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The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ
Observed

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ
The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 7, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. In this Epiphany season, our Lord continues to reveal Himself to us as the Son of God who has come to redeem the world. And here in this place, through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus continues to show us the Father's love for us sinners.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

God revealed in Christ, let the splendor of Your glory flood our hearts and minds, that we may learn to worship in spirit and in truth, through 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.



AN EPIPHANY CELEBRATION OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ The Preparation ✘

The Prelude

“Christmas Concerto Pastorale”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 399

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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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 As we kneel with the Magi in worship before the Christ Child, let us open our hearts to our Lord in penitence and faith.

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.**

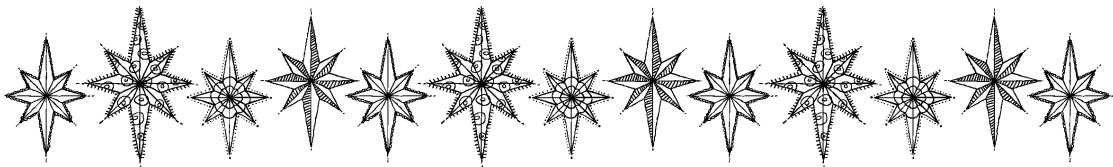
Silence is kept for a time for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
- C** **Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!**
- P** May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- C** **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
- P** May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve 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 the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.



The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 367

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79

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The Salutation and Collect for the Epiphany of Our Lord:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Mary, Did You Know?”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel for the Epiphany of Our Lord:

Matthew 2:1-12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

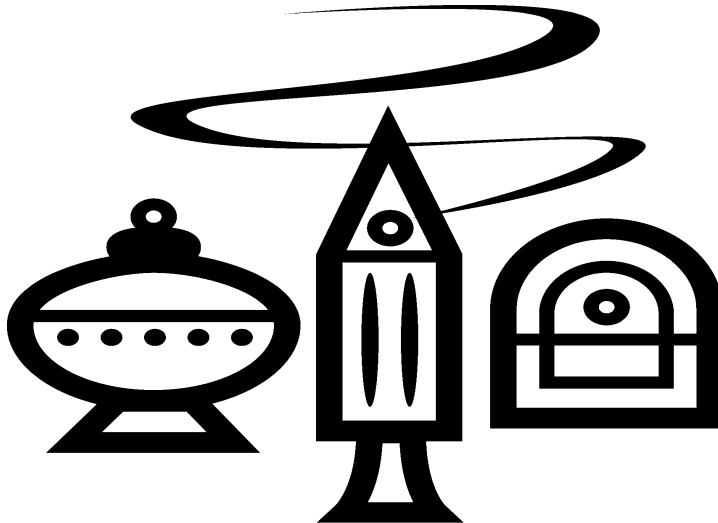
6““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated.



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 412

“The People That in Darkness Sat”



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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The Sermon

Mystery Revealed

Text: Ephesians 3:1-12

✠ The Service of Baptismal Remembrance and Renewal ✠

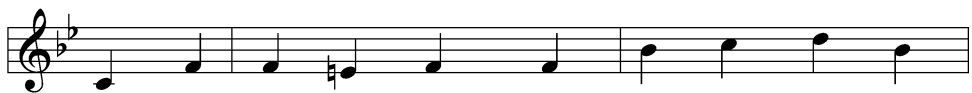
The Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 405

“To Jordan’s River Came our Lord”



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es Me.”

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, 1949, alt.

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The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel for the Baptism of Our Lord

Mark 1:4-11

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And 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.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

P Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As He came up from the water, He was anointed by the Spirit of God and declared before all as God's Son. So also we are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is pleased. As we rejoice in the gift that God has given us through the washing of water and the Word, let us now renew the vows and promises of our Baptism

I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C **I do renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

P Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

C **I will with God's help.**

P Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

C **I will with God's help.**

P Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

C **I will with God's help.**

P Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

C **I will with God's help.**

P Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

C **I will with God's help.**

The Collect for the Baptism of Our Lord:

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 **Amen.**

The Baptismal Blessing:

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. ✠ Peace be with you.

C **Amen.**

✠ The Service of Prayer ✠

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray that the radiance of Christ will illumine the Church, the nations, and all in the world who seek the Light.
- P** O Light of the world, continue to come to us, we pray, in Your mighty Word and Your forgiving Sacraments, that being strengthened in heart, mind, and soul, we may proclaim this Good News to others. Give us courage to speak courageously the Gospel of Jesus Christ to neighbors who live nearby and to nations in faraway lands, that Your salvation may extend to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of Your people, we pray for all those baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, especially here in our Trinity and Mekane Yesus Congregations, that You would give us delight in our adoption as Your children and embolden us to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior of all and to show the love of God to all around us in both word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Graciously restore to our families, our congregations, our Synod, and the whole Christian church on earth that peace which the world cannot give. Place into our mouths words of truth and correction, forgiveness and peace, that Your kingdom may flourish in the one true faith, with charity and love prevailing among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Ruler of the nations and King of peace, look with mercy upon the world You have made. Bless and guide the peoples of the world to have the ability to seek peace and live in harmony with one another. Give to the rulers of nations hearts that are turned away from the ways of war and violence and that seek the good for the well-being of the entire world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O great Physician, according to Your will, heal the sick among us, especially _____. Comfort them in their time of affliction, give them patience in their infirmities, and point them to the hope of the endless glory to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O Heavenly Father, You call Your children to dwell forever with You. Comfort those who mourn (especially _____), reminding them of the open path to heaven given to all who believe and are baptized in Christ. Teach us all to number our days and to rejoice in the eternal life already given to us in the heavenly washing of Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Provider of all good gifts, You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. Along with _____ and all those who rejoice we also rejoice. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the things we name now in the silence of our hearts... Hear all these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God in human flesh, bless those who commune this day that they may do so in repentance and faith, and with hearts that see Your Body and Blood hidden under bread and wine for their forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O King of the saints, with joy we remember before You the memory of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, and all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith and who now dwell with You in eternal light. Keep us ever faithful to You that we too may join with them in the everlasting bliss of the rest You have prepared for all who trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

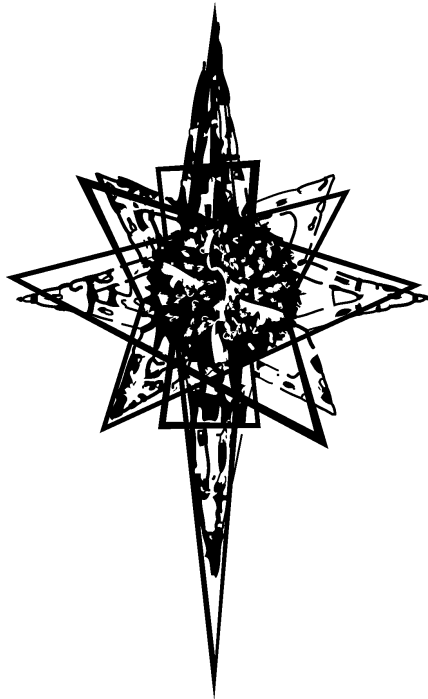
P All these things, Holy Father, and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who brought an everlasting light into this world that has forever shattered the darkness, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** Our Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



EPIPHANY

✻ The Service of the Sacrament ✻

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 398

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”



1 Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O’er ev - ’ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

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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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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;

- P** 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 at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution: "One Small Babe" – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The *Nunc Dimittis* Hymn

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

**☐ 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.**



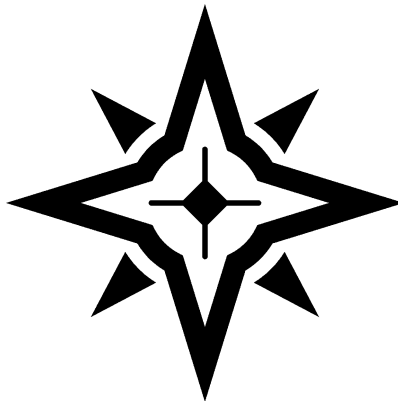
The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- 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 Blessing:

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**
- P** May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always
- C** **Amen.**



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 397

“As with Gladness Men of Old”



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.

Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Text and tune: Public domain

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Lector

The Communion Assistant

The Worship Assistant

The Choir

The Flutist

The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

Tracy Peele

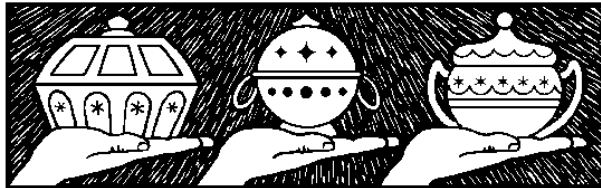
George Kurtzweil

Paul Ritter

The Trinity Singers

Susan Kennedy

Skip Hall



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NOTES AND NEWS

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 ... Copies of the January-March 2024 edition of our church's daily devotional guide can be picked up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and both regular and large print versions are available.

2024 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 made 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.

CHURCH UNDECORATING ... As much as we love looking at the decorations of the season there does come the time to put them away for the year. Come and help us undecorate the church **this Saturday, January 13th, at 10:00 AM**. Many hands will make light (and quick) work. Hope you will join us.

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 **2024** 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 now **\$45.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)



Dear Trinity Family,

On behalf of Rona and myself, we would like to take the opportunity to say “Thank you” to all those who remembered us this Christmas with your loving and generous gifts to us as those who serve you here at Trinity. We are thankful for your generosity, yet even more thankful for your kindness.

God’s blessings be with you always!

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor and Rona

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Blessed Epiphany! Begin studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), begin a new series on the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with Dr. Cameron Mackenzie on The Coffee Hour (January 10 at 10:00 a.m. ET), and begin studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Why is it not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice? Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 14, 2024, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "How Could She Ever Forgive Him?", locally 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 online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. 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”.

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 COMMEMORATION...

January 10 **Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and
Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors and Confessors**

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 serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. 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 ongoing time of 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.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

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 they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

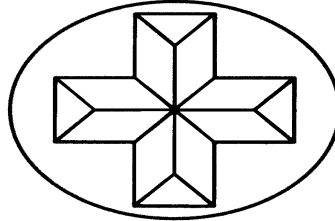
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
 Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany: January 14, 2024

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7 – 14

May Be Subject to Change

Today

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

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)

Monday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

Tuesday

9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Circuit 7 Professional Church Workers
Meeting here at Trinity

Wednesday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open

Thursday

9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open

Saturday

10:00 AM Church Undecorating

Next Sunday

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, December 24, 2023:

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Worship Attendance: 24; Communed: 24.

Christmas Eve

Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 18.

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023

Worship Attendance: 16; Communed: 16.

New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31, 2023

Worship Attendance: 17; Communed: 17.



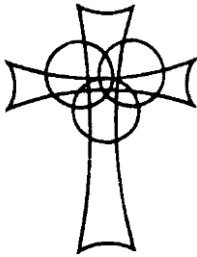
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2023:

Offerings received for the month: (4 Sundays): \$9,022

Income needed in November to meet the budget: \$10,829

**O Come
Let us
Adore
Him**





✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of January 7, 2024

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, John Tyler, Waymond, Paul, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Shirley, 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; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Denise, friend of Dave & Joyce; Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy;
Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Dee, Godmother of David; Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Billy, friend of Judy; Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce;
Joan & Family, co-worker of Tracy; The Joneses, friend of Tracy;
Victor, co-worker of Paul; Edward, friend of Rona & Paul; Craig, husband of Edith;
Pat, mother of Kim

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Cullen Elias, Beatrice Kelly, Noel Pratico, and Alana Sandiford, 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

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