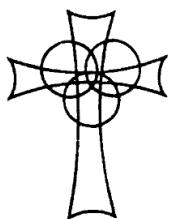




HE WAS CALLED JESUS

Luke 2:21



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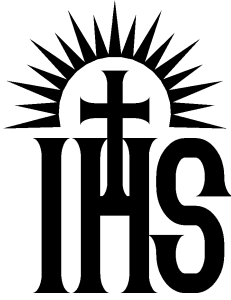


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**The Feast of
The Circumcision and The Holy Name
of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

New Year's Day

January 1, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. The ending of one year and the beginning of another is a moment to pause and reflect on all the blessings that God has bestowed on us in the past and to be encouraged by God's promises for our future. As we begin our journey into 2023, may we do so with hope and with the assurance of God's guiding hand.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Eternal Father, You gave Your Son the Name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



**THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
ON THE FEAST OF
THE CIRCUMCISION AND HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Christmas Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 896

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With
2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And
3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This
4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joice! With
how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joice! With
Name of names for us He bore. Re - joice! Re-joice! With
vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joice! With



thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
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The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace!
- 6 “All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!” the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
- △ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

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The Invocation:

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.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: “You shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Let us then seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Savior of the world. *Matthew 1:21*

P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

C He is to be feared above all gods. *Psalm 96:4*

P He will judge the world in righteousness,

C and the peoples in His faithfulness. *Psalm 96:13b*

Silence is kept for a time of self-examination and personal confession.

- P** Let us 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: verse 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!"

PEACE PEACE PEACE

The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 368

“Angels We Have Heard on High”



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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The 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.

The Congregation is seated.

The 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.



The Alleluia Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 381

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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The 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.

The 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.

The Congregation is seated.

The Congregational Carol Sing

See “Carols of Christmas” Sheet and
Lutheran Service Book Hymns 331-393

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** God, our Help in ages past and our Hope for time and eternity, You have gathered Your chosen people out of all the nations. Bless Your Church and make Your face to shine upon her, protecting her from the evil one and granting her faithfulness in the proclamation of the good news of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty and gracious God, You sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was descended from David according to the flesh. Give to all ministers of the Gospel a rich measure of Your Holy Spirit, that they might be faithful in the proclamation and ministration of the gifts of Christ. And to all Your holy people give grace to believe Your holy Word and live lives that are pleasing to You in thought, word, and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of the harvest, You have called us to be the body of Christ in this community. As we turn the calendar to another new year, grant us here in our Trinity and Mekane Yesus Congregations Your blessing in proclaiming the crucified and risen Christ to our neighbors and friends. Strengthen us for Your service that many might come to know You. Equip us to be an inviting and welcoming presence, drawing many into the circle of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, at the circumcision of Your beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ continued His fulfillment of the whole law and prophets for all people. Give Your Holy Spirit to those who are being instructed in the faith that they might know and follow Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, Ruler of all nations, You watch over and guide all human history for the sake of Your Church. Give wisdom and guidance to all who hold the authority to lead the nations, that their decisions and exercise of power might serve Your purpose and will, bringing about peace and quiet throughout the world. Defend and protect our military personnel, as well as the civilians who assist them, who are scattered throughout the world. Sustain them through long and lonely days, and, in Your good time, return them safely home to be reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of care and compassion, in Your Son Jesus Christ, You hallowed the work of serving others. Bless those who work in law enforcement, safety, protection, rescue, and health care. Give them a right regard for their work, effectiveness in serving the needs of their communities, and joy in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P God, our loving Father, in the person of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You demonstrated love for fallen humanity that is beyond our understanding. Visit the lonely, the sick, and the dying, especially remembering _____, that they might be comforted and strengthened in their time of great need. According to Your will, grant healing, and be present with them according to Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of every time and season, we thank You for all the blessings which You bring to us every moment of our lives. We rejoice especially with _____ and with all those to whom You have recently given special blessings. Help us to daily remember Your goodness to us and to give thanks to You for every good and gracious gift that comes from Your loving hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Lord, we pray for _____ and all of the people and other concerns that are committed to our thoughts and prayers which we present to You from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts..., and we pray that You will give Your gracious and wise attention to all of our needs and desires, granting us that which is best for us so that Your will may always be done in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Savior, in the vastness of Your Son's love, He has spread this heavenly feast for Your children who wander yet on earth. Grant that each may partake of these Holy Mysteries in godly fear and in living faith. Through this Holy Meal unite us to You and to one another in faith and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Immortal and invisible God, in Your presence there is no need for sun and moon, for You are the Light. We thank You for the faith You granted to Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe and all those who have gone before us in the long procession of saints. When it pleases You, bring us with them into Your nearer presence to join the feast of victory for our God, the feast that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and His Name shall be called the Prince of Peace.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

✻ **The Service of the Sacrament** ✻

The Hymn of Preparation

The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 120

“Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter”

1 Help us, O Lord! Be-hold, we en - ter Up - on an - oth - er
 2 May ev - 'ry plan and un - der - tak - ing This year be all be -
 3 Be this a time of grace and par - don. Thy rod I take with
 4 And may this year to me be ho - ly; Thy grace so fill my

year to - day; In Thee our hopes and tho'ts now cen - ter;
 - gun with Thee; When I am sleep - ing or am wak - ing,
 will - ing mind, But suf - fer naught my heart to hard - en;
 ev - 'ry thought That all my life be pure and low - ly

Re - new our cour - age for the way. New life, new
 Still let me know Thou art with me. A - broad do
 Oh, let me then Thy mer - cy find! In Thee a -
 And truth - ful, as a Chris - tian's ought. So make me

strength, new hap - pi - ness, We ask of Thee— oh, hear and bless!
 Thou my foot-steps guide, At home be ev - er at my side.
 - lone, my God, I live; Thou on - ly canst my sins for - give.
 while yet dwell - ing here Pi - ous and blest from year to year.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 Jesus, be with me and direct me;
Jesus, my plans and hopes inspire;
Jesus, from tempting thoughts protect me;
Jesus, be all my heart's Desire;
Jesus, be in my thoughts all day
Nor suffer me to fall away.
- 6 And grant, Lord, when the year is over,
That it for me in peace may close;
In all things care for me and cover
My head in time of fear and woes.
So may I when my years are gone
Appear with joy before Thy throne.

Text: Johann Rist, 1642, cento; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;

Tune: Emskirchner Choralbuch, Leipzig, 1756

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The Preface Dialogue and *Sanctus*:

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C *sung*

Tune: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be giv'n!
All Your glory fills the earth,
All Your power fills the heav'ns!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**Blessed is the King who came,
Bringing love and light divine!
Blessed is the King who comes
In the Bread and in the Wine!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Words of Our Lord:

P Thanks be to You, O Lord, because in these last days You did send to us Your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of Your will; Who is Your Word inseparable from You; through Whom You made all things and with Whom You were well pleased; Whom You did send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and Who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as Your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin;

Who, when He was betrayed to His voluntary suffering, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread hell underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish a memorial, and manifest the resurrection, took bread, gave thanks to You and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is broken for you." Likewise also the cup, saying: "This is My ✠ Blood which is poured out for you. As often as you do this, you shall do it in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to You, because You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve You. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your holy people who partake hereof; fill them with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth; and grant that we may praise and glorify You through Your Servant, Jesus Christ, through Whom all honor and glory belongs to You, the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Commanded by Christ's saving precepts and informed by His divine instruction, we are bold to say:
- 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 *Pax Domini*:

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

The *Agnus Dei* Hymn:

Tune: *Once in Royal David's City*

- C** **Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
Mercy to Your people give.
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
May we in Your mercy live.
Lamb of God, we all implore:
Grant us peace forevermore.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution:

The Congregational Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 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.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.

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After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

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.

The Congregation rises.

The *Nunc Dimittis* Hymn

Tune: *Away in a Manger* (Cradle Song)

C Lord, now in Your mercy Your servants release
As Your Word has promised. Oh, grant us Your peace.
Our eyes Your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold,

A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see
The glory of Israel, the Promised One He
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Sun,
With Father and Spirit eternally One.

The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C And His mercy endures forever.

P Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament, and we beseech You to make us partakers of Your divine life through the Incarnation of Your beloved Son, with whose Body and Blood You have now nourished us; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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

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.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 390

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
 That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
 There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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**CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**Celebration of The Epiphany
and The Baptism of our Lord:
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 8, 2023**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class at 8:30 AM
Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion
at 9:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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NOTES AND NEWS

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our “Stay Safe Rules” as printed in the bulletin and posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

PORTALS OF PRAYER...The January – March 2023 Portals of Prayer are available to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave for your devotional use at home.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... have arrived! This annual aid to stewardship is available for you to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave. If you do not see a set prepared for you and would like to have one for your use, please speak with Pastor and he will be sure that a set is ready to be given to you. The envelope in the front of the box marked Initial Offering is to be used to help offset the cost of the envelopes for the church. A suggested offering is \$12.00.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ... Over this holiday weekend, we will not hold our Bible Study time together today. Our Bible Studies will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... During the Christmas Holiday week, December 25-January 2, the church office will be closed to allow our staff to have time at home with their families. The staff will be checking the office answering machine daily for any messages. Should any pastoral emergencies arise during this time, you may also contact Pastor directly on his cell phone: 202-288-0652. The office will return to full staffing on January 3rd.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... The Gospel gives us a new way of seeing the world and our place in it: created and redeemed to be a gift. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 8, 2023, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Gifted", on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

UPCOMING DATES AS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS:

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| Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 AM | Epiphany Celebration Festival Divine Service |
| Saturday, January 14 at 10 AM | Church Undecorating |

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2023** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is **\$35.00** (this is an increase from previous years). If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

Announcements Regarding Worship at Trinity

Since the onset of the Covid Pandemic, required and necessary changes were made to some of our worship practices for the health and safety of our members. As the world has begun to move from the pandemic into the endemic phase of this continuing health situation, some of our members have asked if we might be able to return to some of our pre-pandemic practices. In response to those requests, the following decisions were approved at our Annual Voters Meeting to begin on **Sunday, January 15th**.

Worship Materials: We will return to using the hymnals as our principal worship aid, and on most Sundays the bulletin will contain only the order of service in outline and the portions of the service which change weekly (Introit, Collect, Scripture Readings, etc.). We will continue to publish the order of service in full on the church website for the benefit of those who are worshipping with us online.

Communion Distribution: We will once again receive the Sacrament at the Communion Rail. Owing to our livestreaming setup, we will use only the rail on the lectern side. Also, both the common and individual cups will be offered for communicants to receive the Lord's Blood. Please know that you are welcome to receive the Sacrament in the manner which you feel most comfortable.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please speak with Pastor or with any member of the Ministry Planning Group. We thank our Trinity Family for their patience and understanding as we have gone through this time together and as we move further forward into the "new normal" that we and the world find ourselves in.



OUR CHRISTMON TREE ... This year, we are happy to bring back the tradition of decorating the Christmas Tree in our sanctuary with Christmons.

Christmons, or Christ Monograms, are symbols and images which tell us of Christ, His story, and about our lives of faith lived in Him. These decorations draw on the long history of Christian art and symbolism and are filled with rich meaning.

Thanks to the generosity of Carole Dingess, Trinity was able to purchase this set of 100 Christmons from *Ad Crucem*. By visiting their website, www.adcrucem.com, you can view each of these symbols on their Christmon page and learn more about the stories and meanings behind them

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS AND COMMEMORATION...

January 1 **The Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus**
January 2 **Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor**
January 6 **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 8, 2023

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12; Matthew 3:13-17





Hyattsville Compassion Center

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

*Located on the campus of Redeemer Lutheran Church
3799 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland*

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment
during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

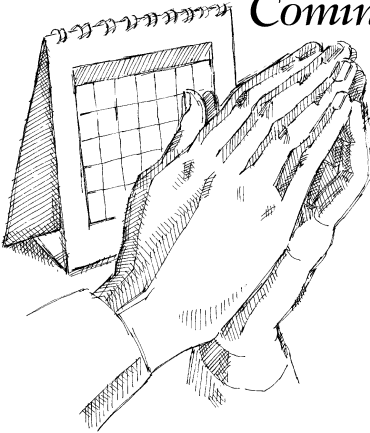
The thrift center will be open during our operating hours
with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center
before bringing your items during center hours.

*A Prayer
for the
Coming Year*



Eternal God, You make all things new, and abide forever the same:

Grant me to begin this new year in Your faith, and to continue it in Your favor, that, being guided in all my doings, and guarded all my days, I may spend my life in Your service, and finally, by Your grace, attain the glory of everlasting life,

through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

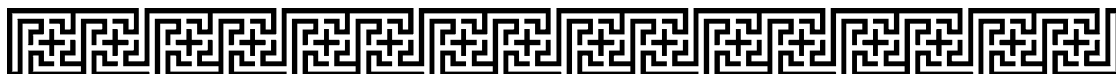
Amen.

W.E. Orchard (1877-1955)

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1 – 8

May Be Subject to Change

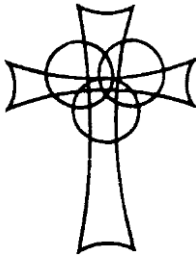
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| Today | <i>The Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus: New Year's Day</i> |
| | <i>No Adult Bible Study</i> |
| | 9:30 AM Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing and Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live) |
| | 12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person) |
| Monday | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open |
| Tuesday | 9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open |
| | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open |
| | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open |
| Next Sunday | <i>The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)</i> |
| | <i>The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:</i> |
| | <i>The First Sunday after the Epiphany</i> |
| | 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study |
| | 9:30 AM Festival Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live) |
| | 10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal |
| | 12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person) |



CHURCH STATISTICS

Attendance Statistics for Holiday Services will be published in the January 8th Bulletin





✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of January 1, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim;
Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; Bernie, friend of Trinity;
Randy, friend of Pepper; Jim, friend of Judy; Jennifer, friend of Matt;
Andrew & Family, student at HES; Joan, friend of Tracy; Joseph, friend of Rona;
Sally, SED Staff; Bud, son of Carole; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
George, friend of Dave & Joyce; Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Hudson, son of Brendan

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.
For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

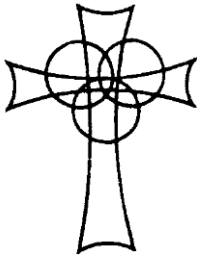
Charles McNear, Delores Donald, Peter Schiebel, and Olivia Sahadeo, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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