

Welcome to Trinity

#4 The Word Brings with it the Desire to Speak

However, this noble word naturally brings with it a burning hunger and unquenchable thirst that can never be filled. Even though many thousands of people believed in it, we would still desire that no person would want for it. Such thirst is ever active and knows no rest, but impels us to speak, as David states in Psalm 116 [:10], "I believe, therefore I speak." And (as St. Paul declares in II Corinthians 4 [:13]), "We have the same spirit of faith, therefore we, too, speak," until we include and incorporate everyone with us and make them one communion with us, wherever this is possible. (Luther's Works, v.43, p.62)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Acolytes – Tom Weber
Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning– Dec 20/27 Smith, Jan 3/10 Schroeder

Before Reading Holy Scripture 4
O GOD, with Whom is the well of life, and in Whose Light we see light : Increase in us, we beseech Thee, the brightness of Divine knowledge, whereby we may be able to reach Thy plenteous fountain; impart to our thirsting souls the draught of life; and restore to our darkened minds the Light from Heaven; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.27-28).

Divine Service I, p.136

THE PREPARATION

Hymn..... #12
+ Invocation/Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.]
+ Kyrie p.137
Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent
+ Salutation/Collect of the Day..... p.139
Old Testament Reading
Gradual (insert)
Epistle
+ Alleluia Verse..... (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
Nicene Creed..... p.141
Hymn..... #28

Sermon
Offering plates are in the back.
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.143
+ Prayer of the Church..... p.144

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ Preface, etc. p.144-151
Distribution & Hymns
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
#20, #239, #31, #22
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff

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Propers for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

(*Rorate Coeli*)

Introit

Rain down, you heavens, /
from above,*



and let the skies pour down the / Righteous One;
Let the earth o- / pen her womb,*
and bring forth Sal- / vation.

The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;*
and the firmament shows His / handiwork.
Their voice is gone out into / all the earth,*
and their words to the end / of the world.*
In the heavens He has set a tabernacle / for the sun,*
which is like a Bridegroom coming out of His / chamber.
His going forth is from the end of the / heaven,*
and his circuit unto the / end of it.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit
as it was in the be / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.
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and let the skies pour down the / Righteous One;
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and bring forth Sal- / vation.

(*Antiphon, Is 45:8; Ps 19:1, 4-6*)

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, we implore You, and come among us, that by Your grace whatever is hindered by our sins may yet be speedily accomplished through Your mercy and satisfaction; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

A Prophet like Moses

Gradual

The Lord is near to all who call
up- / on Him,*



to all who call upon / Him in truth.

My mouth shall speak the praise / of the Lord,*

and all flesh shall bless His / holy name. (*Psalm 145:18, 21*)

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

do not delay, O my God. Alle- | luia. (*Ps.40:17*)

St. John 1:19-28

Make Straight the Way of the Lord

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord God, the promised Prophet from among the brothers, and the Christ, we give you thanks that you have granted us eternal life so that we hear your voice in the person of your Son and listen to him.

The Church and her servants.—Give your people an abundance of joy and peace. Give them hearts which desire to attend your services and rejoice in all circumstances with prayer, petition, thanksgiving and praise. Give them the peace which transcends all understanding so that their hearts and minds will not be led astray but guarded unto eternal life.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, the humility of St. John the Baptist so that they do not regard their person, but only concern themselves with being a voice, which agrees with God's Holy Word.

--the children of our Learning Center so that they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ come in the flesh. Uphold our Director, Keely Gelso, and all our staff.

The nations of the world and their rulers.— Grant that our president, Donald Trump, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, our mayor, Steve Frattini, and all our leaders that they may be dedicated to their callings, grow daily in wisdom, and have a genuine concern for the people God has placed in their care.

- Bless our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne, and the members of our armed forces, especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and others who must be separated from their families during the holy days around Christmas, that they may be kept in safety until they are reunited.
- For the lonely during the holidays that they put their hope in you.
- You are the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, look upon the tribulation and distress of those affected by the coronavirus. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, provide care for those infected and calm the worries of the timid, so that in their necessities they may observe and receive your manifold help and comfort. For those who are discouraged because of a lack of employment, in your mercy, raise up opportunity for businesses and work, that in peace and thanksgiving all people may earn and eat the bread of contentment.

Particular local needs.—

Shut-ins.- Carolyn Westerman(Liberty Village)

Elderly.- Violet Kemp, Verdelle Thies(Patty Kenner's mother)

Various Needs.- Priscilla Kreuzer, Katelyn Guetersloh(MS), Jade Warden(Lee Dunaway's step dad's daughter, cancer), Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Linda Plock, Rebekah Roethe (cancer, friend of Turners), Victor and Marsha Turner, Tony Prochaska, and Gib (Jane's Brother), Helen McBride (Dan Kenner's Mother,) and Dan Kenner(Positive for Covid).

Hospitalized.—David Henson(Covid-positive, thanksgiving that the doctor found blood clots in legs/lungs. David is home doing well.)

Students.- Kara Martin, Andrew Miller, Eric Henson, Jonathan Henson, Kjersten Jolly, Alexis Darnstaedt, Sarah Miller, Benjamin Henson, Jacob Henson, and Ashleigh Byrne.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

Psalm 19:1-6

**Weekly
Calendar**

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

MONDAY -Divine Service on St. Thomas, Apostle, 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY -CHRIST'S MASS EVE SERVICE, 7:00 PM

-Note: There is no 11 PM service

FRIDAY -FULL MATINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 8:00 AM

-CHRIST'S MASS DAY SERVICE, 9:00 AM

SATURDAY --Vespers on St. Stephen, Martyr, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

-Matins on St. John, Apostle, 8:00 AM

-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

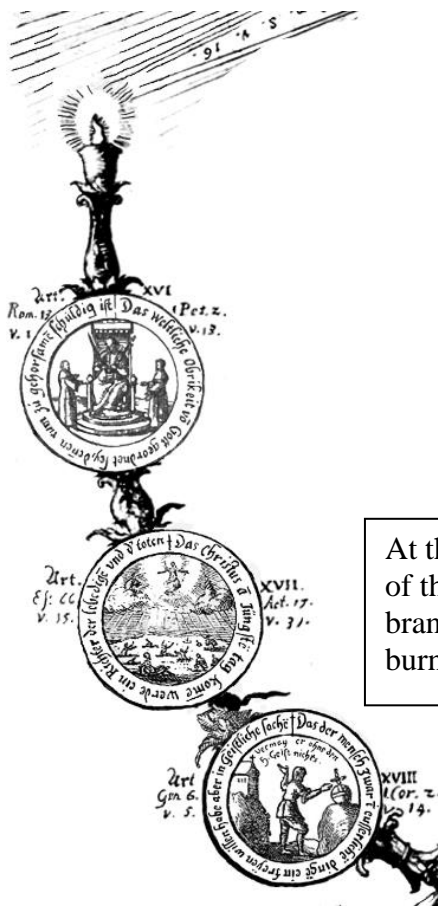
-Learn-by-Heart Recitation of the Lord's Prayer

**Trinity
News**

Pecans.--The pecans have arrived! Your pecan order is available. Thanks for your support

2020 Pecan Fundraiser for ECLC.—We have some extra bags of pecans downstairs to sell. There are 18

of the plain pecans (extra-large halves) at \$11.00. There are 12 cinnamon glazed, 17 chocolate covered, and 20 glazed, all at \$9.00/bag.



At the top of each of the seven branches is a burning candle.

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins **are asked to speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune.**

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of the **Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (Eldona.org)**.
 --Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.
 --Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.** Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.