

Trinity Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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2nd Sunday after Christmas **January 5th -- anno Domini 2025**

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service *TLH p. 5*

Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit ☞

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing | infants*

You have or- | dained strength,

because of Your | enemies,*

that You may silence the enemy and the a- | venger. (Psalm 8:2)

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how excellent is Your name in | all the earth!

What is man that You are mind- | ful of him*

and the son of man that You | visit him?

For You have made him a little lower than the | angels,*

and You have crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the works | of Your hands;*

You have put all things un- | der his feet. (Psalm 8:1, 4-6)

Gloria Patri ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ∞ *Genesis 46:1-7*

Israel moved with all he had. When he came to Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

² God spoke to Israel in a vision at night. "Jacob, Jacob!" He said. "Yes," he answered.

³ "I am God, the God of your father," He said. "Don't be afraid to go down to Egypt, because I will make you a great people there. ⁴ I will go down to Egypt with you and bring you back again. And Joseph's hand will close your eyes."

⁵ Jacob moved from Beersheba. Israel's sons took their father Jacob, their children, and their wives in the wagons Pharaoh sent to get them. ⁶ They also took their cattle and the other livestock they had acquired in Canaan. And so *Jacob* and all his family *came to Egypt*. ⁷ He took with him to Egypt his sons, his grandsons, his daughters, his granddaughters — all his descendants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual ∞

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the | Gentiles,*
to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph | in Your praise.

You, O LORD, are our | Father;*

Our Redeemer from Everlasting | is Your name. (Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16)

Epistle ∞ 1 Peter 4:12-19

Dear friends, don't be surprised that you're being tested by a fiery trial as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But as you share Christ's sufferings, be happy so that you will also be full of joy when His glory will be revealed. ¹⁴ If you're insulted now for the name of Christ, you're happy because the Spirit of glory and power, *the Spirit of God, is resting* on you.

¹⁵ Of course, none of you should suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or one who meddles in the affairs of others. ¹⁶ But if you suffer for being a Christian, don't feel ashamed, but praise God with that name. ¹⁷ It is time for the judgment *to start in God's temple*. But if it is starting with us, how will it end for those who refuse to listen to God's good news?

¹⁸ *If it is hard for a righteous person to be saved, what will happen to the ungodly and the sinner?*

¹⁹ So you, too, who suffer as God wants you to suffer, entrust yourselves to your faithful Creator and keep on doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever. Alle- | luia.** (Psalm 145:21)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel ∞ *Matthew 2:13-23*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After the wise men left, Joseph saw an angel of the Lord in a dream, who said, "Get up, take the little Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him." ¹⁴ Joseph got up at night, took the little Child and His mother, and went to Egypt. ¹⁵ He stayed there until Herod died. In this way what the Lord said through the prophet was to come true: *"I called My Son out of Egypt."*

¹⁶ When Herod saw that the wise men had tricked him, he became very angry and sent men to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and in all the country around it, up to two years old, according to the exact time he had found out from the wise men.

¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah came true:

¹⁸ *A cry is heard in Rama!*

Weeping and bitter wailing: Rachel crying over her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are gone.

¹⁹ But when Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in Egypt in a dream ²⁰ and told him, "Get up, take the little Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel. Those who tried to kill the little Child are dead."

²¹ Joseph got up, took the little Child and His mother, and came to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard, "Archelaus has succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea," he was afraid to go back there. And being warned in a dream, he went

to Galilee. ²³ He came and made his home in a town by the name of Nazareth. And so what was said through the prophets came true: "He will be called a Nazarene.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day ∞ *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

Prayers

General Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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Hymn ∞ *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

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Concluding Collect

Benediction

Sit

Hymn to Depart ∞ *Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten, Adam Swann

Next week: Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads

Greeter for today: Andrew Rethemeyer

Next Week: Larry Scheer

Acolyte today: Sam Scheer

Epiphany 7pm: (Jacob Preus)

Next Sunday: Colton Swann

Flower and Altar Care: **January:** Devin Eads

Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Rachel Preus (breast cancer) and unborn baby; Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO. Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: No birthdays/anniversaries this week.

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Joint Epiphany Service @ Trinity

Monday, Jan 6th @ 7p

Voter's Meeting – January 19th after church service (downstairs)

Ladies Aid – January 19th after church (conference room)

January Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, January 17th** at El Ranchito in New Haven at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class. Back in session Wednesday, January 8. All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Large Catechism
Part III
Smalcald Articles

Article XIII - Of Good Works.

How One is Justified before God, and of Good Works.

1 What I have hitherto and constantly taught concerning this I know not how to change in the least, namely, that by faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. And although sin in the flesh has not yet been altogether removed or become dead, yet He will not punish or remember it.

2 And such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. And what there is still sinful or imperfect also in them shall not be accounted as sin or defect, even [and that, too] for Christ's sake; but the entire man, both as to his person and his works, is to be called and to be righteous and holy from pure grace and mercy, shed upon us [unfolded] and spread over us in Christ. 3 Therefore we cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy, but as it is written, 1 Cor. 1:31: He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord, namely, that he has a gracious God. For thus all is well. 4 We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, faith is false and not true.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)
(continued next week)