

Welcome to Trinity

#6 The Incarnation Is The Reason for Rejoicing

On the festival of the Annunciation of Mary in 1533 he [Martin Luther] said, “When preaching on this day one should stick to the story, **so that we may celebrate the incarnation of Christ, rejoice that we were made his brethren, and be glad that he who fills heaven and earth is in the womb of the maiden. Disputations stand in the way of joy** because they bring forth doubts, and these produce sorrow, just as if the girl had not rejoiced until she knew that she was promised in marriage and her doubt vanished. Therefore, I hate Erasmus from the bottom of my heart because he calls into question what ought to be our joy. Bernard filled a whole sermon with praise of the Virgin Mary and in so doing forgot to mention what happened; so highly did he and Anselm esteem Mary. **But a Christian puts the questions aside and occupies himself with the effects [of the incarnation]. The incarnation, therefore, should be held high.** Mary can’t be sufficiently praised as a creature, but that the Creator himself comes to us and becomes our ransom—this is the reason for our rejoicing. I don’t think the story can be told more simply than it was by Luke. Nobody could have invented the word ‘sent.’” (Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.84)

Upcoming Services

- SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 -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
- MONDAY **-Divine Service on St. John, Apostle, 10:30 AM**
- TUESDAY **-Divine Service on The Holy Innocents, 10:30 AM**

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Propers for Christ's Mass Day

Introit

For unto us a / Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His / shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, / Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, / Prince of Peace.



Oh, sing to the LORD a / new song!
For He has done / marv'lous things;
His right hand and His / holy arm
have gained Him the / victory.
He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of /
Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation / of our God.
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.
For unto us a / Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His /
shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, / Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, / Prince of Peace.
(Psalm 98:1-4; Antiphon: Isaiah 9:6)

Collect

Grant, we implore You, heavenly Father, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of our sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38 *The glory of the Lord fills the Temple*

Gradual

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation / of our God.
Shout joyfully to the Lord, / all the earth;
The LORD has made known His sal- / vation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the / nations.
(Psalm 98:3b-4, 2)



Epistle: Titus 3:4-7 *The Love of God Our Savior*

Alleluia Verse

Alle- | luia.*
Alle- | luia.
A holy day has dawned up- | on us.*
Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord. Alle- | luia.
(Liturgical text)



Holy Gospel: St. John 1:1-18 *The Word became flesh*

General Prayer of the Church

This day we will be using a prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays" from The Lutheran Liturgy (p.331-332).

O THOU GREAT AND GLORIOUS REDEEMER, who art Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Emmanuel, God with us! For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

But chiefly at this time we adore Thee for leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know Thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that, though Thou was rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through Thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation and Nativity, good Lord, deliver us.

Thou who didst come that we might have life and was called Jesus that Thou mightest save Thy people from their sins, be gracious unto us and save us. And grant that we, being born again and made the children of God by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and follow the steps of Thy most holy life; ever remembering that Thou gavest Thyself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify unto Thyself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Let the glad tidings which we commemorate this day be made known to all people. May the Root which hath sprung out of Jesse send forth branches on the right hand and on the left. And as at Thy first coming Thou didst send Thy messengers to announce Thine advent and to prepare Thy way before Thee, we beseech Thee to grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

Pre-communion Prayer

Sanctify us, O Lord, by the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son and cleanse us from the stains of sins; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* All the ends of the world: have seen the salvation of our God (Psalm 98:4). **Psalm 98**

Post-communion Prayer

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world born on this day is the author of our divine generation, so He may Himself also be to us the giver of immortality; who with Thee and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Our LORD our governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world. (Ps. 8). **Psalm 8**

For Peace 2.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, to look down from Thy holy heaven upon the children of men, and give us to know the way of peace; that we, being set free from the hard captivity of vice, may enjoy the habitations of the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.63-64).

Weekly Calendar

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

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

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY -Undecorating the Church, 6:00 PM

-Eve of the Epiphany of Our Lord, 7 PM

-Cookies/hot chocolate after the burning of the tree

SATURDAY -Private Confession and Absolution, 8 PM

NEXT *-THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

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

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

Church Cleaning– Jan 2 Baker, Jan 9/16 Weber

Altar Flowers –

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.

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning– Dec 26/Jan 2 Baker, Jan 9/16 Weber