

**Welcome
to Trinity**

**#7 We Have No Fellowship with the Schismatic
Spirits**

The art that Christ is teaching us here, therefore, is how to separate ourselves from any such hog or dog we may see. This is how we treat the schismatic spirits: **We have no fellowship with them, we administer no Sacrament to them, we communicate no consolation of the Gospel to them.** Instead we show them that they shall not enjoy anything of Christ, our treasure. By doing this we withhold the pearl and what is holy from them right well. So far as I am concerned, no bigwig or peasant, no fanatic or schismatic spirit shall get the Gospel and Christ unless he first asks me about it and agrees with me, so that I or any other real preacher can affirm it. Anyone who has the Gospel correctly must certainly agree with us and be one with us, insofar as we are already sure that what we have is the true Gospel and the pearls. Certainly he will not trample us underfoot the way Squire Bigwig does, or condemn us the way the sectarians do, or despise us the way the peasants do in the cities and towns. He will hold in esteem both the clear Word and those who preach it and gladly listen to it. Where this is not so, we shall regard them as swine and dogs and tell them that they will get nothing from us. Meanwhile we shall let them read and listen and lay claim to the name "Evangelical," if they choose, the way I have to do with certain bigwigs and towns. (Luther's Works, v. 21, pages 225).

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**

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the

ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Weekly
Calendar**

TODAY -MATINS, CHRISTMAS DAY, 8 AM

-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-CHRIST'S MASS DAY SERVICE, 10:15 AM

-Learn-by-Heart Certificate for the Lord's Prayer

MONDAY -No Service on St. Stephen, Martyr

TUESDAY -Divine Service on St. John, Apostle, 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY -Divine Service on The Holy Innocents, 10:30 AM

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY -Divine Service on Circumcision of Jesus, 10:30 AM

SUNDAY -FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

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

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

Altar Flowers –

Divine Service I, p.136

THE PREPARATION

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

Choir sings choral rendition

+ Invocation..... p.136

+ Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ Introit..... (insert)

[Pastor, then congregation]

+ Kyrie..... p.137

+ Gloria in Excelsis..... p.138-139

+ Salutation..... p.139

+ Collect of the Day... (insert)

Old Testament Reading

Epistle

+ Gradual (insert)

+ Holy Gospel..... p.140-141

+ Nicene Creed..... p.141

Hymn “O Jesus Christ, all praise to

Thee” (insert) Choir sings 1st &

2nd stanza, then everyone joins in

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: #51, #48, #53, #69

+ “Lord, now you let ...” p.152

+ Post-Communion Collects p.153

+ Benedicamus..... p.154

+ Benediction..... p.155

Hymn..... #64

Announcements

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.332-333).*

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee that Thou hast fulfilled Thine ancient promises and given us, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, praise and glory and honor be to Thee; for out of Thine unspeakable love Thou didst humble Thyself, that we might be exalted; Thou wast made man, that we might be made heirs of God and fellow heirs with Thee; Thou didst take upon Thee the form of a servant, that we might be renewed into the image of God; we sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, but Thou hast brought us light and life and peace and joy.

O Holy Spirit, we praise and bless Thee for making known to us and to all mankind, by the preaching of the Gospel, the joyful tidings of the holy Nativity; and we beseech Thee, quicken us by Thy grace and power, that we may not hear the Christmas message with passing wonderment only, but, like Mary, ponder it in our hearts, that it may kindle in us the light of true faith and the fire of fervent love. Let us not be turned aside by doubts or fears, but, like the shepherds, trusting fully in Thy Word, come with haste to see the things which have come to pass, accept them for our salvation, make known abroad, as we have opportunity, the great joy which shall be to all people, and glorify and praise God for the marvels of His grace and love.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made

-all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson,

-Iglesia Confesional de Columbia (Medellin, Columbia) Pr. Carlos Mario Marin

--the children attending our Learning Center, our Director, Keely Gelso.

--Joe Biden, the President of the United States, J.B. Pritzker, our governor, Steve Frattini, our mayor, and to all who hold the authority to lead the nations,

--our military personnel, especially, Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt.

--our Police officers, especially Alex Byrne and Daniel Byrne

Shut-ins.- Carolyn Westerman; **Elderly.**- Violet Kemp, Tom Smith

Various Needs.- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Stan (Jane's Brothers), Jack Plock (brother of Cecil Plock), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Jennifer (brain tumor surgery Jan 9, Cecil's daughter), Victor and Marsha Turner, and Anita Prochaska(recovery).

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), Cameron Offnet(Southern Illinois University), and Benjamin Henson & Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary) and thanksgiving for the graduation of Ashleigh Byrne(Colorado State University-Global),

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.

The Feast of the Nativity



The Luther Bible 1534: Numbers 21 – The Snake on the Pole p.98.

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