

**Welcome  
to Trinity**

**#8 The Incarnation Far Superior to the Great Work of Creation**

This evening **he [Martin Luther] was very joyful**. His conversation, his singing, and his thoughts were about the incarnation of Christ, our Savior. Amid his sighs he said, “Ah, what wretched people we are! To think that we are so cold and slothful in our attitude toward this **great joy which, after all, happened for us, this great benefaction which is far, far superior to all other works of creation!** And yet how hard it is for us to believe, though the good news was preached and sung for us by angels, who are heavenly theologians and have rejoiced in our behalf! Their song is the most glorious. It contains the whole Christian faith. For the *gloria in excelsis* supreme worship. They wish us such worship and they bring it to us in Christ

“Ever since the fall of Adam the world knows neither God nor his creation. It lives altogether outside of the glory of God. Oh, what thoughts man might have had about the fact that God is in all creatures, and so might have reflected on the power and the wisdom of God in even the smallest flowers! Of a truth, who can imagine how God creates, out of the parched soil, such a variety of flowers, such pretty colors, such sweet vernal grass, beyond anything that a painter or apothecary could make! Yet God can bring out of the ground such colors as green, yellow, red, blue, brown. Adam and those around him would have been elevated by all this to the praise of God, and they would have made use of all created things with thanksgiving. Now we enjoy all this to overflowing, yet without understanding, like cattle or other beasts trampling the most beautiful blossoms and lilies underfoot.

**“For this reason the angels here [in the Christmas story] recall fallen men to faith and love, that is, to glory toward God and peace on earth.”**  
(Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.326)

**Divine Service I, p.137**

Hymn..... **#41**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

- + Introit..... (insert)  
*[Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.]*
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis... p.137-139
- + 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 “Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord”**  
(insert)

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)  
**#52, #391, #36, #43**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff
- + Hymn..... **#42**

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## Propers for the Second Sunday after Christmas

### 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.*



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.

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.

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.

*(Antiphon, Ps 8:2; Psalm 8:1, 4-6)*

### Collect

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who allowed Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and sojourner in Egypt for our sake and led Him safely home to His fatherland, mercifully grant that we poor sinners who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may finally come to our true home and fatherland, to live in joy and glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

### Genesis 46:1-7

*Jacob's journey to Egypt*

### 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

*Partakers of Christ's sufferings*

*Alleluia Verse, p. 140*

### St. Matthew 2:13-23

*Flight to Egypt*

*Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141*

### Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – that our Heavenly Father graciously protected His Son by directing the Holy family's flight into Egypt and further directed him to return to Israel to be our sacrifice for sin.

The Church and her servants.—Grant that all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, that they would comfort their people with the victory of Jesus Christ so that they entrust themselves to God's will and continue to lead holy lives.

--Grant that the members of Your church would heed your direction to flee to the comfort of Your Word, Baptism, Absolution, and Lord's Supper during our temptations in the midst of persecution.

--Give to the children attending our Learning Center, godly parents who will protect their children through the teaching of God's Word. Uphold our Director, Keely Gelso, and staff.

--Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX), Pr. James D. Heiser and Bishop of ELDoNA, Dcn. Anthony Oncken

The nations of the world and their rulers.—that the world's governments may remember that the Lord God has established their rule and reign, and that they may permit the proclamation of the tidings of Jesus Christ.

- Defend and protect our military personnel who are scattered throughout the world—especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and those who work in law enforcement (especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne),.
- that the elected and appointed leaders of this community the mayor, city manager, city council, county officials, and judges, may be granted wise hearts to discern between good and evil in the conduct of their offices.
- that the hand of the Lord may guide the individual legal immigrants and the immigrant communities of this nation as they arrive and settle in this new land and that the Church may gather them into its home and way of life.
- that the hospitals and social service agencies of this community through their service to the sick, the unemployed, the poor, the troubled, and the dying may calm the weeping and fill all whom they serve with wisdom and understanding.

**Particular local needs.**—

**Shut-ins.**- Carolyn Westerman (Assisted Living at Parkway Manor), **Elderly.**- Violet Kemp

**Various Needs.**- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Victor and Marsha Turner, Brad Turner, Gib, Howard and Stan (Jane’s Brothers), Jack Plock (brother of Cecil Plock), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Jennifer (Cecil’s daughter), Laura Marchetti (ECLC teacher), and Joyce Aukamp(cousin of Carol Henson).

**Students.**- Sarah Miller (University of Kentucky, Lexington), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska), Jonathan Henson (Southern Illinois University) Kara Martin (University of Southern Indiana), Alexis Darnstaedt (University of Missouri, Columbia), and Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary). **Ashleigh Byrne.**

**For Peace 4.**

O GOD, Who hast taught us to keep all Thy heavenly commandments by loving Thee and our neighbor: Grant us the Spirit of peace and grace, than we may be both devoted to Thee with our whole heart, and united to each other with a pure will; 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.64).

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

**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**

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-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 –

**Trinity News**

**Council Meeting.**—will be Sunday, January 16.

**Game Night.**—Friday, January 28

**ECLC Closed** Dec 23, 2021 through January 2, 2022.

Ps. 118: 25  
 Rett, o Herr Jesu, rett dein' Ehr'  
 Johann Heermann, 1630  
 Tr., Matthias Loy, 1830, alt.

L. M.

Erhalt uns, Herr  
 "Geistliche Lieder"  
 Wittenberg, 1543

1 Thine hon - or save, O Christ, our Lord! Hear Zi - on's  
 2 Their craft and pomp in - deed are great, And of their  
 3 For - give, O Lord, our sins for - give; Grant us Thy

cries and help af - ford; De - stroy the wiles of might - y  
 pow'r they boast and prate; Our hope they scorn - ful - ly de -  
 grace and let us live. Con - vince Thy foes through-out the

foes Who now Thy Word and truth op - pose.  
 ride And deem us noth - ing in their pride.  
 land That god - less coun - sels shall not stand. A - men.

- 4 That Thou art with us, Lord, proclaim  
 And put our enemies to shame;  
 Confound them in their haughtiness  
 And help Thine own in their distress.
- 5 Preserve Thy little flock in peace,  
 Nor let Thy boundless mercy cease;  
 To all the world let it appear  
 That Thy true Church indeed is here.

## 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.



### **144,000 Sealed**

from *Das Neue Testament Deutzsch*. The image is from Martin Luther's (1483-1546) September Testament. Angels hold the winds of the four corners of the earth back while the 144,000 saints are sealed with the mark of Christ. Woodcut designed by Lucas Cranach, the Elder (1472-1553), a close friend of Martin Luther.