th wedding anniversary. To God be the glory!! **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MARK AND ANGIE!**

BASIC

Basic will be held on January 10th at 6:30pm. More information to follow.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, January 30, 4:30- 7:00 pm for grades 5-8. Students will have the opportunity to meet teachers, explore class offerings and extra-curriculars, and free admission to the evening girls' basketball game. Tours of the school will be available and incoming freshmen may make an appointment to register and select classes. You may also schedule a 'shadow day'. A shadow day is a great way to experience the daytime activity of high school. Spend a half or whole school day with an LHS freshman and attend classes, band/choir, enjoy lunch, and meet other students. Parents and students interested in the advanced and online classes at LHS are encouraged to attend the Open House for in-depth information on classes offered, as well as the full curriculum list. Feel free to contact the school office for more information at 920-452-3323.

LUTHERAN HIGH DANCE CLINIC FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIRLS IN GRADES 1-5

Join us for 2 fun nights of practice while we teach younger girls an EXCITING dance routine they will perform with the Varsity Dance Team at a Lutheran High girls basketball game! We will also teach the girls some basic dance techniques, and play some FUN games to get to know each other. Tues., January 23 - 3:45 – 5:15 p.m., Wed., January 24 - 3:45 – 5:15 p.m., and Thursday, January 25 @ 7:15 p.m. to the end of the basketball game (LHS Girls Varsity vs. Sheboygan Christian). Find registration forms attached or on the LHS website at www.lutheranhigh.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH!

December 31

Bradley Born
Debbie Grunewald

January 1

Steve Gardner

January 2

Phillip Gessler
Sarah Haskins

January 4

Willard Kuhlow
Sarah Haskins
Isla Marthenze

January 5

Pat Sixel

January 6

Becky Schlegel



Acolyte	Altar Guild	Greeters	Channel 990	Rocky Knoll	Video Operators
December 31 8:00am Jacob Englebert Nicole Schobert 10:30am Brayden Peter Austin Stelter 6:30pm Alyssa Lallensack Max Kroll	Dec. 25-January 7 Kathy Shircel Janice Lieftring	December 31 8:00am Dan and Tracey Schueler Mark and Angie Schorer 10:30am Vince and Kathy Shircel Larry and Kris Bender 6:30pm Allan and Donna Bramstedt Dave and Robie Scharinger	December 31 John Roediger January 7 Lucy Roediger	December 31 Marvin Barts January 7 Harvey Grunewald	December 31 Kevin Kolb January 7 Lance Liermann
January 7 8:00am Zach Elias Michael Horness 10:30am Karly Grunewald Mikena Grunewald		January 7 8:00am Linda Drexler JoAnne Bramstedt Dale and Diane Neese 10:30am Richard and Lee Schoessow Mark and Angie Schorer			

Financials and attendance	Worship Service	Worship Service	Totals
December 20, 2017	10:30am 41	6:30pm 43	Total 84
December 24, 2017	8:00am 103	10:30am 113	Total 216
December 24, 2017	5:00pm 273	7:00pm 117	Total 390
December 25, 2017	9:30am 123		Total 123
Sunday School Attendance for December 24	20		813
General Offering all services	\$9,899.50	Church Improvement	\$300.00
Sheb. Cty LCMS Chaplaincy	\$5.00	Sunday School Offering	\$8.25
Parking Lot Blacktop Fund	\$570.00		
Advent Free Will Offering	\$181.00		

This Week's Schedule



Monday January 1 	Tuesday January 2 10:30 & 11am Harvest Home 5:30pm Sunday School Meeting 6:30pm Hands for Hope 6:30pm Men's Club	Wednesday January 3 7:30am LHS Bible Study 4:30-6pm Confirmation	Thursday January 4 9:30am Preschool Chapel 7:30pm Dartball Trinity Tigers at the Good Shepherd Falcons	Friday January 5	Saturday January 6	Sunday January 7 8&10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion *Installation of officers and Committee Members 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class
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