

Welcome to Trinity

#9 We Are Saved Because We Are Weak in Wisdom, Power, and Holiness

“Thus we are like the holy fathers in our faith. The weaker we are than the fathers, the greater the victory Christ obtains for us. We are very inexperienced, very weak, and very proud over against the devil; he has a great advantage over us, for our wisdom, power, and holiness are not so great as our fathers’ were. But our Lord God wants to put an end to the devil’s extreme arrogance.... (Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.95)

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -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

For The Church, General 4.

O CHRIST, the Word of the Father, by Whom all things were created: Keep, we beseech Thee, Thy Church gathered together from the various nations of the Gentiles: that while we love Thee with a pure heart, we may come to the joys of Thine eternal Kingdom; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.67-68).

Service of Light, p.250

- + Versicles p. 250
- + Joyous Light, Thanksgiving p.251-252
- “Let my prayer..... p.253-255
- Psalm 72 p.332**
- Isaiah 51:1-6
- Hymn #47**

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 #73**
- 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)
- Hymns: #77, #240, #78**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff

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Propers for the Epiphany of Our Lord

Introit

Behold the Lord, the Ru- | ler, has
come,*



and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in His hand.

Give the king Your judg- | ments, O God,*
and Your righteousness to the | king's Son.
He will judge Your people with | righteousness,*
and Your poor with | justice
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring | presents;*
the kings of Sheba and Seba will | offer gifts.
Yes, all kings shall fall down be- | fore Him;*
all nations shall | serve Him.
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.
Behold the Lord, the Ru- | ler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in His hand.

(Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11; Antiphon: Liturgical text)

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star made manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life joyfully behold Your glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gentiles are heirs through the Gospel



Gradual/Verse

All those from She- | ba shall come;*
they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the
praises | of the LORD.
Arise, shine; for your | light has come!*
and the glory of the LORD is risen up- | on you. (Isaiah 60:6, 1)
Alle- | luia.*
Alle- | luia.
We have seen His star | in the East*
and have come to worship Him. Alle- | luia. (Matthew 2:2)

St. Matthew 2:1-12

Visit of the Magi

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Secret

Graciously look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon your Church so that the gracious gifts of Body and Blood given to her may work forgiveness by the pleasing aroma of Jesus' atoning death; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* We have seen His star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord. (Matthew 2:2). **Psalm 72:1-2, 7, 10-11, 17b**

Postcommunion

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that by a purified mind we may attain to the understanding of that which we solemnly celebrate; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

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.340-341).

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of lights, who didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh, making known His advent by a wonderful star to the Wise Men of the East, we praise Thee for Thine infinite mercy and surpassing love in granting unto us a ransom for our sins. We praise Thee that the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. We praise Thee that Thou hast prepared Thy salvation before the face of all people and hast established on earth the Church of Jesus Christ as the home of Thy continual presence and power among men. We praise Thee that Thou hast also brought us unto the fellowship of Thy beloved Son by the bright light of Thy Word, so that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but partakers of Thy grace, fellow citizens with the saints, members of Thy household, and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We will extol Thee, our God; we will bless Thy name forever and ever; we will exalt Thee and sing unto Thee; for Thou hast remembered Thy covenant and sent salvation to Thy people.

And we beseech Thee, let us evermore follow the shining star of Thy divine Word, taking heed thereto as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, that the day may dawn and the Daystar arise in our hearts, and we may know Thee, and worship Thee, and present our own selves to Thee an acceptable sacrifice. Enable us to offer up to Thee the gold of faith, the incense of prayer, and the myrrh of repentance. Teach us to do Thy will, that we may crucify the flesh and serve Thee all our days, cherishing Christ in His members by relieving the needy and doing good unto all men.

Graciously save and defend our country and its people, our Government, and the whole Christian Church. Bless all honest labor, and give us our daily bread. Preserve us from sickness and famine and all other calamities. Visit the afflicted, the sick, and the dying with Thy heavenly consolation. Preserve unto us and our children Thy Word and Sacraments; guide us with Thy counsel; and afterwards receive us to glory in the land of eternal rest, where, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we shall laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

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.

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

Church Cleaning– Jan 9/16 Weber, Jan 23/30 Webb

Altar Flowers –



The Little Scroll from *Das Neue Testament Deutzsch*. The image is from Martin Luther's (1483-1546) September Testament. An angel instructs John to eat the little scroll. Woodcut designed by Lucas Cranach, the Elder (1472-1553), a close friend of Martin Luther.

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.