

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, December 30, 2018
1st Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to Trinity!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Because we have passed through the waters of baptism, we dare to bare our souls before God and reveal the bitterness that dwells in our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior
Amen.

In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus ✝ Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

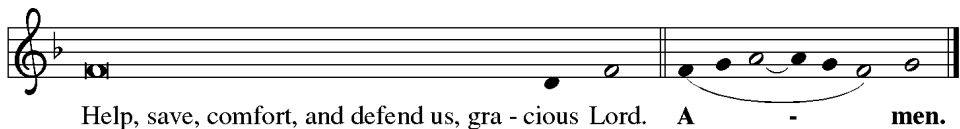
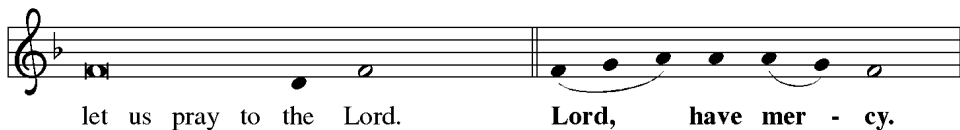
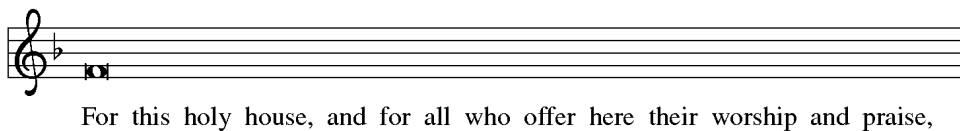
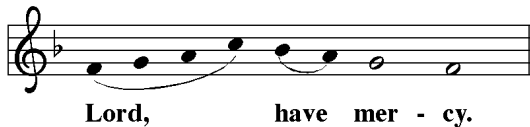
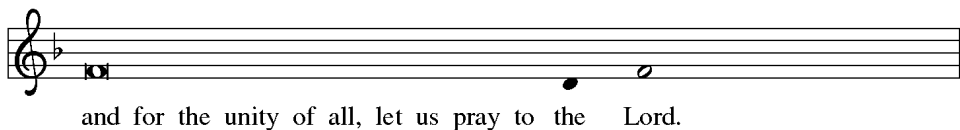
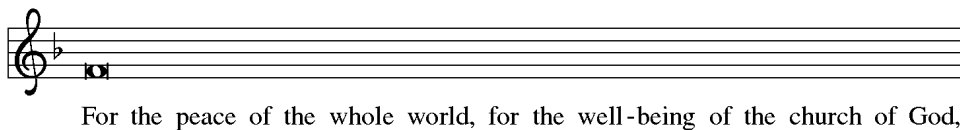
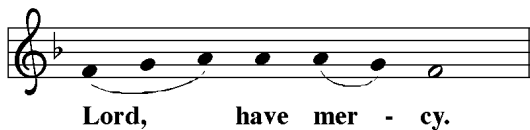
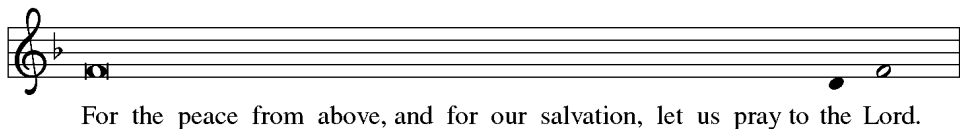
GATHERING HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City* (ELW 269)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep up vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

The psalm is spoken responsively.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God’s will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

- ¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians.

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was

ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Love Has Come* (ELW 292)

APOSTLES' CREED

The assembly stands to proclaim the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, open our ears to hear your grace through the words and deeds of children. Inspire the youngest and oldest in our midst to learn from one another with humility and patience. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of creation, praise to you for hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests, animals wild and tame, sea monsters, birds, and reptiles. Spark delight in our hearts for all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, call us to peace and bind us together in perfect unity. Make wars to cease. Guide the leaders of the nations in your way of wisdom, compassion, and tolerance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, mend the broken hearts of those who suffer this day. Treasure everyone who struggles with addiction, loneliness, hunger, unemployment, mental illness, or sickness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, draw us into the body of Christ and make us grow in faith and hope. Fill us with hearts of thanksgiving made visible in our words and actions for the sake of the whole world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of delight, fill us with songs of praise and hope even in the midst of despair and death. Comfort the grieving. Strengthen our faith until the day we will be gathered around your throne singing in eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the presiding minister and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW 188)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Loving God, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others. In his name we pray.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Cold December Flies Away* (ELW 299)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trinity Happenings

Sunday, December 30	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship

Tuesday, January 1 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Sunday, January 6	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, and JoAnn Merrill. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Trinity will be welcoming new members into our community of faith on Sunday, January 13, 2019. If you would like to officially become “one of us”, please talk to Pastor Nate.

LEADERSHIP LAB REGISTRATION: Youth entering their freshman year of high school through young adult are invited to sign up for this year's Leadership Lab, which will take place July 22-27th, 2019. Please sign up at The Hub by January 15 so that we can start fund raising for this wonderful ministry.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Family Promise has been one crucial way Trinity Lutheran lives out the gospel of Christ. Thank you to Mike Nutter who has led this ministry with grace and compassion. Mike has been our congregational leader with Family Promise and his leadership has led to a successful first year of empowering families with life skills along with the goal of helping these families find sustainable housing. Trinity generously shares our space with these families and Family Promise empowers and enables them to live self-sustainable lives. At this time Trinity will need to form a Family Promise Committee to manage this ministry. We are hoping to put together a group of 6 people to assist with this program. If you would like to be a part of this fulfilling ministry please sign up at The Hub bulletin board.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE: Death is a part of our faithful journey and Trinity Lutheran needs to create a Funeral Committee to meet the needs of our grieving families. We need a list of people who are able to assist with the funeral luncheon to provide deep Christian care for our members who are grieving. Please consider sharing your time with our families navigating the difficult waters of death. If you have previously expressed interest in this ministry, please sign up again so we can have an accurate list of willing leaders and helpers.

CAMPUS CABINET: Trinity's Campus Cabinet is open to all! Our Cabinet is currently housed in the church library. Feeling hungry? Need a snack? Been a while since you've been to the grocery store? Come help yourself! Have extras at home to share? Please contribute unopened, in-date non-perishable foods, personal items, and paper goods. The Cabinet is visited regularly throughout the week. We are welcoming contributions of grocery gift cards in larger amounts to restock the shelves as needed, and also gift cards in smaller amounts to share. Items most in need are toilet paper, dish soap, and liquid laundry detergent.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019
after worship

Readings for Next Sunday, January 6, 2019 — Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

*****Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at www.textweek.com**

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — December 30, 2018

Lector: Shane Toven
Ushers and Greeters: Mike Smith
Diane Fiedler
Nursery: **OPEN**
Stewards: Carolyn Hazlett
Judy Moline
Altar Guild: Laura Buckner
Marie Frick
Sara Muhsman
Fellowship: **OPEN**
Flowers: **OPEN**

NEXT WEEK — January 6, 2019

Lector: Stephen Boss
Ushers and Greeters: Janet Boss
Nursery: **OPEN**
Stewards: Carolyn Hazlett
Martin Greller
Altar Guild: Margot Birkholz
Fellowship: Sharon & Phil Rabon
Flowers: **OPEN**

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