

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus
Sunday, January 1, 2023



Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word

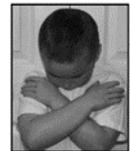
Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.



Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine **we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other guests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.



We invite guests to visit with the pastor about how we may commune together in the future.



Communicants may receive the wafer by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.

The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is allergic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.



Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who prefers or needs a more private setting.

Prayer Requests: If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.



Publications: We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



Audio Assistance: We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.



Serving in God's House Today:

Preacher:	Rev. Joseph McCalley
Liturgist:	Rev. Brian Thieme
Elders:	(8:00) Jim Cherrington (10:30) Carey Smith
Organist:	Matthew Frerking
Acolyte:	(10:30) Tori Thompson
Altar Guild:	Phyllis White

Order of Service: Divine Service IV – LSB 203

Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly



1 O re - joi - ce, ye Chris - tians, loud - ly, For our joy has
2 See, my soul, thy Sav - ior choos - es Weak - ness here and
3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee right - ly? I ac - knowl - edge
4 Je - sus, guard and guide Thy mem - bers, Fill them with Thy



now be - gun; Won - drous things our God has done.
pov - er - ty; In such love He comes to thee.
that by Thee I am saved e - ter - nal - ly.
bound - less grace, Hear their prayers in ev - 'ry place.



Tell a - broad His good - ness proud - ly, Who our race has
Nei - ther crib nor cross re - fus - es; All He suf - fers
Let me not for - get it light - ly, But to Thee at
Fan to flame faith's glow - ing em - bers; Grant all Chris - tians,



hon - ored thus, That He deigns to dwell with us.
for thy good To re - deem thee by His blood.
all times cleave And my heart true peace re - ceive.
far and near, Ho - ly peace, a glad new year!



Refrain
Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad - ness, Christ has done a -



way with sad - ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,



Confession and Absolution

Stand

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But 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.

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16

- P** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”
- C** Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- P** Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C** I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”
- C** 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** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 8:10; 10:17

- P** This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
C after those days, declares the Lord:
P I will put my laws into their minds,
C and write them on their hearts.
P I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
C I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

Epistle

Galatians 3:23–29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

LSB 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

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.

P 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 saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

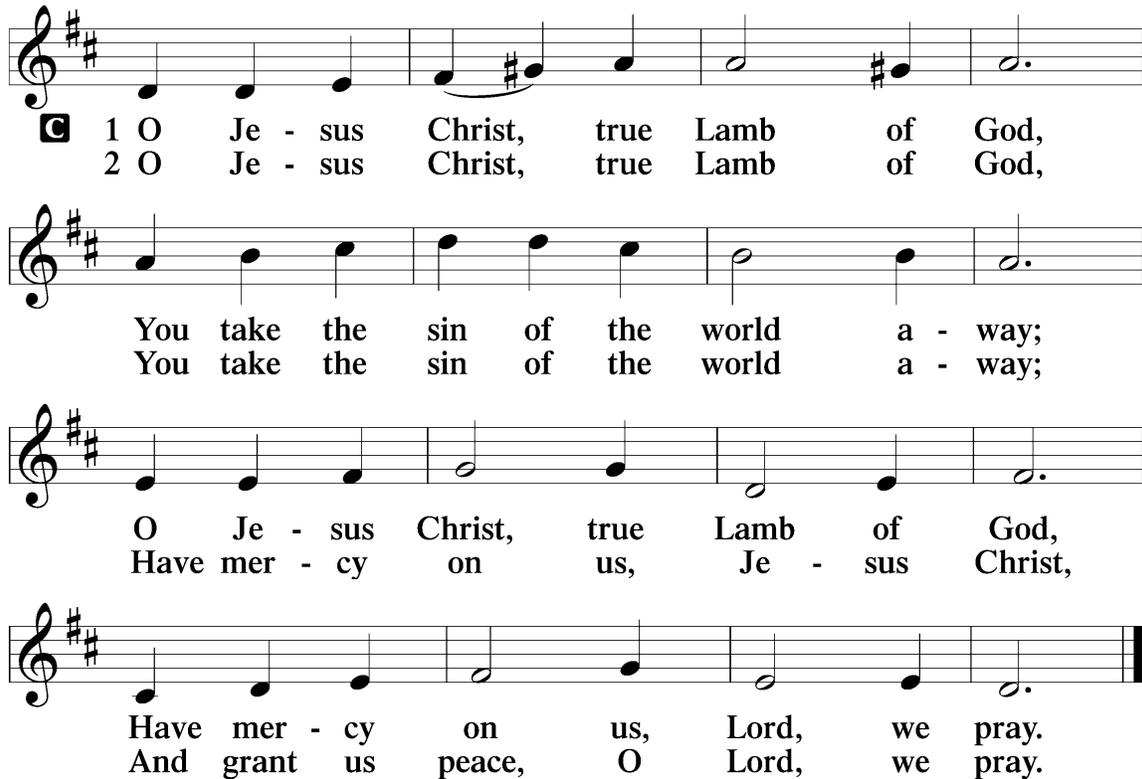
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

LSB 746 *Through Jesus' Blood and Merit*



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom,
And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 628 *Your Table I Approach*



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - pish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Stand

Dismissal:

- 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.

C 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

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

Benediction

- P** 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

LSB 898 *The Ancient Law Departs*



- 1 The an - cient Law de - parts, And all its fears re - move,
2 The Light of Light di - vine, True bright - ness un - de - filed,
3 His in - fant bod - y now Be - gins the cross to feel;
4 To - day the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, For Thy re - deem - ing love,



- For Je - sus makes with faith - ful hearts A cov - e - nant of love.
He bears for us the pain of sin, A ho - ly, spot-less child.
Those pre-cious drops of blood that flow For death the vic-tim seal.
They call Thee Je - sus, child di-vine; Our Je - sus deign to be.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one In glo-rious might a - bove.

Organ Postlude

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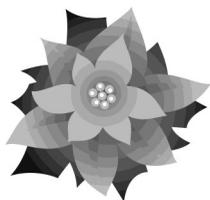
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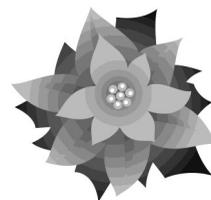
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January 1 & 2, 2023



The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Don & Lynne Scharlott in honor of their 50th anniversary



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 1/1

New Year's Day

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/
Communion
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/
Communion

Monday 1/2

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service w/
Communion

Tuesday 1/3

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—BoECE
6:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry
6:30 p.m.—BoCE

Wednesday 1/4

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Thursday 1/5

6:30 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

Friday 1/6

Pastor Thiem's Day Off

Sunday 1/8

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/
Communion
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/
Communion
11:45 a.m.—Lunch & Board Orient.
5:00 p.m.—Handbells
6:00 p.m.—Choir
6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship

MEMORY VERSE

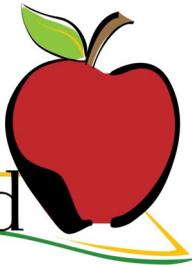
In the beginning,
God created
the heavens and
the earth.

GENESIS 1:1

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Teachers
Needed



- LEAD TEACHER—INFANT ROOM
- TEACHER'S AIDE

If interested in exploring employment with our center:

- Send an email to Annette Kiehne at TLCLC@trinity-lcms.org
- Call us at 573-445-1014
- Text Annette directly at 573-864-6168
- For more information, check out the job posting on Indeed (www.indeed.com)
- Area college students may apply on Handshake at www.joinhandshake.com



Life Sunday Opportunity!

Trinity will observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 15th. At that time you will have the opportunity to support the Missouri Lutherans For Life Adoption Fund. The purpose of this fund is to help Lutheran families of Missouri with the process of and funding for adopting a child in need of a home. God calls us to remember the widows and orphans; this is an opportunity for you to do so. Please plan now to be as generous as God calls you to help families with adoption. The need is great.

Life Team has asked Trumane Orson, from LFCS, to speak at our adult Sunday school class on Sunday, January 15th, Life Sunday. Please mark your calendars and join us for this interesting and informative opportunity to learn more about LFCS. We will also have a sharing moment and a freewill offering for the LFL adoption fund which exists to help with the cost of adoption, which can be very expensive.



God's blessings this Christmas season!
The Life Team

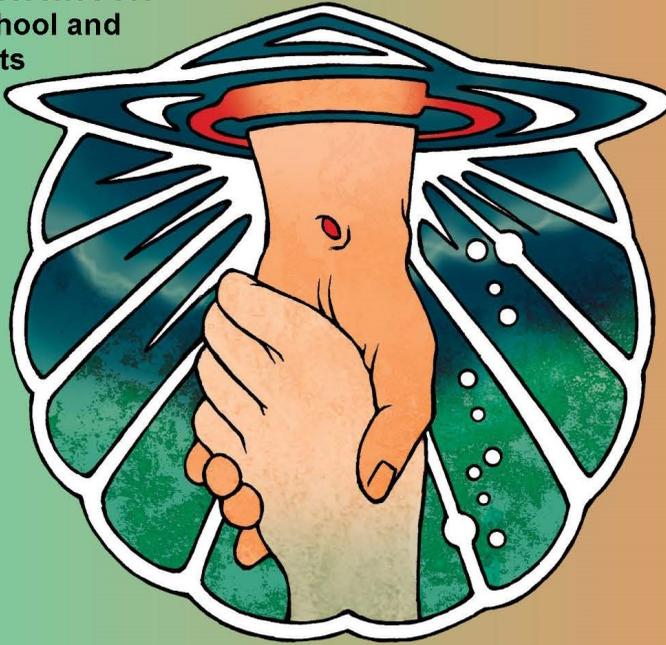
2023 Member Contribution Envelopes



Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2023 off the tables in the overflow room. There is a new number for 2023 for the majority of our members, so please do not use leftover 2022 envelopes. Thank you.

If you cannot locate your box, please leave a message for the Financial Secretary and she will be happy to assist you.

A summer conference for
Trinity high school and
college students



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Higher Things Conferences 2023

Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois
July 18-21, 2023

OR

Trinity University
San Antonio, Texas
July 25-28, 2023

INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall
Watch your mailboxes!

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Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study



The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 a.m.

Pastor McCalley's death and dying study will resume on January 12. We will cover issues and concerns of pastors, families, and funeral home directors during times of loss and grief. We'll take a look at the ministry of the funeral service, cremation versus traditional burial, advance planning, etc. Everyone is invited to this study (if you can force yourself out of a warm bed to attend at 6:30 AM on Thursday).

Chinese Dumplings

Pastor McCalley will host a Chinese dumpling-making extravaganza on either January 20 or 22. Cost will be \$7 per person. If interested, please let him know by January 16.



Large Print Hymnals

During the New Year's Eve Services, new large print hymnals were blessed for use by our congregation.

These hymnals can be found in the accessible seating area in the sanctuary and at the hearing assistance table in the narthex.

Although they are large, these hymnals are surprisingly lightweight for their size.



If you ordered poinsettias, please be sure to take them home after the service today. Thank you!



Attendance Cards

Please assist us by filling out the attendance cards located in the pew rack. Each card has two sides: one for you to provide a record of attendance, communion, and pastoral care needs; the reverse contains space for prayer requests.

These cards help us to keep track of attendance and membership for our own church records and our annual report to the LCMS.

Cards may be placed in the offering box before or after the service. Thanks for your help!

What: Tallis Scholars Concert at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

When: April 19, 2023 at 8:00pm

Contact: Church Office or Pastor McCalley

Cost: tickets \$19-\$42 + transportation

Description: The Tallis Scholars are one of, if not the, leading UK ensemble of sacred Renaissance and modern vocal repertoire. Their North American tour brings them to Saint Louis for one night only next April at the Cathedral Basilica. Tickets will likely sell fast. If enough people are interested, perhaps the bus can be scheduled. Please indicate interest by 12/30/22 so tickets may be purchased. For more information on the ensemble: thetallisscholars.co.uk



Scholarship Opportunity

Interested in becoming a church worker (pastor, deaconess, DCE, teacher)? Trinity Lutheran Church offers scholarships for students pursuing church work.



1. Eligibility
 - a. Scholarships may be awarded to students studying for an LCMS church vocation (pastor, teacher, DCE, deaconess, etc.)
 - b. Recipients must be attending an LCMS university or seminary.
 - c. Recipients must be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.
2. Application and Approval
 - a. Potential recipients must submit a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
 - b. Scholarships may be renewed annually if the recipient requests continued support by submitting a written letter of application to the Board of Directors.
 - c. Applications for summer school scholarships will be considered.
 - d. Scholarships and their specific amounts must be approved by the Assembly of Voters.
3. Administration
 - a. Scholarship checks will be written to the institution (or its appropriate subunit) on behalf of the recipient. Checks will not be written directly to the recipient.
 - b. Scholarship funds will first be drawn from the budgeted line account item (account 534). If the budgeted account is depleted, funds may also be drawn from the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund (account 195).
 - c. If the budgeted line account has a balance at the end of the fiscal year, the balance will be moved into the dedicated LCEF scholarship fund.

Lectionary Preview Study

Prepare for next week: The Epiphany of Our Lord, January 8, 2023

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

1. The verses from Isaiah continue the Christmas themes of "light coming into the darkness." Remember: The Old Testament reading for Christmas Midnight is Isaiah 9:2 and the Gospel for the Nativity our Lord is John 1:4-5, 7-9. Why is God's light much more meaningful than the light of men?
2. What does darkness refer to, spiritually speaking?
3. When we discuss prophecy, we talk of "multiple fulfillments," meaning, the words spoken are true more than once. What dark event will occur to the people of Israel in 586 BC and last for about 70 years? What will their light be after this is over? Looking further ahead, how are Isaiah's words also fittingly describe the Messiah? See 2 Corinthians 4:4-6.
4. What verses suggest God's salvation will extend to all people, not just the Jews?

Psalm 72:1-11; ant. v. 18

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

5. In verse one, St. Paul refers to his imprisonment. Why did this happen? Refer to Acts 21:27-36 and 23:23-26:32.
6. In verse two, how does St. Paul describe his responsibility of God's grace? Can you recall other instances where pastoral ministry is described in this way? Think of the Gospels and also 1 Cor. 4:1-7.
7. Is Paul saying pastors and church workers are more favored than other Christians in verse five? See Eph. 2:20 and 4:11-12.
8. Why can St. Paul find cause to rejoice in his sufferings for the Gospel, according to these verses?
9. Through what *body* is God's wisdom made known in verse 10? To whom is it made known?

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

10. Why do we call it Epiphany? Supposedly, there were three appearances (not the same year) that were grouped together: 1) the appearance of the Bethlehem star and the adoration of the magi; 2) the physical appearance of Christ beginning his ministry by his baptism in the Jordan and the opening of heaven to reveal the voice of the Father and the Spirit descending as a dove; 3) the appearance of Christ as the wedding of Cana.
11. Does God use the magi to force an acknowledgement from Herod and the Jews that the Messiah has been born?
12. Medieval theology fun: The magi went home by another route. How do Christians "go home" by another route? See St. John 3:4-6?
13. Why does the whole city Jerusalem tend to be "troubled" when Jesus is involved? What event in Matthew 21:1-11 also throws the city into upheaval?

Radio Resources

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

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9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

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