

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All confirmed members of Trinity are asked to be in attendance at this important meeting. The Annual Reports will be mailed to each household by Friday, January 13th. Extra copies will be available at the meeting

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ryan Hiller, (Jan. 8); Judy Moline, (Jan. 10); Stephenie Cossairt, (Jan. 12); Elijah Kunza, (Jan. 12); J. T. Conyers, (Jan. 13); Raenne Groathouse, (Jan. 13) and Ashleigh Dockter, (Jan. 14). Happy Birthday!

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given by Judi Weatherwax in honor of Kit Weatherwax' birthday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS for Trinity's Annual Report are *past due!* They are needed A.S.A.P. These reports can be e-mailed to telc@qwestoffice.net – the church e-mail. Thank you!

SHY will resume meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE WEDS. GET-WAY will resume meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting this Tuesday evening (Jan. 10) at 7:00 p.m. in the Gruver Room. The Council will also be meeting for its annual dinner before the Council meeting at 5:15 p.m. at *Altitude*. The Council and their families.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on the long table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today.

OUR CHRISTMAS FOOD INGATHERING PROJECT this year will be the gathering of N°. 10 cans (the big ones) for the Soup Kitchen and Interfaith. Help us build a big Christmas tree in the north lobby area using your gift of cans, so that many might be fed.

PIPE DREAMS: At a special congregational meeting on Nov. 13 a large turnout of members voted by a sizable majority (80%) to purchase a pipe organ for TELC. The Organ Search Committee wishes to thank those who attended. We will continue to answer questions and communicate as the search goes forward. This can be a transforming experience in the worship life of our church, and we need your prayers and support. We would also like to thank those members who have made very large donations in the weeks since the meeting. Everyone who makes a special donation for the organ will receive a personal note of thanks and acknowledgment from the committee. Klaus Hanson, Larry Hazlett, Jennifer Lyford, Eric Nye, and Gloria Orr-Weiss.

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139 1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (1/8)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (1/15)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Bobbie Schimek 10:30 a.m. Larry Hazlett	8:00 a.m. Steve Boss 10:30 a.m. Jan Hanson
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Mikayla Martinez 10:30 a.m. Chris Henry	8:00 a.m. Hanna Heggie 10:30 a.m. Roz Kidwell
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Keith & Martha Ensley 10:30 a.m. Barb Rouse	8:00 a.m. Judi Weatherwax Wayne Sutherland 10:30 a.m. Bob Campbell Mike Smith
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Debbe Conyers Lindsay Conyers 10:30 a.m. Jason & Teresa Sherwood	8:00 a.m. David & Mary Brinkman 10:30 a.m. Pete & Joan Dana
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Kelly Kidwell 10:30 a.m. Roz Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

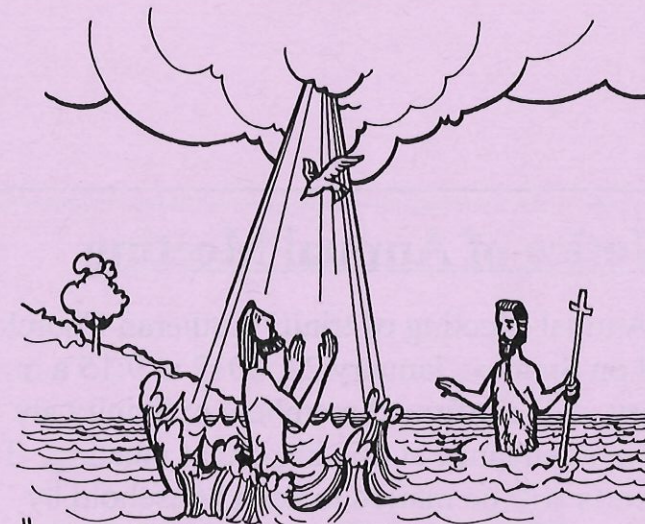
Stewards: Church Council

Altar Guild: Joan & Pat Miles

Coffee Fellowship: Judi Weatherwax

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Jan. 8	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday, Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	SHY
	Tuesday, Jan. 10	
	9:00 p.m.	Quilting
	5:30 p.m.	Council Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 11	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
	6-8 p.m.	Weds. Get-Away
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, Jan. 12	7:00 a.m.	Seekers



**" ON COMING OUT OF THE WATER
HE SAW THE HEAVENS..." MK. 1:10**

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service, just off the south lobby, for children ages five and younger. Please join us for coffee in the south lobby area after the service today.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Please recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pew at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

Announcements continue on the inside

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Intern Andrew Dietzel

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the ¹LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-¹ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau-¹ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ¹voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹young wild ox.

⁷The voice ¹of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD ¹shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-¹evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength ¹to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-¹ings of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e-¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

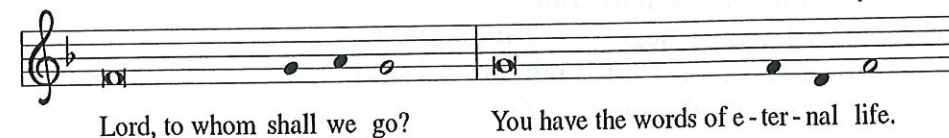
In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Repeat alleluia



***GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 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 just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "I Bind unto Myself Today" #450

SERMON: "The Kayos of Baptism" Genesis 1:1-5 Intern Andrew Dietzel

HYMN: "Crashing Waters at Creation" #455

***NICENE CREED:**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God . . .

Assisting minister
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav'n-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, O 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.

***Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING:

***OFFERTORY: "Andante Amabile"**

by Johann Kuhnau

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

**A brief silence.*

Give strength to your people, that all the baptized show forth your loving presence in the world. We pray for our bishops, the congregations of our companion synods, and all our partners in ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Restore damaged habitats, poisoned soil, and polluted waters. Enlighten us in the ways of holy stewardship, that all creation may flourish and praise you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless the nations with the power of your peace, that all who are wounded in body and mind by the trauma of war may see your light shining in the darkness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

***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.

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Sunday, January 8, 2012 - Baptism of Our Lord

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

PRELUDE: "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

by Johannes Brahms

WELCOME:

***HYMN: "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

#673

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Console those who are sick, grieving, anxious, in pain, or in any need. We remember before you those who are cold and hungry this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Send your renewing Spirit upon those gathered here and those who are absent, that in our common life we may seek to please you. Grant all that we need to work together in mission. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the those who have died and now live in the light of your presence. May we also find assurance in your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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:**

PARISH SHARING TIME:

***HYMN: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"**

Insert

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:

*POSTLUDE: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" by Stephen Johnson

Tear Open for a Surprise

Back on the first Sunday of Advent, the first reading began with an urgent cry to God: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down" (Isa. 64:1). The world is a wreck. Do something—something fiery and drastic, to make mountains quake and nations tremble—as in ages past, when "you did awesome deeds that we did not expect" (64:3).

In today's gospel the heavens are indeed torn open, and God's Spirit descends like . . . a hawk? An eagle? What we do *not* expect is that the heaven-tearing Spirit floats down upon Jesus like a gentle dove.

Mark's gospel unfolds rapidly, from John's voice crying in the wilderness to God's voice over the baptismal waters of the new creation. Mark tears through his story with urgency and speed. But this tearing does not portend violence toward us. Birth pangs consume a mother; what they deliver is a baby. When God rips the barrier between the holy and humankind, it is divine gentleness that strikes us with awe.

Today heaven's curtain is torn open, and God's voice is heard. Passion Sunday will bring another voice, another tearing, as "my Son, the Beloved" screams out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34; Ps. 22:1). When Jesus gives a loud cry and breathes his last, the curtain of the temple—decorated with heaven's sun and moon and stars—is ripped in two.

No more barriers. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, who joins us in the very experiences we do not expect. Sharing our baptism, Jesus goes under the chill waters of our powerlessness, forsakenness, and death. Our share is resurrection and new life. We may not recognize it at first. We may go silent. But in that silence, gentle wings flutter and the Spirit's breath exhales.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 9, 2012 - Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)
African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Sunday, January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968
An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

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*You are my Son,
the beloved,*

*with you
I am
well
pleased*