

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 28, 2024



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.

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Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist:	Rev. Brian Thieme
Preacher:	Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan
Elders:	(8:00) David Attebery (10:30) Ron Barrett
Ushers:	(8:00) Hunter Kevil & Kyle Dickes (10:30) Rob Crouch & John Kuehner
Organist:	Bonnie Lawler
Altar Guild:	Phyllis White

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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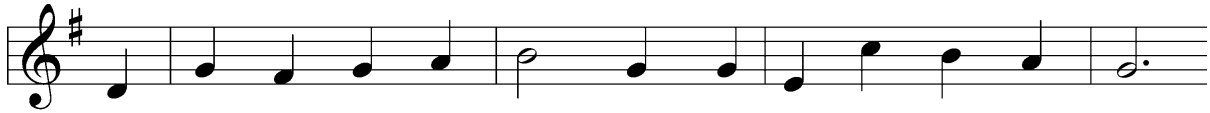
Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

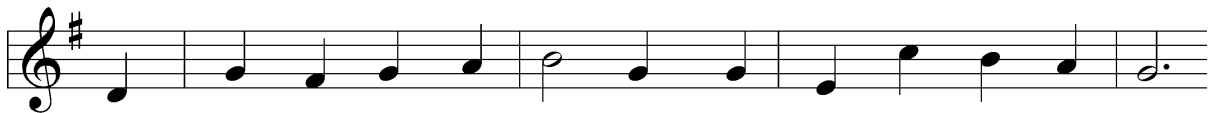
Organ Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 915 *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

P Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

C You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in 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.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵“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—¹⁶just 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.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I 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.¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰But 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.

Gradual

Psalms 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

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, 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.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet 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.

⁷However, 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.

⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better


off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, 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.

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

Mark 1:21-28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And 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.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.

Sermon Hymn

LSB 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of 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.

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

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

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 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 639 *Wide Open Stand the Gates*



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While

round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose

end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.

They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,

The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the 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.

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 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 810 O God of God, O Light of Light



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



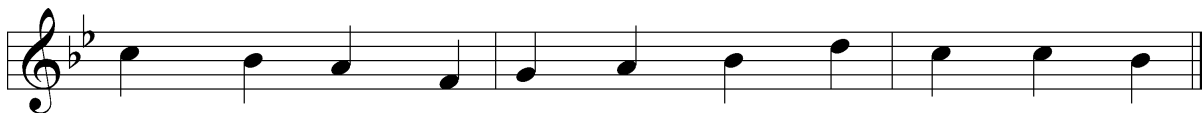
King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

Organ Postlude

Trinity Weekly News

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The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by
Gary & Patty Kespohl in honor of their
56th wedding anniversary



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 1/28

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

Monday 1/29

6:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm

Tuesday 1/30

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.

Wednesday 1/31

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Thursday 2/1

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

Friday 2/2

Pastors' day off

Sunday 2/4

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
6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship

MEMORY VERSE

FOR THUS SAID THE LORD GOD,
THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL,

*"In returning and rest
you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust
shall be your strength."*

ISAIAH 30:15



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To sign up, visit the GS website www.griefshare.org/findagroup.

Any questions, please call/text Kevin Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514.

Guest Preacher



Missouri District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan will be preaching and leading Bible Study on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

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)*. 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**.

Upcoming Conferences: Please speak with Pastor McCalley by February 16 if you are interested in either of these opportunities because space is limited.



2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music

July 9-12, 2024

Registration is now open for the 2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music on July 9-12, 2024, at Concordia University, Nebraska (CUNE) in Seward, Neb.

The Institute, which is being presented by LCMS Worship, returns under the theme, "Songs of Deliverance: Psalms in the Great Congregation."

With the Psalter as its focal point, this conference will feature fresh and perennial topics on music, leadership, preaching, pastoral care, art and spiritual growth in Lutheran worship.

Participants will be able to choose from a variety of instructive and interactive sessions addressing practical topics of interest to musicians, pastors, teachers, interested laypersons and many others. We'll also take up a challenge together: pray all 150 psalms.

Registration is open through April 19 at the early-bird rate of \$350 per adult. Regular registration is open from April 20 through May 17 at the adult attendee rate of \$400. Two-day, one-day, and full-time student registrant options are also available.



THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our Fathers—The Law of God is Good and Wise

A conference for Confessional Lutherans (ages 12 and up)

April 12-13, 2024

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Collinsville, IL

Tickets:

- Early Registration—Adult \$50 (before Ash Wednesday)
- Young Adult—\$15 (ages 12-17)
- Registration—Adult \$65



2024 Member Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2024 off the table in the narthex. There are new numbers for many of our mem-

bers, so **please toss any unused envelopes from 2023** to avoid accounting mishaps. **Thank you!**

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

Narthex Expansion and Elevator Fundraising Committee Call for Members

During the Special Meeting of the Assembly of Voters on March 19, 2023, the congregation approved a Building Committee motion to improve our church facilities. Those improvements include expansion of the narthex, installation of a full-size elevator, relocation of the choir loft, replacement of the Fellowship Hall stairs, and improvements to the driveways. Now the time has come to appoint a committee dedicated to raising the funds to pay for those improvements.

My goal is to form a committee of seven church members, and I am pleased to announce that three individuals have already agreed to join the committee. Four more people are needed, including one or two to serve as chair or co-chairs. If you have a passion for our church community and are interested in being part of this vital endeavor, please reach out to me today at 660-247-3026.

The more members we have involved, the greater our chances of achieving our fundraising goal to finally improve some of our church facilities.

Larry McCoig, President



The Life Team of TLC thanks everyone who donated to LFL of MO's adoption fund in the freewill offering on Life Sunday, January 21st. If you were not in attendance, you can still donate. You can use the LFL envelope in your contribution envelope packet and make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church with LFL adoption fund in the memo line. We are blessed to have so much support from the congregation as is LFCS of Mid Missouri. TLC was honored with an award from LFCS in recognition of this generosity and care on Life Sunday after the 10:30 am service. You can see the award in the Narthex. Many thanks, the Life Team

Lutheran Singles Cruise



Set sail on a spiritual adventure with our four-day Lutheran Singles Cruise, departing from Galveston on August 1st. This journey is designed for connection and fellowship, offering daily devotions, Bible studies, and opportunities to meet like-minded singles. Embrace this chance to deepen your faith, make new friends, and enjoy the beauty of the sea. Don't miss out on this unique blend of spiritual growth and social fun – book your spot today! Learn more at www.wolfmueller.co/cruise

Who: Lutheran Singles between the ages of 21-41

Date: August 1-5, 2024 (Departs 4:00 pm Thursday, Arrives 7:00 am Monday)

Depart and Return: Galveston, TX

Ship: Mariner of the Seas

Y GROUP U T H

Great time and turnout this past Tuesday for
ice cream floats!

CONGRATS TO OUR WINNERS:

\$25 Chick Fil A GIFT CARD went to SOPHIA THOMPSON

&

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE went to SPENCER MCMILLAN

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS

Trinity Senior Youth are selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday!

Order forms are available on the Youth bulletin board, across from the church office. Place your order form in the provided envelope on the board. Please pay by cash or check when you pick up your sandwiches on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

All orders are due by noon on Friday, February 2nd.

Sandwich Options:

* Turkey

* Roast Beef

All sandwiches will include Salami, along with Swiss & American cheeses. Each sandwich will also come with potato chips.



Pricing:

Sandwiches are **\$6 each** or **6 for \$30**

CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

Feasts (F), Festivals (f), & Commemorations (c)

February 2 – Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord (F) | 1 Samuel 1:21-28; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18;
 Luke 2:22-40

THEME OF THE WEEK

Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “*a prophet*” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “*To him you shall listen,*” because the Word of the Lord is “*in his mouth*” (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “*a new teaching with authority*” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “*the synagogue*” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “*even the unclean spirits*” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “*from whom are all things and for whom we exist.*” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “*through whom are all things and through whom we exist*” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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. Amen.

WEEKLY PSALMS

Morning Psalm 1 Evening Psalm 144

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday Daniel 6:1-14; Mark 6:14-29
Tuesday Daniel 6:15-28; Mark 7:24-37
Wednesday Daniel 7; Mark 9:14-29
Thursday Daniel 9:1-23; John 5:1-15
Friday Daniel 10:1-11:1; John 9:1-17
Saturday Daniel 12; John 9:18-41

HYMN OF THE WEEK

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 40:21-31	<i>Epistle</i>	1 Corinthians 9:16-27
	Psalm 147:1-11	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	St. Mark 12:29-39
<i>Introit</i>	Ps. 13:3-5, 5-7, ant. v. 6		

DAILY CATECHISM

Lesson of the Week: 5th Commandment & Meaning

- Monday* **Psalm 139:7-16** | Pay special attention to verse 13. What does this verse teach us about our lives? Who created us? Who made us? How should this passage teach us to value every life formed in the womb?
- Tuesday* **Jeremiah 1:4-5** | What does the LORD say to Jeremiah? Does this agree with yesterday's Psalm? What does this passage teach us about our lives, even our future?
- Wednesday* **Genesis 4:1-16** | How did Cain break the 5th Commandment? How had the sin already taken place in his heart before he killed his brother? Where does our hatred begin? How does God's protection of Cain teach us about life?
- Thursday* **Luke 1:39-45** | Where are Jesus and John the Baptist? How does John respond when he is in the presence of Jesus, His Savior? What does this passage teach us about life, even in the womb? About faith?
- Friday* **Genesis 37:18-36** | How do Joseph's brothers feel about him? What do they plan to do? How does Reuben try to protect him? Did Reuben do enough? How did the brothers sin against the Fifth Commandment?

Summary

God is the author of life (Acts 3:15). He gives and He takes away (Job 1:21). As we confess in the third article of the Nicene Creed, He is the Lord and giver of life. He desires not the death of anyone (Ezek 18:32). To that end, to protect the lives which He creates and gives, the LORD has given the Fifth Commandment. "You shall not murder," is God's revealed will that we are to protect and defend life in all its stages, from the very beginning, when it is conceived, to the very end, when death occurs. What the Lord gives is the Lord's to take away—not ours. And so, in the Fifth Commandment we learn to fear and love God so that we help and support our neighbor in every physical need.

Learn By Heart Verse: Psalm 139:16

"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them."



Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will meet on **Sunday, February 4th at 6 pm** in the church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 1st 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.



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.

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th 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 28 – Epiphany IV – Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures and the Savior have graciously made clear – with “shalls” and “shall-nots” – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1 Corinthians 8:12).

Stewardship & Scripture

January 28 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

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

TLCLC Registration for Summer 2024 and School Year 2024/25 Sessions



Registration for the Summer 2024 and the School Year 2024/25 Sessions has begun for all current TLCLC children, their siblings, and

Trinity Church members.

If you plan to send your child to the Learning Center in the summer and/or fall, you must register now!

The following forms are on a table in the narthex:

- **Summer 2024** *(For Tykes-2 yr old through Pre-K children-5 yr old)*
- **Summer 2024 Pre-K Graduates Half Summer**
(For Pre-K children who attend CPS summer school and need care in July/Aug)
- **Summer 2024 School-Age Summer Camps**
(For children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade)
- **School Year 2024/25**

We will begin open enrollment for families on the waiting list the week of February 12, so it's important that you

return your registration forms by February 9

to guarantee your spot.

Remember, Trinity Church members receive a **10% discount on tuition!!!**

Any questions, please contact the TLCLC Office at 573-445-1014 or by email at TLCLCkids@gmail.com

Thank you!



What happened to the TLCLC Playground tree?

As you may have heard, the TLCLC foundation has experienced settling problems. The TLC Trustees have been working on the problem. The structural engineer they hired pinned a lot of the blame for the settling on this tree and the recent drought conditions. They recommended its removal.

Bradford Pear trees have been labeled an invasive species by the Missouri Department of Conservation. They are notorious for splitting and dropping limbs. TLCLC has experienced two episodes of large sections of the tree crashing to the ground. This is a safety concern.

The Trustees brought in an arborist to evaluate the tree. We wanted to save it if possible because our students need the exposure to nature and enjoy playing in the shade of this tree in the sunny months. The arborist looked at thinning the branches and adding metal poles to help brace the limbs, but the growth pattern of this tree still would be subject to falling.

For all the above reasons, it was decided the tree should be removed.



Our students watched the process and brainstormed ways we could use the wood from the tree. We asked the tree service to save large chunks of the bigger sections to use as seating for an outdoor classroom. In addition, grant money will be used to renovate the TLCLC playground to add shade, address the consistent water issues, and improve the overall play experience for TLCLC, TLC, and neighborhood children.



The Mission Down the Hall

The Board of Early Childhood Education has set a goal of improving communication between TLCLC and the TLC congregation. To begin, we would like to share this article from the LCMS Missouri District Voice magazine in Sept. 2021. It discusses how Early Childhood programs are mission fields and TLCLC is featured!

—Annette Kiehne



Utilizing Resources



The Missouri District is blessed to have a wide variety of schools and early childhood programs. Some of these are larger programs affiliated with schools, however for many churches early childhood centers are just beginning or have under 100 students. Here are some facts about early childhood centers from Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center in Columbia and Our Savior Christian Academy PreK in Platte City and Smithville and how they keep a successful program.

A Mission Field— Did you know that many Lutheran early childhood programs and preschools have very few students who have Lutheran church homes? Trinity says that about 15% of their 91 students in the 2021-2022 school year are Lutheran. And Our Savior has just two of their forty students who are Lutheran. Our Savior's Principal Lori Albright notes that some students attend other denominations, but many families do not attend a church at all, "we are clearly a mission field!"

Community Impact— Many Lutheran early childhood centers have programs can vary from half to full day. They can include before and after care options, service ages from 2-5, and even include pre-kindergarten (or PreK). An interesting balance is trying to find the right combination of program offerings for a church's area. Being affiliated with schools in Platte City and Smithville, it works out well for Our Savior to offer a PreK for three and four year olds. Even with two campuses, the local communities have responded so well that there is a waitlist for classes and are starting to look into building expansion.

Trinity has seen their program grow and change over time. Their early childhood used to serve more part time students, but now most of their students attend full day hours taking advantage of early morning drop offs and late afternoon pick ups. Trinity also offers "Extra Days" that parents can opt into. These days are usually around the holidays or breaks and are open for kids aged 5-12, which can be helpful for parents.

Use Your Unique Resources—

Trinity is situated close to colleges, so works with education and occupational therapy students. This gives college students practical, hands-on experiences and contributes to Trinity's skilled workers. Schools

also frequently try and do outreach into the community. Our Savior hosted a St. Jude's "Trike-a-Thon" where staff, spouses, and volunteers created a "town" (complete with a Lutheran church, doctor's office, library and a grocery store with snacks.) The PreK kids then pedaled all around the "town" leaving donations at each spot. Last year's event brought in \$750!

We are blessed that parents trust us with their most precious gift from God and we work daily to share the Good News and earn their trust.

- Annette Kiehne, Director Trinity Columbia

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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, 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**

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study 2 Corinthians 10-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Lamentations 2-4 plus Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear from Higher Things pastors on their journeys into church work on our Set Apart to Serve series on The Coffee Hour (2/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUE Radio app!



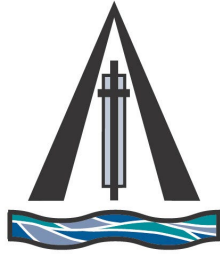
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