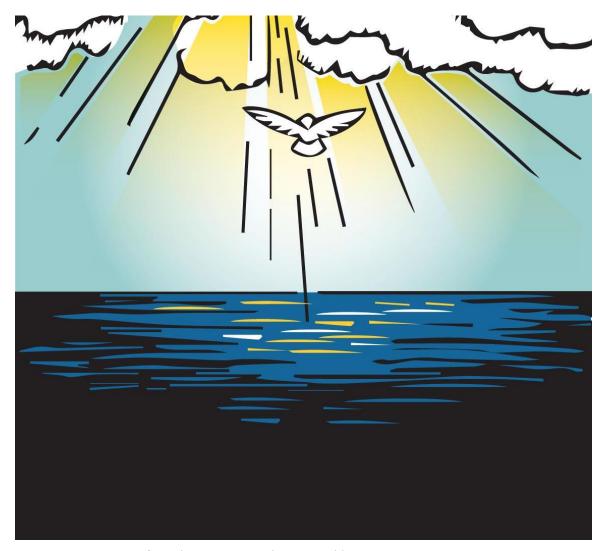
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

Rev. Timothy Utton ~ Vacancy Pastor Jana Kuenzli ~ Director of Music





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WiFi Password - HelloFriend

Good Morning! We welcome you today as a part of God's family here at Trinity! We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Visitors – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR — Flo and Richard Ball, Janet Eddy, Chuck Edsall, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Terry Ingmire, Jan Knickelbein, Julie and Sam Locklear, Mary Ann Medlin, Bob and Carol Petrie, Sherrie Schirmer, Boyd Sylvester, and Linda Vernick.

HOLY COMMUNION — In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. **During distribution, the Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.** For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

Today's Worship Participants

Greeter Ushers Lector Communion Assistant Video Stream Host/Hostess

Cathy George Dave Petri Ted Baroody LWML

Participants for Next Sunday

Greeter Ushers Lector Communion Assistant Video Stream Host/Hostess John Malone Errol Jennings and Anne Starke David Chadwick John Knickelbein Kevin Heckman

Errol Jennings and Doug Sulak

John Malone

Divine Service Setting One

The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service, then talk to one another after the Service.

Organ Prelude

Christians Wake, A Voice is Calling

Nicolai/Schreiner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Stand and face the Processional Cross* (rear of the Church)



Confession and Absolution

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

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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

C Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,

and rejoice with trembling,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

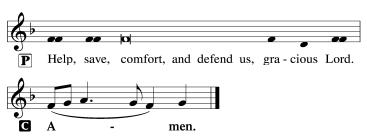
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

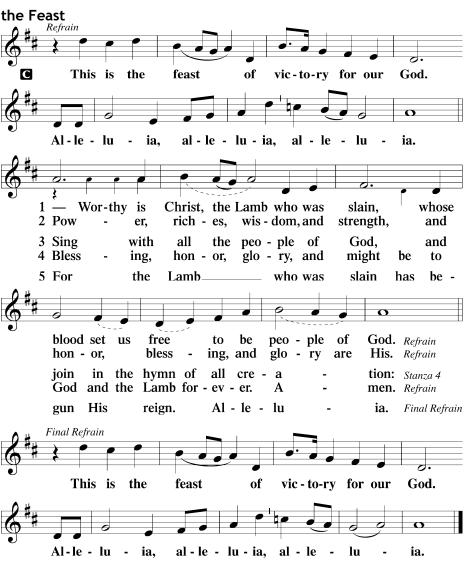
Lord,

have mer - cy.





This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Gradual

C Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

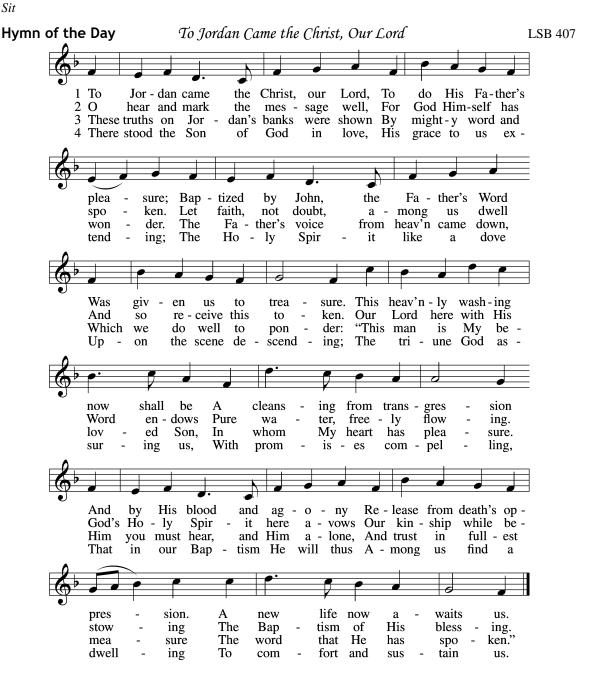


⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





(additional verses next page)

- To His disciples spoke the Lord,
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,
 And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
 To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."
- All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.

 Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.

 For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;

 The wonders of His precious blood
 The love of God revealing,

Assuring His own pardon.

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Children's Message

Sermon

Remembrance of Baptism

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

6 But woe to those who cast aside
This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.

Offering Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.

Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests -

Please take this time to sign-in the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew.

Voluntary

The Coventry Carol

arr. Cindy Berry

Stand



Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in your mercy...
- Chear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

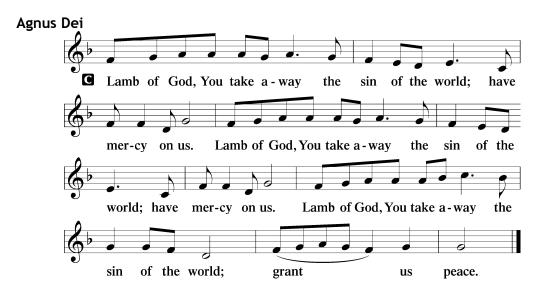
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your 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

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

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Sit

Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

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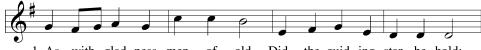
The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

The Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold; 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,
- 3 As they of fered gifts most rare At Thy cra dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way; 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;

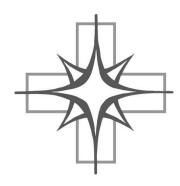


As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy, And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee. So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat. All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King. Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

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Thank the Lord



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 Collect

- **P** 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. Amen.

Benediction

- 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.





Sharing the Peace of Christ

P Go in peace and serve the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Following the service, 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).

Organ Postlude

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Thomerson

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Please stay after the service today for the De-Greening of the Church – Many hands make for light work as we un-decorate the church and put away the decorations.

The Trinity Call Committee invites the congregation to a virtual interview with the Rev. Eamonn Ferguson on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please plan to arrive by 6:50 so we are ready to begin the interview promptly at 7 pm. Rev. Ferguson's Pastoral Information Form (PIF) and Self-Evaluation Tool (SET) will be available in the office for your review. Please do not remove or copy these documents. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Elizabeth Baroody. We look forward to the conversation with Rev. Ferguson as we consider him to be Trinity's next undershepherd. Thank you!

2024 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Welcome Center this morning. PLEASE CHECK CLOSELY FOR YOUR NAME, THEY HAVE ALL BEEN RENUMBERED! If you are currently giving through *Simply Giving* and would still like envelopes, please let Anne Combes know. If you do not have envelopes but would like some, please take a set from the unmarked boxes and write your name and envelope number on the sign-up sheet provided.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January - March are now available. You may pick one up from the Narthex as you exit this morning.

In preparation for our new 2024 Church Directory - If your picture is out of date or missing, please see Patty Malone after service to have a picture taken. Also, if there are changes to be made to your contact information, please let the Church Office know.

LWML News - On Sunday, January 28th, the ladies of the LWML will be having a BAKE SALE after the service. ALL PROCEEDS from this Bake Sale will go to support Rachel and Susan Prince in their mission trip to the Dominican Republic through Greenbrier Christian Academy. All baked goods will be packaged to take home with you. Please make plans to stop by the Welcome Center and make a purchase to help support their trip.

As we begin the New Year, we are entering our second year of our five-year campaign - MOVING



TRINITY FORWARD Fund. This campaign has a goal of \$250,000. This fund will help support a renovation of our heating and cooling systems, support updates to the building to cover safety and security, a renovation of our playground, and updates to our roof and wiring throughout the building. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we continue the "*Moving Trinity Forward*" **Campaign**. This will enable Trinity to plan for our future, and **our future looks bright!** Please mark on your envelope that the donation is for the MTF Fund! If you would like a pledge card to commit to your gift please or have any questions, please contact the church secretary.



In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancellations. Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file and by phone to those who do not. Please do not rely on the notice being posted on the local news networks.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, January 7 th	Baptism of Our LORD	
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	De-Greening of the Church	Following Worship
Monday, January 8 th	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Thursday, January 11 th	Ladies Bible Study	11:30 am
	ZOOM Interview w/Pastoral Candidate	6:50 pm
Sunday, January 14 th	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am

Scriptures for January 14th

1 Samuel 3:1-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ~ John 1:43-51

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Worship Attendance - 89 General Offerings - \$3,424.50