

Welcome to Trinity

#8 Whoever Despises Preaching and the Office of the Ministry...

This much is sure: **Whoever despises the office of the ministry will not think very highly of the Gospel.** Since they trample the ministers and the preachers underfoot and treat them more cruelly than the peasants treat their hogs, we shall take back our pearls and see how much of the Gospel they will have without any thanks to us. If you can trample the Word of God and its preachers underfoot, He can trample you underfoot as well. (Luther's Works, v. 21, pages 226).

Assistants

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

Church Cleaning – Jan 1 Field, Bob, Jan 8/15 Darnstaedt

For Consecration.

O HOLY Spirit, Love of God, infuse Thy grace, and descend plentifully into my heart; enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there Thy brightening beams; dwell in that soul that longs to be Thy temple; water that barren soil, overrun with weeds and briars, and lost for want of cultivating, and make it fruitful with Thy dew from heaven. O come Thou Refreshment of them that languish and faint. Come Thou Star and Guide of them that sail in the tempestuous sea of the world; Thou only Haven of the tossed and ship-wrecked. Come Thou Glory and Crown of the living, and only Safeguard of the dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy, and make me fit to receive Thee, Who with the Father are one God, world without end. Amen (Oremus, 1925, p.39-40).

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.

Service of Light, p.250

- + Versicles p. 250
- + Joyous Light p.251-252
- + Thanksgiving p.252
- “Let my prayer..... p.253-255
- Psalm 8 (insert)**
- Isaiah 55:1-13
- Hymn #54**

Service of the Word, p.137

- + Introit..... (insert)
- [Pastor chants first 2 lines, then congregation joins in.]*
- + Kyrie..... p.137
- + Gloria in Excelsis..... p.138-139
- + Salutation..... p.139
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)
- Epistle
- Gradual (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
- + Nicene Creed..... p.141
- Hymn “To The Name of Our Salvation” (insert)** Choir alone sings 3rd stanza
- Sermon
- Offering
- + 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: #853, #67**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction p.154-5
- + **Hymn #501**

General Prayer of the Church

This evening we will be using a prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays" from The Lutheran Liturgy(p.337).

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Savior of the world, who, being made man for our sakes, didst endure the circumcision of the flesh to satisfy the demands of the Law and the eternal justice of God by Thy perfect obedience, that we might obtain the forgiveness of sins in Thy name, we praise Thee for Thy goodness and glorify Thy marvelous works for our salvation. And we beseech Thee to count Thy perfect merit unto our faith for righteousness and to plead our cause when our misdeeds rise up to testify against us. Teach us to reverence and faithfully to use Thy Word and the blessed Sacraments, cleanse us daily from our sins with Thy precious blood, and grant us the true circumcision of the heart, in the spirit, that we may by faith be consecrated, as instruments of righteousness, to Thy service. Give us grace to withstand all temptations and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, loving the thing which Thou commandest and desiring only what Thou hast promised, that among the manifold changes of this present world our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. Sustain us in our trials, keep us in the path in which we should go, and hereafter receive us into the kingdom of Thy glory.

Other Collects

Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the World, we give thanks to You with our whole hearts that for us You have so humbled Yourself as to clothe Yourself in our flesh and blood, being subject to the law; and even in tenderest youth did submit Yourself unto pain that You might be called our Jesus, Our Redeemer. O Lord Jesus, as Your Name even so has Your glory gone out unto the ends of the earth. Great are Your works and the thoughts which You have revealed unto us. In these we rejoice and speak of Your truth and salvation, praying You to reckon the merit of Your circumcision unto our faith for righteousness, and grant us Your holy Spirit that we may humbly yield our hearts circumcised unto You. You, O Lord, will create in us new hearts and renew a right spirit within us, that we may henceforth serve You in a new life, rejoicing before You for Your mercies, which are new before us every morning; ever praising You, and finally, through Your merit, be made worthy to celebrate the eternal New Year with You in the heavenly Jerusalem. Grant this, most heartily beloved Redeemer, for Your most blessed and holy Name--Jesus. Amen. (Loehe, 270)

Almighty Lord, our God, Holy Father, we give thanks unto You that during the past year You have so graciously preserved and defended us. We beseech You, grant us a peaceful, joyful, and blessed New Year. With Fatherly kindness, keep and bless us in body and soul; but, above all, grant us grace that with the old year we may put off also the old man of sin and put on, instead, the new man which is renewed in knowledge of the image of the holiness of the Creator, until we shall be translated from this old world into the new Jerusalem, where, with new voices, we shall glorify You, world without end. Amen. (Loehe, 271)

The Eve of the Name of the Lord



The Luther Bible 1534: Exodus 29 – The Priest, p.54.

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