



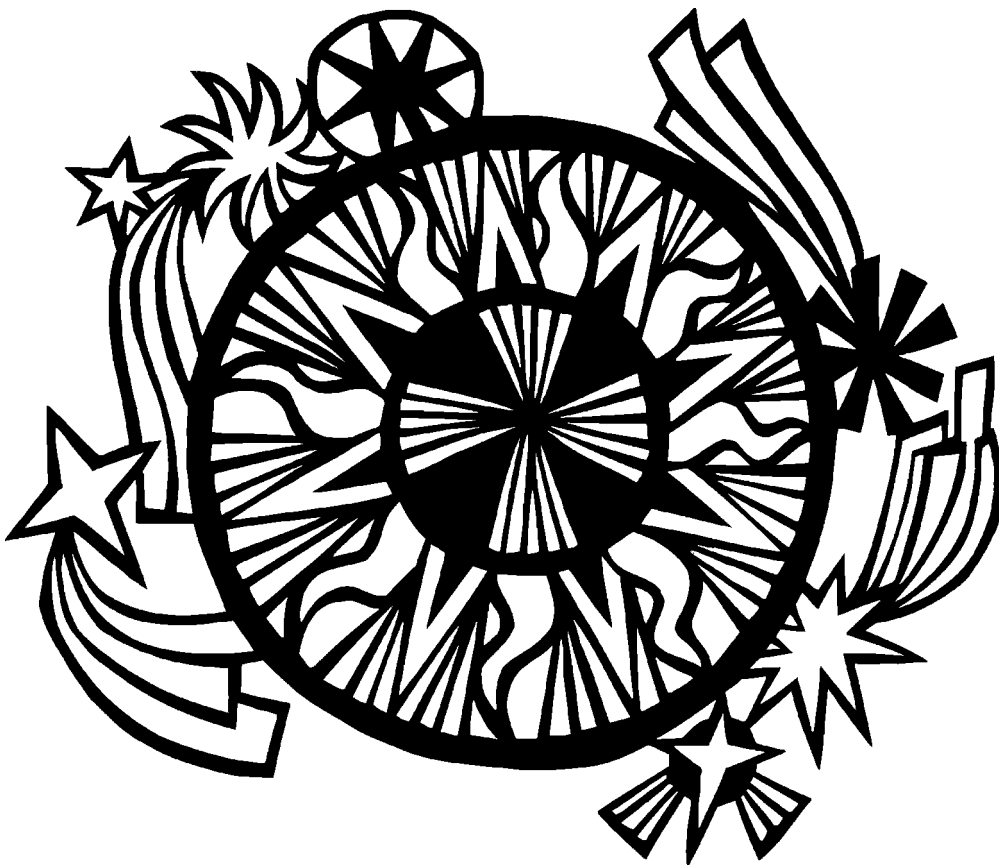
“People coming together to be The Church,
not just attend one.”

Trinity Lutheran Church is an open and inclusive
church, welcoming all who seek God.

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Second Sunday of Christmas

January 02, 2022



Lessons and Carols Service of the Word
11 a.m. Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING! We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of longstanding, we celebrate your gifts and your ministry among us. Our order of worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin.

MISSION STATEMENT - The Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church is to nurture faith through proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by word, sacrament, deeds and loving relationships, to ALL people.

VISION STATEMENT - As proclaimers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church is to maximize our gifts and resources to reach out with God's love and serve the global community.

COMMUNION PROCEDURE - The communion table of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is open to all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. Please follow the ushers' instructions at the time of distribution. Children who have not yet received first communion instruction are welcome to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated weekly throughout the year. No one is ever required to participate in the sacrament, but it is offered to nourish and sustain God's people. This is in accordance with Lutheran teaching:

Background 35A: The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained. This practice was reaffirmed in 1989 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We continue to need "consistent pastoral encouragement and instruction relating to Holy Communion...pointing up Christ's command, his promise, and our deep need." For a variety of historical reasons, Lutherans in various places moved away from the weekly celebration of the sacrament.

Application 35C: Participation in the sacramental meal is by invitation, not demand. The members of the church are encouraged to make the sacrament a frequent rather than occasional part of their lives.

(Excerpts from: The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 35)

OFFERING

FIRST SUNDAY: ELCA World Hunger

The offering is collected at the beginning or end of worship using the plate at the entrance of the church. Each week, our congregation collects a general offering for the church and our ministries. Additionally, we collect an offering for special projects. If you would like to make a regular gift to the church, please place it in the offering plate. If you are looking to support our special project (noted above), please place your offering in the barnyard boxes or noisy offering buckets

Sunday, January 2, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING DIALOGUE

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW#283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

OPENING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sit

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

Each reading concludes:

Reader Word of God, Word of Life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #836 v. 1&2

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #279 v. 1&4

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #265 v. 1, 2, & 3

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #277 v. 1&2

Away In a Manger

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #275 v. 1&2

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Sixth Reading: John 1:1-14

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #291 v. 1&3

Let Our gladness Have No End

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS

Seventh Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #314 v. 1,2 & 4

Arise Your Light Has Come

Eighth Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #300 v. 3, 4, & 5

The First Noel

Ninth Reading: Luke 2: 41-51

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #304 v 1& 4

Christ When for Us You Were Baptized

Tenth Reading: John 2: 1-11

HYMN RESPONSE ELW #293 v 1,5 & 6

That Boy Child of Mary

Stand

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

- P Glory to God in the highest,
C **and peace to God's people on earth.**
P Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**
P Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**
P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
C **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- A You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need (*especially*). Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities (*especially*). As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service (*especially Wilhelm Loehe, whom we commemorate today*). Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P Let us pray.

Word Holy God, Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness, we hear your in the scriptures, proclaiming to us your wisdom and inviting us to follow your call. For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother, who preached your righteousness, healed the sick, and revived the brokenhearted. For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.

C **We worship you, O God.**

P By your Spirit, bless all who receive this Word, that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.

C **We praise you, O God.**

P Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #287 vs 1, 2 & 6

Let All Together Praise Our God

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

SERVING AT TRINITY

Ministers: Every member of the congregation

Piano/Keyboard: Paul Lucas

Parish Secretary: Chris McNamara

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP:

11:00 AM

Lay Leader: Phyllis Klingler

Assisting Minister: Patti Weber

Ushers: Tom Stockford-Shively, Chris McNamara

Altar Guild: Tom Stockford-Shively,

Offering Counters: Gene Stockford-Shively, Patti Weber

FLOWERS –The flowers on the altar today are given by Phyllis Klingler in honor Steven's birthday.

