

Holy Spirit, purify our wills by helping us surrender to the greater will of God.

Intervene in our lives, expel Satan, and fill us with the way of Christ, who taught us to pray, "Thy will be done."

Amen.

RICHARD F. BANSEMER, WE BELIEVE, P. 81

The Divine Service

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

152 YEARS OF GATHERING ₩ GROWING ₩ GOING

Welcome

The Ten Commandments are words of life. By observing them within the community we protect the lives of the people we know, and we are protected from the people who would harm us. Conversely, when the commandments are not observed, death in one form or another is the result. The eighth commandment and its explanation in the Small Catechism tell us: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. What does this mean? We are to fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light." [...]

The life-giving eighth commandment, and its catechetical meaning, teaches us to defend our neighbors. It goes beyond merely not repeating gossip, and instructs us to speak well of our neighbors and explain our neighbors' actions in the best way. That might include speaking face to face with our neighbor when we hear a malicious rumor. That might include asking the bearer of bad news if he or she is an actual witness to the words or deeds discussed. That might include asking if what is being said fit with what is otherwise personally known about the accused individual. It certainly does not include believing or repeating the "news" one hears.

Let us assume the person being criticized is innocent of the rumored offense. Let us assume that the gossip is malicious and untrue. This is what the eighth commandment teaches us. Let us also assume that the gossiper has wittingly, or unwittingly, repeated malicious words. Then, we might ask: whose sin is greater—the subject of the slander or the slanderer?

The real and surprising answer is that it does not matter. The gospel truth is this: If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed! Whatever the deed, it is only the gospel truth that sets us free, and by God's grace, it does set us free.

FORUM LETTER, VOL 41, NO. 9 (SEPTEMBER 2012), P. 4-5

WE ARE VERY HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

At Trinity, we use the *Lutheran Service Book* to lead us through worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- P indicates sections spoken by the pastor. C indicates responses by the congregation and will be in bold print.
- The red italicized text in the bulletin indicates when the congregation should stand or sit. If you aren't able to sit or stand, we understand. The important thing is that you're here!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

At Trinity we want families and children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't be embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Trinity.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the church, note the colors, watch the pastor, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your child, encouraging them to

- chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord* have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask.
 There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all. Welcome to Trinity!

COMMUNING WITH GOD AND WITH ANOTHER

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod believes and confesses that in this meal the Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true Body and Blood into our mouths. His gift of Body and Blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, and unites us with each other. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in this biblical teaching of the Lord's Supper, and if you agree with our confession of faith, you are encouraged to commune today. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with Pastor before the service. (Please note: The white wine is non-alcoholic).

OPENING HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

INVOCATION 1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20, 28:18-20

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

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Hebrews 10:22, Psalm 124:8, Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

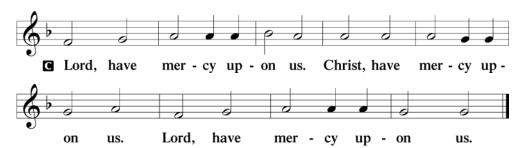
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

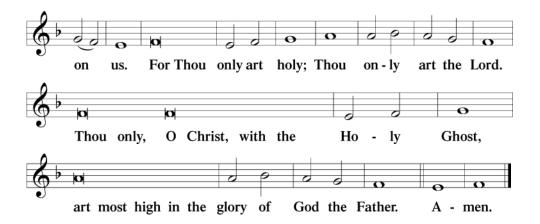
PSALM 51:10-12

KYRIE Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Luke 2:14; John 1:29





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY Isaiah 61

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- P Let us pray.

 Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 18:15-20

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

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

PSALM Psalm 95

Cantor/Choir sings the antiphon the first time.

Congregation joins in the second time. Psalm 95:8



Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. v. 6-7 **Antiphon**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works." v. 8-9

Antiphon

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

One can know that God alone is God, yet have no part in the life that comes from Him. That knowledge is inflating. It makes people self-confident. Life in God— what Paul calls here love—builds up and creates faith and fellowship with God and man. The right kind of knowledge is very important. Even more important, however, is the devotion that comes through fellowship with Christ.

BO GIERTZ, TO LIVE WITH CHRIST, PP. 472-473



However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

Standing

ALLELUIA

Cantor/Choir sings the entire antiphon the first time.

Congregation joins in the second time.



- They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority. *Mark 1:22*
- C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (as sung above).

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

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



They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of

him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

SERMON

Standing

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.

Jesus reveals who He truly is. He is more than a man from Nazareth. He is more than a teacher 📆 with authority. He is the cosmic Christ. This is His synagogue, and these are His people. His rule is over all things, visible and invisible. His power is without equal. He has come into this world to fight against Satan and to defeat him. He will set free all the people Satan claims as his own.



DAVID SCHMITT, GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28, 1517.ORG

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayer:

- **P** Lord in your mercy.
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE Matthew 5:22-25; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

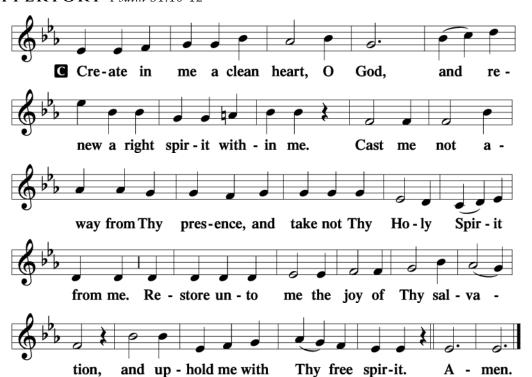
OFFERING

CELEBRATION RINGERS (8:00 AM) God of Grace and God of Glory

Please take a moment to fill out our guest book found at the far end of the pew.

Standing

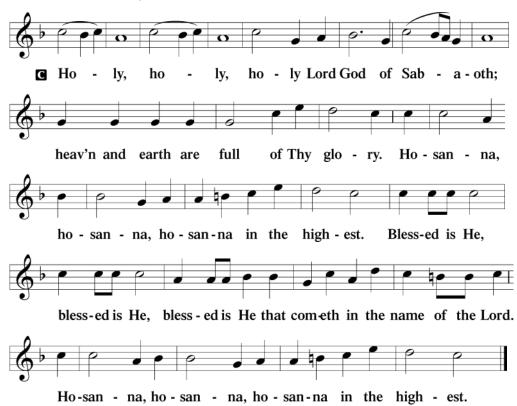
OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12



PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 13:6

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.

C.S. LEWIS, SCREWTAPE LETTERS, P. IX



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 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.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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 Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11

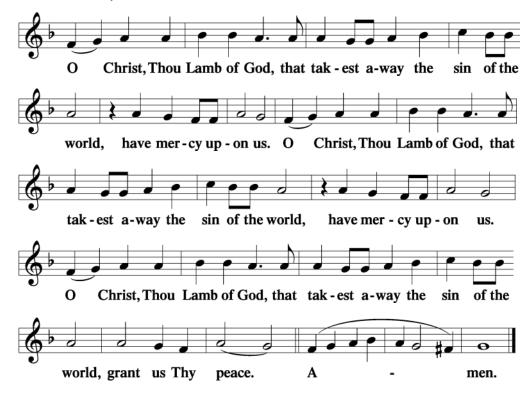
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI John 1:29



Sitting

DISTRIBUTION

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious
LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

Prayer after Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy Body and Blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Standing

DISMISSAL

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

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

It is impossible that the same ones who have been nourished with the body and blood of our Lord—with that greatest of meals—would remain in the grave. We eat Him but we do not change Him in our body. Rather, we are changed in Him. We are members of Christ and are filled with breath by His Spirit. We are nourished by His body and blood.

JOHANN GERHARD, SACRED MEDITATIONS

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.

Sitting

CLOSING HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

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Birthdays

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Comfort, health and recovery

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Connie Garrison	Kingston Pump 1	1/28
Alice Jordi	Diana Eisenbart 1	1/29
Tim Kahl	Janet Hulke 1	1/29
Carolyn Krich	Rylan Castel 1	1/30
Larissa Nickel (Shirley Colsant's daughter)	Luke Mahnke 2	2/02
Marilee Payne		
Rick Payne	Anniversaries	
Mike Rottman (son of Ted & Peggy Rottman)	Don & Lynette Schies	sher 22 <i>years on</i> 2/02
Eileen Solsberger		
Alison Stevens (wife of Evelyn Bicknese's grandson)	Prayers for Persecuted Christians	
Betty Zirk	Algeria, Jordan, Mauritania, Pakistan	

Peace and comfort for those who mourn the death of

Tom Fischbach, who passed away on January 24, 2024.

Expectant Mothers

Alexa Hatesohl, Taylor Seegers

<u>Prayers for Partner Churches</u>

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia

Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you know and love. Call or email the church office with any prayer requests.

Weekly Announcements - January 28, 2024

ELGIN PREGNANCY CENTER DRIVE January 21st - February 18th is Trinity's time to celebrate the lives of babies through our support of the TLC Pregnancy Services with a collection of baby items. The center is requesting diapers in smaller sizes 1, 2, and 3. There is a real need also for onesies and infant sized new clothing along with baby soap, wipes, lotions and powders. Mom's baby bags and bottles are also requested. In addition, they also are accepting small denomination gift cards (\$5-\$10) for stores (grocery/Walmart/Meijer). Please drop all items off in the bin near the mailboxes in the narthex (beginning Jan 21st).

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS It is appropriate that Christian homes be blessed by God's Word and prayer. Usually this is done during Epiphany due to the connection of the visitation of the Magi to the home of the baby Jesus. If you'd like Pastor to come and bless your home, please let him know via email or phone call.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in your mail box in the narthex. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact <u>treasurer@trinityhuntley.org</u> or call the church office.

THE 2023 FINANCIAL CLOSE REVIEW was completed in November and the letter from the CPA is posted on the whiteboard in the Narthex.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY God's promise of deliverance from sin and death arrived in human flesh in the person of Jesus. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am as we study the Gospel of Matthew and delve more deeply into Jesus' love for us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome on Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m. Join us in the sanctuary for a message from Pastor, sacred music, and Bible stories. We'd love to see you there! Contact Alexa Hatesohl with any questions.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! It's not too late to start ringing, singing, and/or playing an instrument in worship! How about learning songs for Lent and Easter? Celebration Ringers (Bells) and Voices in Praise (Choir) meet on Tuesday evenings - Bells in the loft at 6:00 pm and Choir under the loft at 7:00 pm. See Lana if you'd like to play an instrument! Think and pray about serving in Trinity's music ministry!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am. The study begins at 12:30 pm.





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SERVING TODAY

Elders:

Keith Bereolos, Caleb Kittel (8:00 am) Rick Castel, Donovan Johnson (10:30 am)

Ushers:

Georginia Ozga-Dortch (8:00 am) Matt Castel (10:30 am)

Confirmation Ushers:

Noah Gutierrez, Grace Johnson (10:30 am)

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The altar flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for our Weekly News email, sent every Friday, by visiting our website and clicking on the link to sign up.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.

WORSHIP ANEW — A PROGRAM FOR SHUT-INS

A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at **WorshipAnew.org.**

OFFERINGS —DECEMBER 2023

Operating: \$58,333.00

Joyful Living Campaign: \$895.00

July 2023- June 2024 Budgeted Expenses: \$32,399.25/month* *Thank you for tending your tithes and offerings!

Calendar for the Week

Sunday ~ January 28, 2024

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study and Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service12:00 pm Confirmation

Monday ~ January 29, 2024

Church Office Closed; Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday ~ January 30, 2024

6:00 pm Bells (Celebration Ringers) 7:00 pm Choir (Voices in Praise)

Thursday ~ February 1, 2024

11:45 am Bible Study