

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2014 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 10th. Extra copies will be available at the meeting

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Anna Reinemer, (Jan. 5); Ryan Hiller, (Jan. 8) and Judy Moline, (Jan. 10). Happy Birthday!

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting for dinner at *Altitude* at 5:30 p.m. this Tuesday, January 7th. All Council members and their families are welcome to join us. Please let Roland Kidwell know if you are planning on joining us for dinner so that he may have an accurate count for reservations. *Also:* Following the dinner, the Council will be meeting at 7 p.m. in the Gruver Room.

A COFFEE PERSON is needed for setting up and getting the coffee started for our Fellowship Time on Sundays. We are suggesting that you sign up for a month at a time. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gruver Room. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-8731. Individuals and families are still asked to provide goodies on Sundays and this sign-up sheet is still posted on the pole in the Gruver Room.

THE CHNACEL CHOIR will resume rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 4p.m. this week.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be resuming this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

FROM CAMPUS MINISTRIES LIAISON: Thank you to the congregation for their support of the campus ministry program. We have had immediate, generous response from people in signing up for food and meeting with the college students on Wednesdays during the first semester. There is a new sign-up sheet for food for the second semester on the pole in the Gruver Room. To schedule a visit with the campus group, please contact Terri Rittenburg at 343-2540 or tritt@uwyo.edu.

F³ - For 3rd-6th Graders will be meeting this Thursday, Jan. 9 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games and activities. Plan on joining us and bring a friend. Dinner will be provided.

SEEKERS-The post-high school Bible Study group will be resuming this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Gruver Room.

FLOWER CHART 2014: The 2014 Flower Chart is posted on the pole in the Gruver Room. If you would like to sign up for flowers during the 2014 year, please do so at any time throughout the year.

2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available on a table in the north lobby area starting next week. Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience.

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: **Baptism of Our Lord:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

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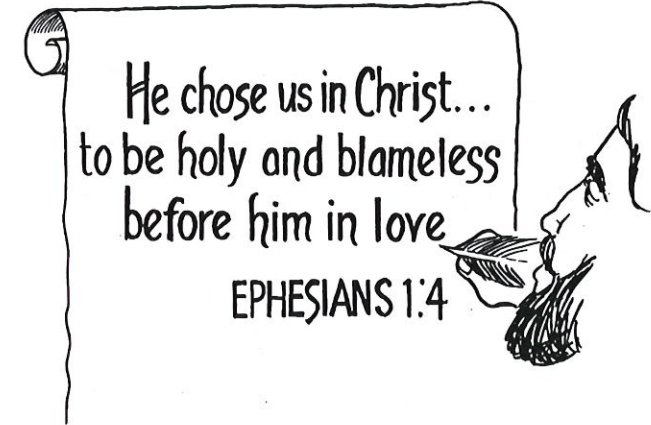
	<u>TODAY (1/5)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (1/12)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Andrea Toven 10:30 a.m. Trey Sherwood	8:00 a.m. Maia Anderson 10:30 a.m. Dan Gibson Reinemer
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Albert Steiner 10:30 a.m. Lindsay Meyer	8:00 a.m. Kelcey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Philip Henry
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. David & Mary Brinkman 10:30 a.m. Toni Passow Bob Campbell	8:00 a.m. Debbe Conyers Lindsay Conyers 10:30 a.m. Cheryl Wilson Carol Frost
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Debbe, Lindsay & Lily Conyers 10:30 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence 10:30 a.m. Carlos & Marion Klinger
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Rosalind Kidwell

Stewards: S. Boss / J. Roesler *Altar Guild:* Joan & Pat Miles

Coffee Fellowship:

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Jan. 5	8:00 a.m.	Worship (HC)
	9:15 a.m.	SS / Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship (HC)
Tuesday, Jan. 7	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	5:30 p.m.	Council Dinner – <i>Altitude</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, Jan. 8	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, Jan. 9	6:30 p.m.	F ³
	7:00 p.m.	Seekers



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. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. Grape juice (yellow) is available in the center of each tray. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

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 pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

RIDE MINISTRY: Since there are now several people at church who need rides to worship, we are forming a Ride Ministry. If you are interested in helping out please call the church office @ 745-4222 or talk with Lois Hiller, 742-6455.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Keith Prekker

SERMON: "In The Beginning"

Pastor Keith Prekker

HYMN: "What Feast of Love"

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***APOSTLE'S 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

In joy and wonder, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

**A brief silence.*

Dwell among your people, and fill the church with your wisdom. Guide us in ways of righteousness, that we may show others the witness of your goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

May every season work for your good purpose. Send sun and rain, warmth and chill, in due measure to draw forth your bounty from the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Journey with all refugees and displaced peoples. Lead them in safety to a place where they will find security, that they rejoice in the care you have provided them. Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

Be a sure defense to all whose lives are threatened by pain, personal crisis, or persistent fear. Give them shelter from hardship and rest when they are weary. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shine your light through this faith community into the wider community. Make us a beacon for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and who are in need of mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Giving thanks that the saints now dwell with you in the fullness of your kingdom, we ask you to keep us faithful to your truth revealed in Christ until you make all things new. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: "Create in Me ..."**

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,

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

Glory to you, O Lord.

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

PSALM: Psalm 147:12–20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,

¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.

¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.

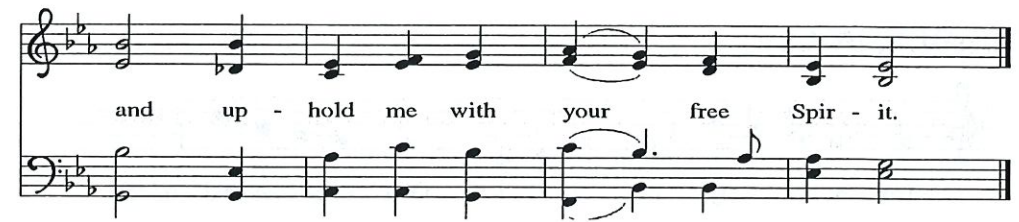
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

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

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.**

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

⁷For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

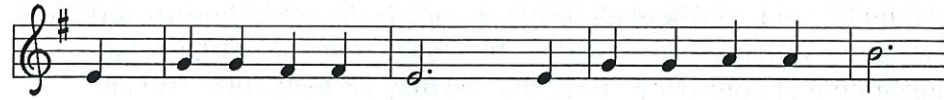
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

***KYRIE**



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a- way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de- part.



We come to hear your liv- ing word; it saves us from de- spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be- gin.
Re- new us with your sav- ing pow'r; cre- ate in us new hearts!

***HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory be to God..."**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for- ev- er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a- lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre- a- tion, Fa- ther of sur- pass- ing worth:
Son of God and gra- cious Sav- ior, you have come from heav'n a- bove;
Ho- ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex- alt you, we a- dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je- sus Christ, with God the Spir- it, in the Fa- ther's splen- dor bright.



Saints and an- gels bow be- fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re- store, for- give us; in your prom- ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in- her- it, glo- ry be to God on high!

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a- way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a- way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a- way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer- cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer- cy now, we pray.
e- ter- nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BLESSING**

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN: "The Bells of Christmas"**

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***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES... HYMN CHIME**

***SENDING**

***POSTLUDE:**

Grace Among Us

Grace. Truth. Gospel. The words we hear in worship week after week point to a powerful reality beyond the world we see before us. At the same time, these powerful words can start to lose their meaning precisely because we can't see or touch the reality to which they point.

As we enter into a new year, we continue to reflect upon the birth of Jesus—the Word made flesh. In Jesus, things like grace and truth are never hazy, spiritual-sounding ideas. In Jesus, fully God and fully human, we encounter grace with skin and truth with a heartbeat. And in Jesus, we receive "power to become children of God" (John 1:12), not because we always have certainty in our understanding of God, but because of who Jesus is.

This might seem like small comfort. After all, we're not likely to run into Jesus in person when we're walking down the street or at the coffee shop. And yet, we can still encounter grace with skin and truth with a heartbeat in the people who surround us every day, and also when we gather together with the body of believers to confess our faith and share in the hope of the gospel. We can encounter the Word made flesh in the hand we shake as we share the peace, the taste and texture of holy communion on our tongues, or the voices that come together to sing about the one from whom we have all received "grace upon grace" (1:16).

The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus is "close to the Father's heart" (1:18). Through Jesus, the Word made flesh, we are brought close to the Father's heart, called to be grace with skin and truth with a heartbeat to the world in which we live.

COMMEMORATION FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, January 9, 2014

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.

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 5, 2014 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Holy Communion

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN: "The First Noel"

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

