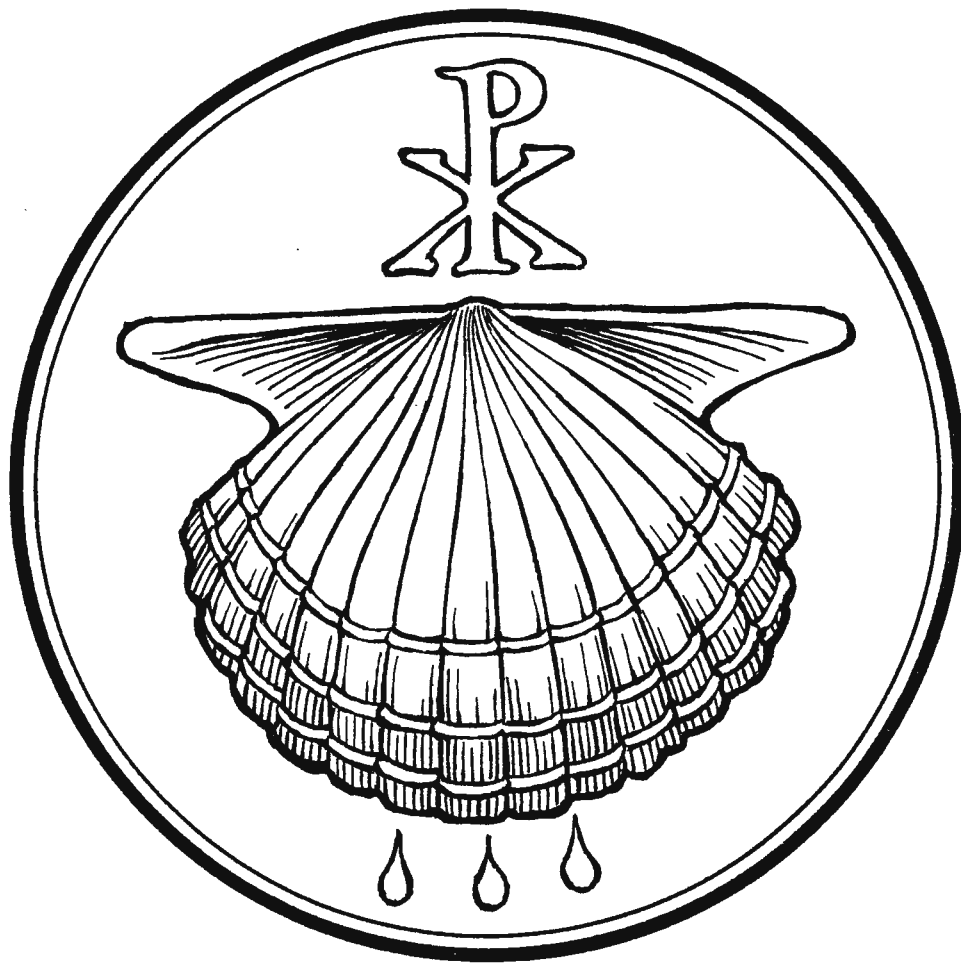


The Baptism of Our Lord  
Sunday, January 7, 2024  
8:00 a.m.



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.

## Preparation for the Lord's Supper



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. Digital recordings of the weekly service are available on Facebook (trinitylutherancomo) and YouTube (TrinityCoMo).



Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist:	Rev. Brian Thieme
Preacher:	Rev. Joseph McCalley
Elders:	(8:00) David Attebery   (10:30) Ron Barrett
Ushers:	(8:00) Kyle Dickes & Hunter Kevil (10:30) Rob Crouch & John Kuehner
Organist:	Bonnie Lawler
Altar Guild:	Mary Riggert

# Order of Service: Divine Service I – LSB 151

Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!  
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.  
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-sa  
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-  
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.  
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!  
here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,  
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us  
Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

## 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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** 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.

**C** 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.

**P** 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

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

**P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**C** I will tell of the decree:

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

**P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C** You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

**P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C** Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,

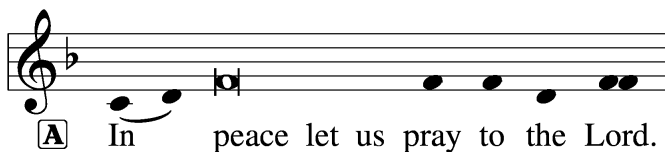
**P** for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

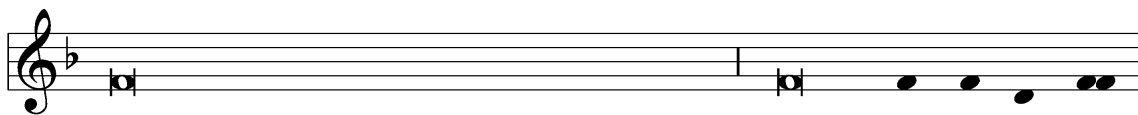
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*





**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



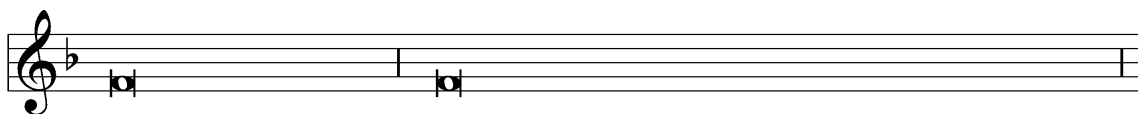
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



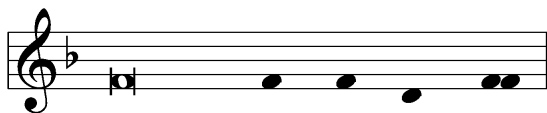
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



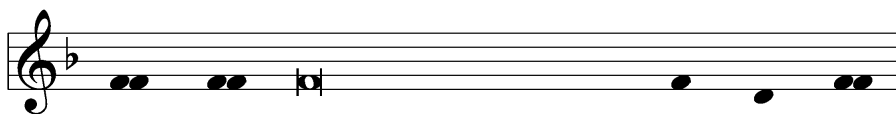
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

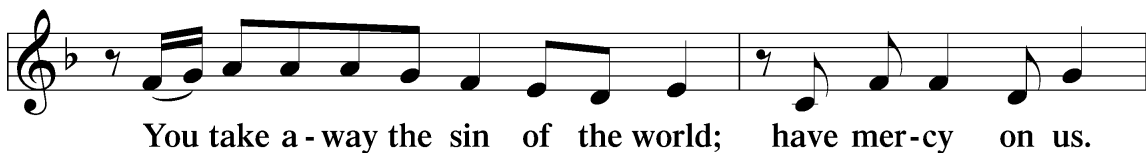
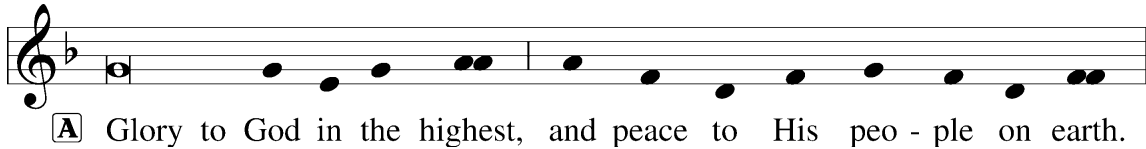


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154







in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1–5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The 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.

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** Extol him, all peoples!

- P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**C** and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**C** bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We 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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:4–11*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

Sermon Hymn

LSB 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His  
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -  
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y  
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to

Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
 us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove

Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -

now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,

And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find

op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 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.”

7 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.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## 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.

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.

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.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering & Offertory

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the

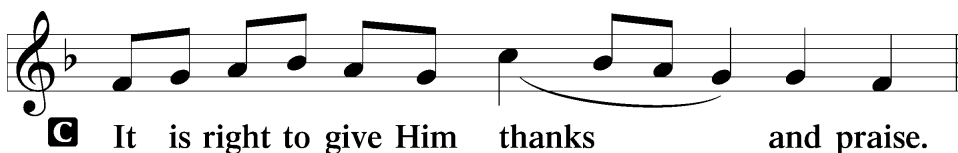
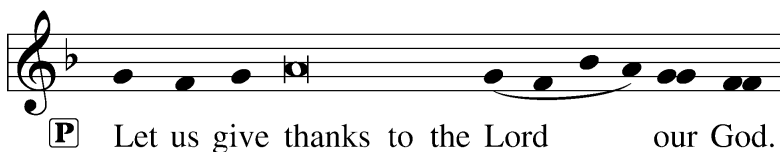
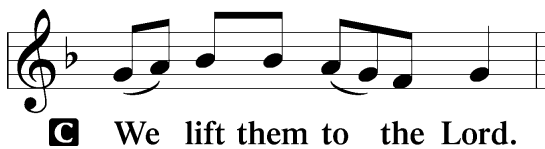
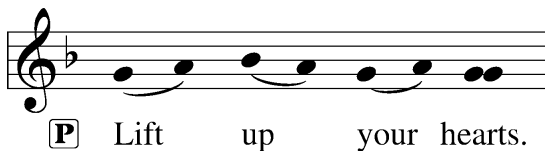
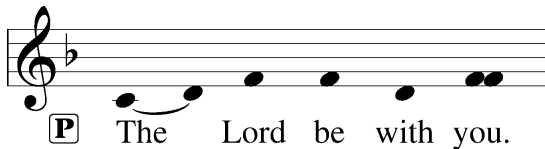


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160



**P** 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

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**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.

# Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

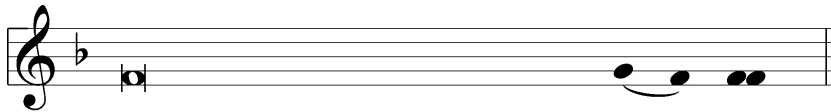
### The Words of Our Lord

**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."

### Pax Domini

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

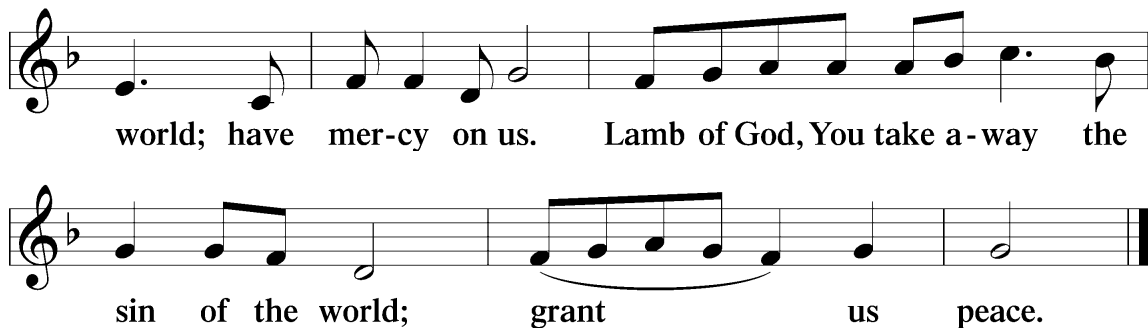
LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



*Sit*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

LSB 402 *The Only Son from Heaven*

1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un-shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van-quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

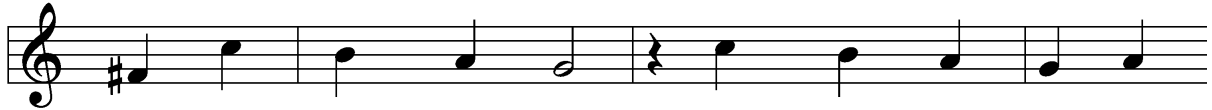
shin - ing fore us prov - ing, ho - ly, As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
And bring us life a - gain. May reap its full - ness there.  
O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Distribution Hymn

LSB 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

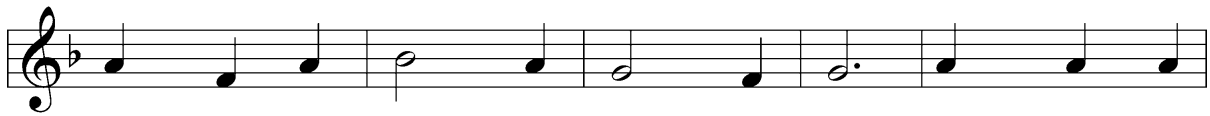
*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

# Distribution Hymn

LSB 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

*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.

## Nunc Dimittis

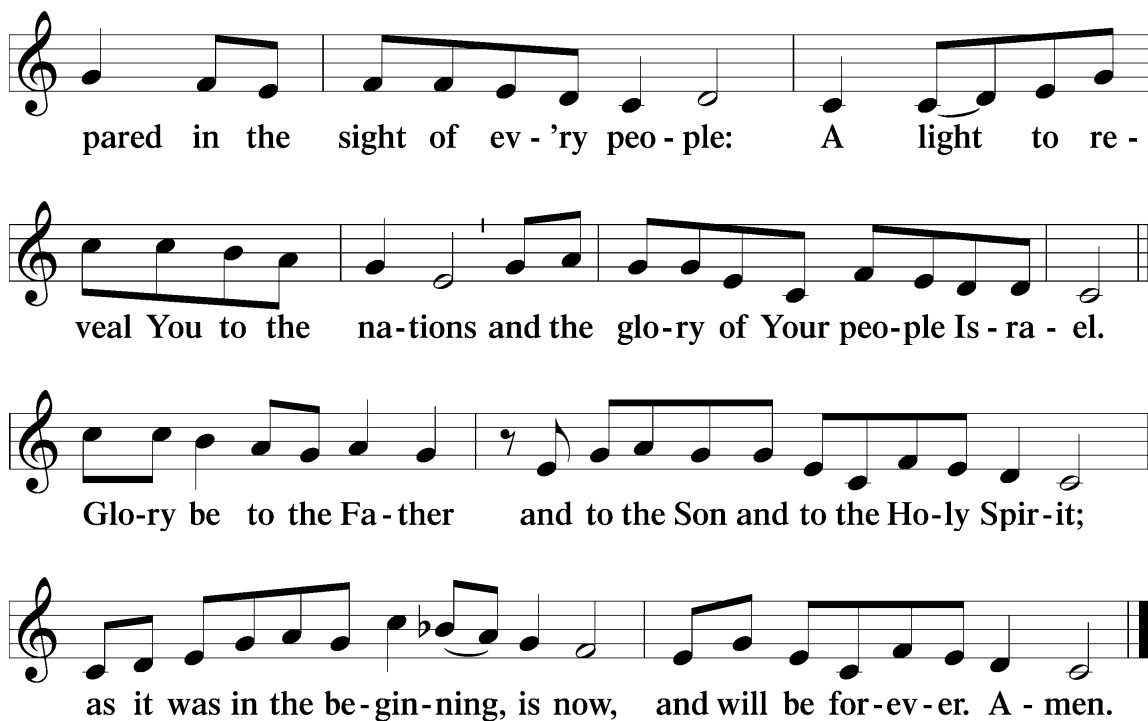
LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

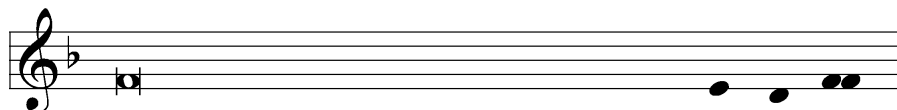
- P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

LSB 166



- 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** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

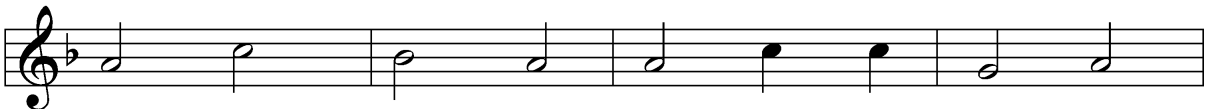
LSB 396 *Arise and Shine in Splendor*



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

## Organ Postlude

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# Trinity Weekly News

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January 7 & 8, 2024

If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers in 2024 to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you may sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office. Sponsors typically donate \$25 to the Altar Guild



## This Week at Trinity:

### **Sunday 1/7**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
12:00 p.m.—Board Orientation & Training  
6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship Club

### **Monday 1/8**

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm

### **Tuesday 1/9**

9:00 a.m.—Pastors' Circuit Winkel  
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
6:30 p.m.—Board of Directors

### **Wednesday 1/10**

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Guild

### **Thursday 1/11**

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
9:30 a.m.—Undecorating the church  
5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.  
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

### **Friday 1/12**

### **Pastors' day off**

### **Sunday 1/14**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
12:00 p.m.—JCC  
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice



If you purchased poinsettias, please pick them up after the service!

### Helpers wanted!

Come help take down the Christmas decorations on **Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.**



**BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

### ATTENTION :

To all Boards of Trinity Lutheran Church and Board members. Our first Board of Directors meeting for the year is

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm.**

Please have a Board representative present.

Are you a *Lutheran Witness* subscriber? Would you like to be? Please let the church office know if you would like to start or renew a subscription. Cost is \$20.65/year (\$1.60/issue) for 11 issues. If interested, please contact the church office via email ([church@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:church@trinity-lcms.org)) or phone (573) 445-2112 **no later than January 31, 2024!**



*Payment can be done via check or cash, using the Lutheran Witness envelope included with your contribution envelopes. If paying by check, please put 'Lutheran Witness' on the memo line. Thank you!*

### *Men's* **Bible Study**



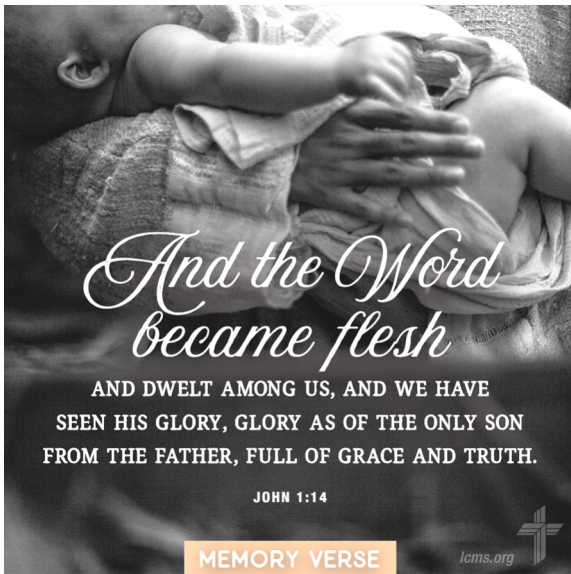
### Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition)*, starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of *Concordia*, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the *Concordia* notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at **7:00 am each Thursday.**

### Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Come at 9 am for coffee! All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend. Come join us on **January 10!**





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The Board of Youth invites

ALL HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
4:30-6:00 PM  
Youth Room

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Whether you're a regular  
attendee or haven't been able to  
attend a Youth Group event...  
**WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!**

Must be present to register for  
gift card, but we will contact the  
winner if not there at time of  
drawing.

***Come any time 4:30-6:00.***

***Ice Cream Floats can be made "to go"!***

***\*Any questions please contact Jacque Eckhoff\*  
573-289-0273***

# ✠ CONGREGATION AT PRAYER ✠

## CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

Epiphany focuses the Church's thinking to the specific ways God manifests His glory in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

## THEME OF THE WEEK

This Sunday St. Mark records heaven opening and the voice of the Father himself confirming Jesus as His Son, a Divine Son, and a Son with authority. Our theme then is "God Manifested in the Baptism of Jesus." Jesus' Baptism is not only a confirmation of his status as God's own son, but also an inauguration of His public ministry. After the baptism everything Jesus does is publicly preaching, teaching, healing, and miracles. The Prayer of the Week encourages believers to continually return the work and promises of God given in their own baptism. For in water and word each of us was made an heir, a divine son, and that we may also enjoy the blessings of glorification (especially divine wisdom, which is why the daily morning readings are from Proverbs) which God gives on account of Jesus. A review of the Small Catechism section on Baptism will be useful for prayer and meditation this week.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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.

## WEEKLY PSALMS

*Morning* Psalm 45

*Evening* Psalm 87

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Monday* Proverbs 1:1-19; Luke 3:1-22

*Tuesday* Proverbs 1:20-33; Luke 4:14-30

*Wednesday* Proverbs 3:5-30; Luke 4:31-44

*Thursday* Proverbs 4; Luke 5:1-16

*Friday* Proverbs 8:1-29; Luke 5:17-39

*Saturday* Proverbs 9; Luke 7:1-17

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (20); Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

## DAILY CATECHISM

Theme of the Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment & Meaning

<i>Monday</i>	Luke 9:51-55 Why did Jesus send messengers into the village? How were the messengers received? How did the disciples respond? What does it mean to curse? Does Jesus allow them to call down God's wrath?
<i>Tuesday</i>	Exodus 3:1-15 Who appeared to Moses? Why did Moses hide his face? What does verse seven reveal about the LORD? What did the LORD desire to do for His people? What did Moses ask the LORD in verse 13? How did the LORD answer him? What name is given? Was Moses given the LORD's name to use?
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Kings 18:20-40 To whom do the prophets of Baal pray? For how long do they pray? Are their prayers heard? To whom does Elijah pray? How quickly are Elijah's prayers heard? What does this teach us about prayer?
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 9:6-7 About whom does this passage speak? What names for Him does this passage reveal? What does each name reveal about Him?
<i>Friday</i>	Matthew 1:18-21 About whom does this passage speak? What names for Him does this passage reveal? What do these names teach us about Him? How do these names encourage us to think about Him?





## 2024 Member Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2024 off the tables in the overflow area. There are new numbers for many of our members, so **please discard any unused envelopes from previous years.**

If your address on the box is absent or incorrect, please contact the church office to update it. Thank you!

If you cannot locate your box, please let the Financial Secretary know and she will be happy to assist you.



The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers! Those who are interested should reach out to the church office via phone

(573.445.2112) or email [church@trinity-lcms.org](mailto:church@trinity-lcms.org).

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals are held most **Sundays at 5 pm**. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.



## Life Thoughts

**January 7 – Epiphany I/Baptism of Our Lord** – Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor (Mark 1:11)!

## Stewardship & Scripture

### January 7 – The Baptism of Our Lord

**Mark 1:7** – “And [John] 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.’” John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

*Brought to you by LCMS Stewardship Ministry and Trinity's Board of Stewardship & Finance*

## Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will meet on **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** in the church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (September through May) at 6pm in the church basement. Activities include a very short business meeting, Bible study, and fellowship time with snacks. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



New Year's greetings from the Life Team! Every January we celebrate Life Sunday. This year in addition to celebrating Life Sunday on January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Life Team invites you to celebrate Life Week! The congregation is invited to a zoom call every day from Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. You can do this by visiting **[lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/](https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/)**. The theme this year is Just As . . . I Am! There will be a Sharing Moment on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from the Life Team with more details and Life Week reminder cards will be passed out after each service.

The topics for each day are:

- Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – From Fertilization to Forever – (A Gospel-Motivated Foundation)
- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – in Terminal Diagnosis
- Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – Surviving and Thriving
- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – in Surprise Pregnancy
- Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – with Courage and Compassion
- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – as Male and Female
- Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – for Blessing and Serving

To access these events, go to [lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/](https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/) and scroll down for the zoom access information. It is the same for each day.

The Life Team will also be holding a freewill offering on Life Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to support the Lutherans for Life Adoption Fund. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with adoption fund in the memo line. A special Life Sunday lesson will be held for children pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as an special Adult Sunday School lesson. We are looking forward to celebrating Life Sunday with you!

Blessings, the Life Team

## THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN FAMILY and CHILDREN SERVICES

On behalf of Lutheran Family and Children Services of Mid-Missouri, thank you for your generosity in contributing essential items to our “Season of Sharing Christmas Tree”. Your kindness helped restock the LFCS closet with critical supplies for clients’ emergency use.

In this season of giving 2023, Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center contributed 4,558 diapers/pullups and 7,164 baby wipes to this cause. I share these numbers to give you an example of your generosity and compassion for this cause in that the numbers of diapers and wipes donated nearly doubled last year’s numbers collected. Also donated: pacifiers/teething rings, infant medication items, thermometers, infant formula, infant shampoo/lotion, infant clothing, blankets, bottles, books, misc. toys, household cleaning/laundry supplies, adult personal care items, and \$80 to provided services to clients. The LFCS staff members expressed sincere appreciation when items were delivered because of the growing need this year.

In addition to facilitating adoptions, LFCS assists individuals and families with parenting support. They also provide counseling services for pregnancy, postpartum depression, grief, divorce, abuse, and other emotional issues.



With gratitude for your thoughtfulness in sharing,  
Myra McCoig, on behalf of LFCS

### Collections for Community Missions

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions! Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.

- *Bibles and Devotional Materials*
- *Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)*
- *Coupons with no expiration date*
- *Eyeglasses you no longer use*
- *Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)*
- *Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops*



# Radio & Podcast 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](http://www.lhm.org), on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM**

8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

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

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

## KFUO Lutheran Radio

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Blessed Epiphany! Begin studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin a new series on the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with Dr. Cameron Mackenzie on The Coffee Hour (1/10 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and begin studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and the KFUE Radio app!



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