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**Matthew 1:1-17**  
**January 1, 2023**



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- Prelude
- Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell
- Welcome

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\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Radiant God,

**C: You have come to live among us, yet we fail time and again to see you in the faces of our neighbors. We look to ourselves instead of those in need. We seek the shallow comforts of things we can buy instead of the deep and lasting comfort of your presence. Forgive our stubborn refusal to see, and open our eyes to the joy and wonder of your incarnation.**

P: Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. The God of boundless grace forgives you all your sins, renewing your spirit for the sake of Immanuel, God with us.

**C: Amen.**

\* **GATHERING HYMN      “Borning Cry” (Verses 1 & 2)      ELW 732**



1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”  
I’ll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun.”

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## HOLY BAPTISM

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### \* PRESENTATION

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

*The sponsors and parents present Eleanor Louise Kemper for Baptism.*

We present **Eleanor Louise Kemper** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

*The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.*

P: In Christian love you have presented **Eleanor** for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *her* to the services of God's house, and teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *she* grows in years, you should place in *her* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *her* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *her* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *she* may lead *a godly life* until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**Sponsors and Parents: We do.**

P: Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, do you promise to assist these sponsors and parents to fulfill these obligations?

**C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### \* THANKSGIVING *(Please stand if able)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of

all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *Eleanor*, who *is* about to be here baptized may be given new life. Wash away *her* sin, cleanse *her* by this water, and bring *her* forth as *an heir* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\* PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

**\* THE BAPTISM**

*The minister baptizes each child.*

P: *Eleanor Louise Kemper*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**• THE BLESSING** *(Please be seated)*

*The minister gives the child back to their parents and addresses the Congregation.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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\* Please stand if able

• Please be seated

*The minister places one hand on the child.*

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Eleanor**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen

- **THE ANNOINTING**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P: **Eleanor Louise Kemper**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

- **THE COMMISIONING**

*A lighted candle may be given to the sponsor of a young child by a representative of the congregation who says:*

R: **Eleanor**, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us pray... O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Jesse and Tracy**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for these children you have given to them. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with **Eleanor and Scarlet**, the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

- **THE WELCOME**

*The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:*

P: Through Baptism God has made **Eleanor** our new *sister* in Christ and a *fellow member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

*The minister takes the child in his arms and introduces her/him to the Congregation. Applause is appropriate.*

*All return to their places and the Service continues with verses 3&4 of Baptismal Song.*

**\* BAPTISMAL SONG “Borning Cry” (Verses 3 & 4)**

**ELW 732**



3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

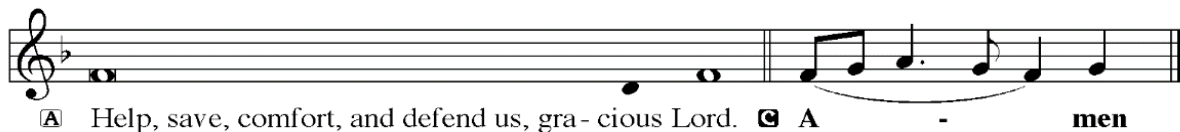
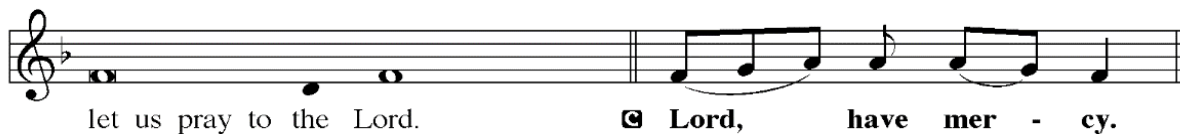
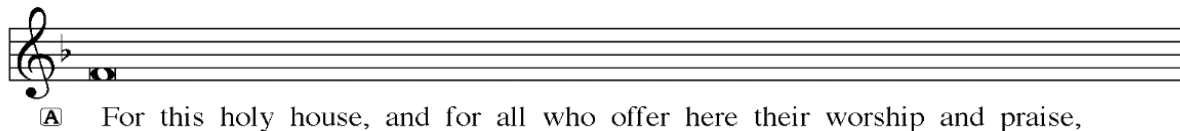
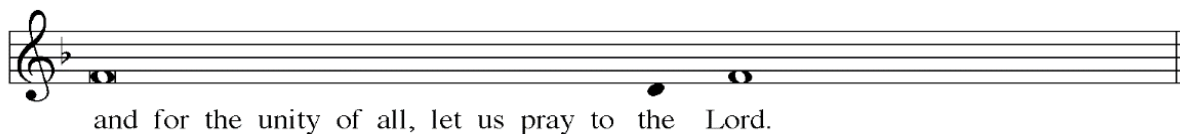
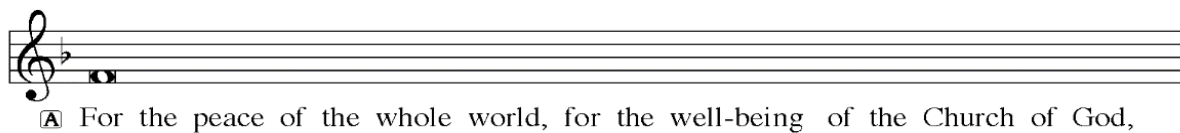
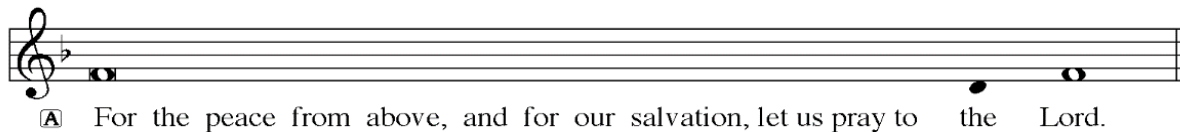
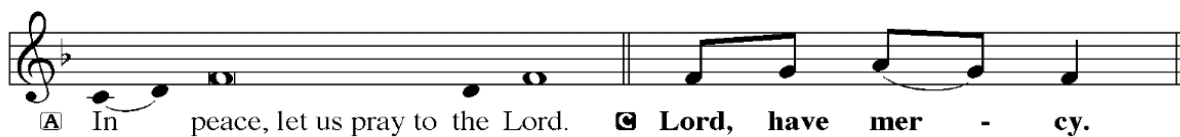
**\* APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.



## \* KYRIE



## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... God of all, as we read of Jesus' family, full of men and women both wonderful and flawed, give us gratitude for all who have come before us and made us who we are. Help us to remember that, more than anything, we are a part of your beloved family.

C: Amen.

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• **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:1-17**

R: A Reading From the Gospel According To Saint Matthew, the first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. <sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup>and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, <sup>4</sup>and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup>and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup>and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup>and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup>and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup>and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup>and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. <sup>12</sup>And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup>and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup>and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. <sup>17</sup>So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **SERMON**

**Pr Mel Musser**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the long anticipated Messiah, Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord, amen.

Wow! Who can stand to read through such a list of names from so long ago that are so hard to pronounce? I'm so happy and excited to be able to preach about

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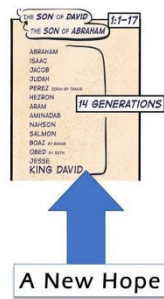
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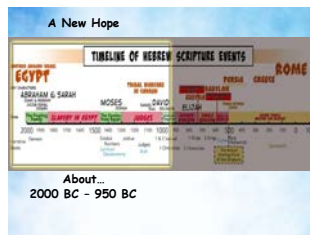


all these people today. They are our family. They are our heritage. They are our story... I found this very witty Pastor on line, Rev. Dr. Steve Thomason. He has spent his adult life illustrating the entire Bible. Every story, every song, every historical event. His website goes by the title The Cartoonist's Guide to the Bible. He has some extremely funny and yet very interesting perspectives on the scriptures. I'm really happy I found his site before I had to preach on these first 17 verses of Matthew's Gospel. I mean who could preach on the genealogy of Jesus... Talk about a boring way to start the new year... I know Matthew started out this way for an important reason, but sometimes important still equals boring... So, in an effort to make this list of ancient, hard to pronounce names more understandable and dare I say fun to ponder, it might help to look at the epic story of how Jesus came to be, from the perspective of a great trilogy. Matthew does point out this genealogy is divided into three parts... Probably the most famous trilogy ever is the franchise created by George Lukas called Star Wars. In the first Star Wars movie we were introduced to the Force, which apparently has a dark and a light side. This is much like the universe we live in... In the first installment of God's Trilogy we're introduced to God's chosen people. Here we find the heroes of the first part of the trilogy of God's story. Abraham is the recipient of God's blessing and in this first part God's people grow and finally, under King David,

become a single great nation blessed by God to be a blessing and to bring hope to all the nations of the world.

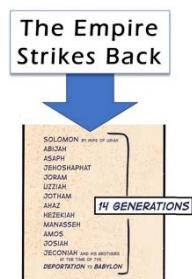


**(SLIDE)** In the first 14 generation of the Jesus genealogy, we move from Father Abraham to King David. George Lukas gave the first Star Wars movie the Subtitle Episode IV, A New Hope. What a great title for the first 14 generations of Jesus' genealogy. Let's call this first part of our trilogy "God's Chosen People-A New Hope for the World." So far, the tribes are united under King David. Things are looking pretty good.



**(SLIDE)** Here's the timeframe for this part of the trilogy... In the Lukas Star Wars Trilogy, the second installment was Subtitled "The Empire Strikes Back".

That's pretty much the story line that happened during the timeframe of the second period or the next 14 generations. Here's what I mean...



**(SLIDE)** This middle section goes from the reign of King Solomon to the Jeconiah brothers who ruled at the time when Israel and Judah were defeated and the people were deported to Babylon.

Here's the rough timeline for these second fourteen generations.

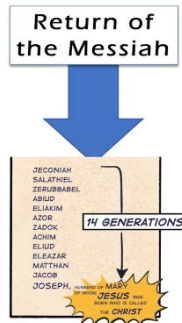


**(SLIDE)** During this time, things quickly go wrong after David dies. The Kingdom is overpowered by

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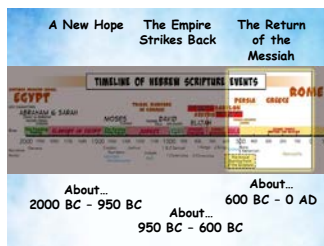
selfishness, pride, greed, and power. They are literally defeated by invading empires and all seems lost. Sound familiar?

In the Lukas Star Wars trilogy, the third leg of the trilogy was subtitled, “The Return of the Jedi.” In the genealogy of Jesus and the saga of God’s plan for the salvation of the world, we’ll call this part, “The Return of the Messiah”.

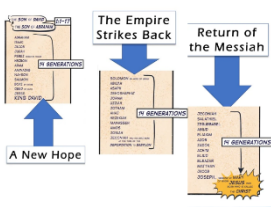


(SLIDE) I can say return of the Messiah, because He was around at the beginning as the “Word of God” who created the whole thing from the get-go. The people have now been waiting for centuries to welcome a new king like David, the anointed one. The Messiah--

Jesus is that king. The period of the Return of the Messiah went from roughly 600 years before Jesus’ birth to that unforgettable night in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago.



(SLIDE) In God’s perfect timing, the Messiah comes and God’s plan for the redemption of the world is finally coming to fruition. God has broken into our world in order to save all of God’s creation.



(SLIDE) I thought this comparison to the George Lukas

Star Wars trilogy was so witty and yet so right on the money as far as helping us understand the great movements of God's

history in dealing with His creation. The ancestry of Jesus gives this newborn baby not just legitimacy, but also illustrates how God's plan has been in place since the beginning. This Messiah can trace his ancestry all the way back to Abraham. Yet, we know his lineage goes much further, all the way back to the beginning of the cosmos. (SLIDE)



In our family, PJ has started to dabble in finding out about her ancestors. As most of you know she has become acquainted with her biological mother, Mama Jane, her Aunt Gwladys, and several other biologically related family members about 2 years ago. Since then she has really expanded her sphere of known family as well as so many ancestors... Back in her school days when the teacher assigned a Family Tree project she was sad because her friends all had large family trees with many branches, and hers was just her, her adopted mother and father, and perhaps one or two others who she had met growing up. A month or so ago she showed me all the biologically related family members she has discovered using Ancestry.com. I'm not a paid commercial actor, nor am I on the payroll for Ancestry.com, but once her Aunt Gwladys found us, it was like the

dam burst wide open. In the past two years her family tree went from this...

(SLIDE)



To this...



(SLIDE)... Pretty amazing. This slide doesn't even

include all of the children of these aunts and uncles or the grandchildren of them... We've even met some of these

Aunts and Uncles and many of their children who aren't shown in this picture. It's amazing and wonderful to see how this person whom I've known and loved for all these years, who had no idea she was a member of this huge family, suddenly has more aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives than you can shake a stick at...

With such a large family also comes a family history that goes along with it.

Here's one example of what we've discovered so far... Many years ago a set of uncles, two brothers, decided it would be a good idea to rob a gas station. The two brothers got caught and put in jail. That jail couldn't hold these two and they soon escaped and drove off in the town's police car. They were later apprehended again and eventually had to face the music...

The Bible is full of stories like that about all of Jesus' relatives. The good, the bad, and the ugly; they're all part of the family Jesus was born into. All 42

generations from Abraham to Joseph, not to mention all those ancestors who lived long before recorded history going all the way back to Noah and even further back to Adam and Eve... The story of Jesus is really the story of humanity from the beginning until now. The Star Wars Saga didn't end with the Return of the Jedi. There have been at least 3 or 4 more movies and several TV shows that have spun off from the original trilogy. The story of God's interactions with His creation didn't stop with Jesus' birth either. Jesus' long line of family members just keeps getting bigger and bigger!



(SLIDE) Today we added one more child to the

Family of God's people. Eleanor joined that long list of fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters who are grafted onto

the family tree of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. From this day forward, Eleanor will always be a Christian. It's now a part of her DNA and nothing will ever separate her from Jesus Christ. That's how strong and binding the ties of Baptism are. Saint Paul famously wrote to the Church in Rome, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39 NRS) In her Baptism, Eleanor has the absolute assurance that no matter what, Jesus will never leave her or let her down. Matthew wanted to make this fact



explicitly clear. Just 5 verses after this extensive genealogy Matthew tells us Jesus' name is Emmanuel, which means God With Us. At the very end of his Gospel Matthew put those exact words coming from the mouth of Jesus. After he's been crucified and raised from the dead and right before he ascends back into heaven to rule with Our Heavenly Father, Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

May we understand the great movements in God's epic story of creation and redemption as being our family story too. May the overarching narrative of the Bible help us to see the great love with which God embraces us every day. And may God's family tree continue to expand until it includes all of humanity and all of creation itself. Thanks be to God for including us in that enormous Family and for giving us the opportunity to welcome Eleanor as one more of God's precious and Holy Children. Amen.

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Confident that your promises are sure, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of all families, you have named wise and strong women in Jesus' genealogy. Raise up faithful women in every generation and help us to honor their role in our lives. Immanuel, God with us,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: We are of one family with all of creation, interdependent with one another for our survival. Make us good stewards of all that you have made, working for the protection and care of water, plants, and animals. Immanuel, God with us,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: Remind all who lead of their responsibility to those they serve, and give them a heart for peace and justice for all your earthly family. Immanuel, God with us,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: So many struggle with illness of body, mind, or spirit. Send your healing to all who suffer, (*especially*). Give strength to the families who support and care for them. Immanuel, God with us,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: We are of one family with people all over the world. Make us committed to sharing our resources so that all people might have life abundantly. Immanuel, God with us,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We remember with gratitude all the saints who have come before us, faithful members of the Body of Christ, who continue to lead us by their example. Immanuel, God with us,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

P: In faith, hope, and love, we lift our prayers to you, in the name of your promised savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

**• OFFERING**

*The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

## \* OFFERING PRAYER

P: God, throughout generations you have sustained your people, providing us with all we need to survive and thrive. We offer now what we have so generously been given, our possessions and our very selves.

C: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Communion is by "station". All the Baptized are welcome at this Holy Meal.*

## \* DIALOGUE

♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## \* PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \* THE SANCTUS

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

\* Please stand if able

• Please be seated

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**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him. By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one through this heavenly food, we pray as Jesus taught...

**C: 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.**

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God invites all people, from all times and places, to the feast of salvation. Come join the throng and be filled.

**• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion is By Station. As the ministers say these or similar words...*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen.*

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

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\* Please stand if able

• Please be seated

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**• ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* SENDING BLESSING**

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* SENDING HYMN**

**“Earth And All Stars”**

**LBW 558**

*(Verses 1, 4, and 5 Only)*

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**



**\* POSTLUDE**

**Roxanne Groff**

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### Trinity Worship Assistants and Staff

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Parrish Nurse	PJ Musser
Custodian	Mark Groff
Secretary	Sharon Fourman
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Altar Flowers	



Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Matthew 3:1-17



### Health Tips for the Week

**Mind-** Prepare your vision or resolutions for 2023  
**Body-** Start an exercise program (online or in person)  
**Spirit-** Begin a new Bible based devotion

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### **This Week @ Trinity – January 1 thru January 8, 2023**

<b>Sun, Jan. 1</b>	10:30 am	Worship w/Communion
<b>Mon, Jan. 2</b>	7:00 pm	Dartball at Oakland Church of the Brethren
<b>Wed, Jan. 4</b>	11:30 am	WELCA Meeting
<b>Fri, Jan. 6</b>	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
<b>Sun, Jan. 8</b>	10:30 am	Worship



**JANUARY TRINITY TRUMPET** – Please pick up your copy of the January newsletter.



### **Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.



### **Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.



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