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Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers.

Regarding Communion

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service this morning. Scripture indicates that, in Holy Communion:

- Christ gives us his true body and blood with the bread and wine, which believers eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29; John 6:51-58; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-25).
- Those who commune without repentance and faith can do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).
- By communing, we profess unity in our beliefs with the people communing with us (1 Corinthians 10:16-18).

At this congregation, therefore, all who commune are to examine themselves in repentance. Those not yet baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, or who do not share the beliefs of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune and to speak to the pastor about receiving instruction. Any who desire may receive a blessing instead of Communion by coming forward and crossing their arms on their chest. Thank you.

De-alcoholized wine is offered at communion in the center circle of the individual cups.

Please sign the <u>red record book</u> found in your pew. If you plan to take communion, mark "communion".

Hymns and content are from the Lutheran Service Book **Divine Service 4**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Hymn of Invocation #405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh disguised— To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
 Came God's own voice with words profound:
 "This is My Son," was His decree,
 "The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!

He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation LSB 203

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- C who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Absolution LSB 203

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 45:6-8a; antiphon: v. 17

- **P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
- therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.
- Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

- you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
- Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

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.

- **P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
- therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Kyrie LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C 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 worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 - C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar,

and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ

Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

C 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

Matthew 2:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

dead.

LSB 207

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

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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #397
"As with Gladness Men of Old"

- 1 As with gladness men of old
 Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright;
 So, most gracious Lord, may we
 Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
 Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
 There to bend the knee before
 Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
 So may we with willing feet
 Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
 At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
 Keep us in the narrow way;
 And when earthly things are past,
 Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide,
 Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
 Need they no created light;
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
 Thou its sun which goes not down;
 There forever may we sing
 Alleluias to our King.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

- **P** Lord in Your mercy,
- **C** Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude)

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering

E-giving is also available on our website trinitylutheranchurchparkhills.com

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Jacobean) LSB 208

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 singing:

Sanctus LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n 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!

Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

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 H 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 LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

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.

> 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.

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Distribution

(During the distribution, as you wait, take a few moments to meditate on God's Word and the gift we are about to receive at His table. Questions on page 329 of LSB are available your use.)

Hymn #568 "If Your Beloved Son, O God"

1 If Your beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression.

- 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
 Despair no more reigns o'er me.
 No more am I by sin oppressed,
 For Christ has borne sin for me.
 Upon the cross for me He died
 That, reconciled, I might abide
 With You, my God, forever.
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart;
 Now all my sorrow ceases.
 - Now all my sorrow ceases.

 His words abiding peace impart;
 His blood from guilt releases.

 Free grace through Him I now obtain;
 He washes me from ev'ry stain,
 And pure I stand before Him.
- 4 All righteousness by works is vain;
 The Law brings condemnation.
 True righteousness by faith I gain;
 Christ's work is my salvation.
 His death, that perfect sacrifice,
 Has paid the all-sufficient price;
 In Him my hope is anchored.
- △5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my Savior. Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid And gained for me God's favor. O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace, The good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope preserve me.

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Hymn #404 "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered,
 Had no blemish of His own;
 In the waters of the Jordan
 His true worth and work were shown:
 Heaven opened and the Spirit
 There descended like a dove,
 As the Father's voice resounded,
 "Hear My Son, the One I love."
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior— "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us, Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior
 Greatly longed to undergo;
 This the crimson cleansing needed
 So the world God's love might know;
 This the mission of Messiah
 As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
 He, the chosen and anointed
 Son of God, sent to redeem.
- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path; You, by death, have consecrated

Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam,
Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous,
Over us the cross You trace.

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Hymn #346 "When All the World Was Cursed"

When all the world was cursed

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- By Moses' condemnation, Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation. With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named, And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed. 2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting, Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting. By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold, He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God
 That bears the world's transgression,
 Whose sacrifice removes
 The devil's dread oppression.
 Behold the Lamb of God,

Who takes away our sin, Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

4 O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

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.

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

- P Let us pray...
- C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn #538 "Praise Be to Christ"

- 1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see
 The image of the Father shown,
 The firstborn Son revealed and known,
 The truth and grace of deity;
 Through whom creation came to birth,
 Whose fingers set the stars in place,
 The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,
 The furthest bounds of time and space.
- 2 Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway
 And will upholds creation's plan;
 Who is, before all worlds began
 And when our world has passed away:

Lord of the Church, its life and head, Redemption's price and source and theme, Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as all-in-all supreme.

3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,
The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears,
Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace
Who chose for us the path He trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease
And all be reconciled to God.

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Announcements

- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God

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Trinity Times

Today	11:30 a.m.	Altar Guild take down Christmas
		decorations
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation Class
Wednesday	1:45 p.m.	Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

No choir, handbells practice Dec 27 – Jan 17; will resume Jan 24

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Isaiah 60:6 – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It's simply what Christians do: Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: we give with a thankful heart.

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"Life Quotes"

January 7 "What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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Connie Jo Giesselmann- Health issues
Jan Faskell- Eye issues
Matt Nickelson- Health issues
William Deer- Serving in the military
Mike Nickelson, Matt's brother- Heart issues
Matt Presnell, Sue & Jim Martin's son- Heart issues
Mary Ellis, Sue & Jim Martin's daughter- Stroke
Thomas Knox, Winnie Knox's son- Cancer
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