

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, February 1, 2015** 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 23rd. Extra copies will be available at the meeting.

THE 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are located under the coat rack in the north lobby. Please pick yours up as you leave today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS for the Annual Report now are due! The preparation for the Annual Report is a hectic time; your prompt response is appreciated. Sending them via e-mail seems to be the most efficient way for all concerned.

NEW MEMBERS RECOGNITION: On February 15 we will receive people wishing to join Trinity congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Pastor Rachel. Current members: we need you to serve as welcoming sponsors for the newcomers in our midst. Speak with Pastor Rachel to show your interest in serving in this way.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary Johnson, (Jan. 4); Phyllis Ricklefs, (Jan. 4); Chris Blackman, (Jan. 5); Anna Reinemer, (Jan. 5); Laura Brande, (Jan. 6) and Judy Moline, (Jan. 10). Happy Birthday!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! There are openings on Church Council for the coming year. Please consider running for Council for 2015. Let a current Council member or Pastor Rachel know if you're interested or have questions about what this commitment entails. It's an important way to share your leadership gifts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES resume **this morning** at 9:15 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES resume on **this** Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FUN (F³-for short) will be meeting this Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Rohr Fellowship Hall. All 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited for supper, activities and games. There will be activities and games. Please join with us and bring a friend.

WE HAVE RECEIVED an invitation for an organ concert to be performed on the Visser-Rowland Organ by Joel Bacon at St. Mary's Cathedral in Cheyenne on Jan. 11, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Bacon is a faculty member of CSU as the Stewart and Sharon Golden Chair in Organ and Liturgical Studies. He is also organist at St. John XXIII Catholic Church in Fort Collins. This sounds like a wonderful concert.

SIGN UP! Please see the 2015 sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room. Thank You!

Sharing a Cup of Coffee with your fellow worshipers? Sign up to **bring goodies and/or set up for our Coffee Time and start the coffee.**

Flowers: Would you like to provide flowers for Sunday services? Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone, or just because.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The Baptism of our Lord:
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 129; Acts 19:1-7; mark 1:4-11.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (1/4)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (1/11)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt 10:30 a.m. Diane Fiedler	8:00 a.m. Steve Boss 10:30 a.m. Steve Barrett
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Trey Muhsman 10:30 a.m. Marlena Meyer	8:00 a.m. Eli Jablin 10:30 a.m. Makayla Renneisen
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. The Anderson Family 10:30 a.m. Debbe Conyers Lindsay Conyers	8:00 a.m. Al & Bobbie Schimek 10:30 a.m. Barb Rouse Georgia Mitchell
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. The Jablin Family 10:30 a.m. Mike Smith	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence 10:30 a.m. Debbe, Lindsay & Lily Conyers
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter 10:30 a.m. Rosalind Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

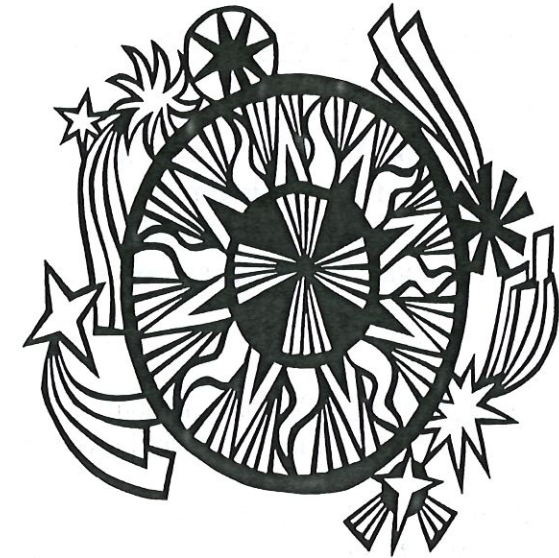
Stewards: S. Boss and E. Wright

Altar Guild: Margot Birkholz

Coffee Fellowship: Doris Eyestone

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>	
Sunday, January 4	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	SS / Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Quilter's Group
	5:30 p.m.	Council Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Weds., January 7	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Classes
Thursday, January 8	6:00 p.m.	F ³

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: Feel free to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Recycle the rest at the ends of the back pew. Thanks.



CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Welcome University Students! We gather Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray or in the glass chalice.

A nursery is provided during worship 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 sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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*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

Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

A brief silence.

O God, your light shines in the face of our brother, Jesus. Enliven the church's testimony about the grace and truth made known in his life, death, and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you speak in the immensity of space and the tiny detail of every grain of sand. We praise you for the creative joy evident in the wonder of life all around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, with holy delight you led your chosen people out of slavery into freedom. Bring freedom and peace to exiles, refugees, and those oppressed by harsh governments. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you stretch out your merciful hand to heal the sick and shield those who are troubled. Touch all who are burdened by want, loneliness, or illness. Bring to them and to their caregivers healing and hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Fill us with joyful hope in this new year, and guide us to have courage amid all the changes and chances of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you are the hope of the saints, the light that filled their hearts, the love that never failed them. Comfort those who mourn, and in your time bring us to our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: "In the Bleak Midwinter"**

#294

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:12–20 (Sung)

¹²Worship the LORD, ¹O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars ¹of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹dren within you.
¹⁴God has established peace ¹on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹finest wheat.
¹⁵God sends out a command ¹to the earth,
a word that runs ¹very swiftly.
¹⁶God gives ¹snow like wool,
scattering ¹frost like ashes.
¹⁷God scatters ¹hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹gainst God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹waters flow.
¹⁹God declares the ¹word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹Hallelujah!

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 LESSON: Ephesians 1:3–14

A reading from Ephesians.

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

***PROPER PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your son Jesus the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the most high, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The mystery hidden for the ages
is revealed for us in this meal.
Come, behold and receive your God.

***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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah

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,
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,

***Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #275**

LAMB OF GOD:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

#471

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***POST COMMUNION HYMN: "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"**

#313

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Radiant God,
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us,
that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.

Amen.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.

Amen.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.

Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”**

#510

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,
**we confess that we are not at peace—
with others or with ourselves.
We bring to you all that tears us apart:
discord in our families,
violence in our world,
our own conflicted hearts.
In your mercy, mend us.
Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth,
through the Prince of peace,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us,
God has given us grace upon grace:
forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,
love that can heal every broken heart.
Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
in the name of + Jesus our Savior,
you are free from all your sins.
Rise, shine, for your light has come.
Amen.

***HYMN: “Brightest and Best of the Stars”**

#303

***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 4, 2015 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.
Amen.

Epiphany of Our Lord—Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Epiphany means "Manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, January 9, 2015

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.

He
destined
us for
adoption
as his
children
through
Jesus Christ