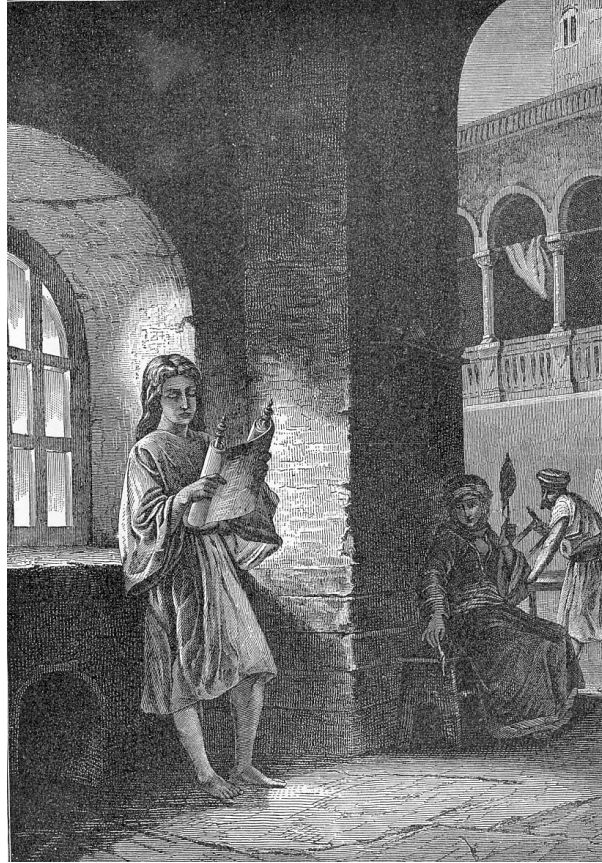


The Child Jesus



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As We Gather

The boy Jesus at the temple turns the wise and understanding to wonder over Him. Given how God uses ordinary means to reveal Himself and the salvation He brings. Let us never underestimate the power of God’s gifts of Word and Sacraments. Life based on spectacle and entertainment can easily miss the common way God’s dwells with us for our good.

Prayer upon entering church

“O eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O eternal Goodness, delivers us from evil. O eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Grant unto us that with all our hearts, and minds ,and strength, we may evermore seek Your face; and finally bring us, in Your infinite mercy, to Your holy presence. So strengthen our weakness that, following in the footsteps of Your blessed Son, we may obtain Your mercy, and enter in Your promised joy. Amen.” (Alcuin of York, 735-804 a.c.)

Preparation for communion LSB 329

Catechism Review

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

We Remember in Our Prayers @ Trinity	
<u>Members of the Military</u> Corey Place	<u>Comfort</u> Maxine Meyer
<u>Shut-ins</u> Edith Hanson	<u>Healing</u> Ken Meyer

Activities This Week

Sunday, January 3: Divine Service @ Trinity 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School @ Trinity 10:15 a.m.
TTC Meeting @ Trinity 10:15 a.m.
Education Hour @ Concordia 9:45 a.m.
Divine Service @ Concordia 10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study @ Trinity 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Confirmation @ Immanuel 2:00 p.m.
Confirmation @ H-LP 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10: Divine Service @ Trinity 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour @ Concordia 9:45 a.m.
Divine Service @ Concordia 10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study @ Trinity 4:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday This Week

Kaelianna Jones	Jan. 3rd
Jonathan Gillespie	Jan. 4th
Spec. Ryan Boetel	Jan. 7th
Julie Reimers	Jan. 7th
Courtney Stowell	Jan. 8th

Happy Anniversary This Week

Adam & Crystal Cross	Jan. 3rd
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If any are missing please contact church secretary to add date and name to our information. Thank you!



Today's Order of Worship

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Introit

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*

his understanding is beyond | measure.

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*

in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jer- | usalem!*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

for he has done | marvelous things!

1 Kings 3:4-15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Luke 2:40-52

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(Each petition concludes with the pastor saying "Lord in your mercy" and the congregation responding, "Hear our prayer.")*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sundays Readings: *January 10, Baptism of our Lord - Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11, and Luke 3:15-22*

A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life "God needs and wants you in His kingdom-building work. God thinks you are a valuable part of His team. God thinks that you have an important role to play. God thinks you are worth investing in. God actually stoops down to make you great. Seriously." *Pastor Marke Jeske, www.timeofgrace.org
www.lutheransforlife.org*

Guests and Visitors: We are thankful to have you join us today. Please remember to sign the guest book so that we have record of your visit.

Sermon Notes: If you are interested in receiving a copy of Pastor's sermon it can be found on-line, otherwise please contact the church office for a copy.

Prayer Request: Please contact the church secretary if you would like to be included in the prayers in the bulletin.

Bulletin deadline: Please turn any items for the bulletin into the church office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Bulletin from last week: The bulletins from last week will be left out in the narthex for one week so that in case you missed service you can still have one. If all copies are taken please contact the church office.

One Truth, Many Lies: During the Bible Study at Trinity at 4:00 p.m. Pastor will be discussing the topic, all are welcome to grow in the good confession of Christ.

Newsletters and Bulletins: Both can be found on our web pages: www.trinitysv.com or www.concordialp.com. If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail only OR if you would like to view the body of the newsletter on-line but would like a printed calendar please sign up in the narthex on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions please contact the church office. Thank you!

How do I become a part of things at Trinity? We are always happy to welcome and receive new faces at our congregation. Most activities are open to all whether you are member or non-member. If you would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or are considering membership please talk with the pastor. Members of other LCMS congregation may join by transfer.

Items for sale: LWML has cards for sale including birthday, get-well, and sympathy. Cards can be purchased individually for \$0.60 apiece or by the box. The amount is written on the box. Thank you.

Trinity Youth Leader: I wanted to inform everyone that I will no longer be one of the TTC youth group leaders effective September 1st. This has not been an easy decision for me. I feel very strongly about the influence of Christ and his teachings on the TTC youth and program. I feel very fortunate and honored to have been a part of the youth group for the past 10 year! Thank you all for all of the help and encouragement you have provided! I am asking and encouraging someone to consider being a youth group leader! It is a much needed and rewarding experience., Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor, Janet, or I with questions. God's blessings to all! Lisa Dean

Thank You: Thanks to all for your Christmas blessings, cards, and gifts this year. We are especially grateful for the generosity to fly my parents and brother out to be with us for the New Year. May Christ in the manger grant everyone the true treasure in Him to receive by faith the abundant life He brings against sin, death, and the Devil. Pastor & Amy

THY STRONG WORD: On your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUE.org. Join us as we continue our studies in the Book of Isaiah:
Mon. Jan 3 --- Isaiah 38 "Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery"
Tues. Jan 4 --- Isaiah 39 "Envoys from Babylon"
Wed. Jan 5 --- Isaiah 40 "Comfort for God's People"
Thurs. Jan 6 --- Isaiah 41 "Fear Not, For I am with You"
Fri. Jan 7 --- Isaiah 42 "The Lord's Chosen Servant"
Monday-Friday @ 11am Central Time. Archived at KFUE.org . Follow us on Facebook.com/KFUEradio.

Come and worship him who is king of the Jews. You are invited to a special Epiphany hymn festival at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ocheyedan, IA at 7pm on Wednesday, January 6th.

Poinsettias given by the following people at Trinity this Christmas season are as follows:

Gary & Vicki Place—Alvin & Irene Meyer, Norm & Helen Pohlman, Charles & Dorothy Place

LaVonne Larsen—Les & Donna Larsen

Gary & Arlys Schuett—Al & Marie Schuett

Shirley Finnern—Gordon Finnern, Art & Clara Finnern and Vicki Vander Veen

Velma Hammer—Leslie Hammer

Shirley Wiese—Delbert Wiese, Ray & Gertrude Ihnen

Lois Puck—Ken Puck & Kenny (his son)

Vernon & Tootie Walsh—Darold Place

Stan & LeAnn Pohlman —Norman & Helen Pohlman, Marvin Kazemba and Barbara Kennedy

Brent & Lezlie Pohlman—Norman & Helen Pohlman, and John & Sophie Boetel

Brad & Karla Brinkman—Herman & Amanda Franm

Jeff & Lisa Dean—David & Hazel Ddean

Vi Ihnen—Don Ihnen

Donna Voss—John Voss Sr., Brenda Voss, and Raymond & Gertrude Ihnen

Doug & Sue Pohlman—Norman & Helen Pohlman

Glen Kleen—Gloria Kleen

Bruce & Kim Ihnen—Bud Ihnen and Larry Schwartz

Gordan & Leyla Fischer—Art, Lucile and Larry Fischer

Dennis & Susan Voehl—Duane Voehl and Leonard Garms

Carmen Voehl-Duane Voehl

Pastor & Amy Gauthier—Minnetta Cook-Gauthier

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