

**Welcome  
to Trinity**

**#8 If There Was No Future Life... We Wouldn't Need Jesus**

Surely, we receive much more of God than we can ever expect to obtain from emperors, or any temporal authorities. If we do not believe that there is a future life, why then, of course, we need no other helpers than rulers, parents, or physicians, whose duty is to see to our temporal welfare. But if we believe that there is a life after this is ended, then, beyond all doubt, we need this our Savior. Neither king, nor father, nor mother, nor physician, nor any one else, yea, not even an angel, can give us that life. It is true, our Lord Jesus will also be with His people in the troubles of this life, and will assist them in their temporal distress, even if kings and parents and friends fail, or are not able to assist. Yet this is not His chief nor highest office; hence we do not preach of it especially.

**His special office is to save from sin, from eternal death and the dominion of the devil;** hence He proclaims His name Jesus, to be known by all sinners, for they need a Savior. **If there were no hell, no dominion of the devil, no eternal punishment or torment, men might live without Jesus the Lord;** for then when one dies all would be at an end, as it is with a tree when it falls, or with a cow when she dies. Hence those who do not believe in God nor in a future life, become a wild, licentious brood. But he who believes in a God will immediately conclude that not all is ended with the close of this life, but there is, beyond this, another life, which is everlasting. That God does not principally concern Himself about the present life of man is evident from the fact that He permits so many wicked scoundrels to live, and to flourish here upon earth. But He has promised us an eternal life hereafter, and the Child Jesus came to be our Savior and our Guide to this future existence. If He brings us into that life, then has He assisted us indeed, no matter what trials we may in the meanwhile be called to endure here upon earth; yea, though they be so severe that it might seem as if God had forsaken us, it matters not, since we know that He saves unto eternal life. This must satisfy us, let the world wag as it will. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sermon for New Year, Volume 1, p. 143)

Hymn ..... LW #80

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**Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center**  
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### Isaiah 61:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

### Romans 12:1-5

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

### St. Luke 2:41-52

<sup>41</sup> His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. <sup>43</sup> When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; <sup>44</sup> but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day’s journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. <sup>45</sup> So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. <sup>46</sup> Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. <sup>48</sup> So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” <sup>49</sup> And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Son why have you done this to us? Look your father and I have sought you anxiously. And He said, Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business (Lk 2:48-49).

**Psalm 145**



#### Introit.

*Ant.* I SAW || also the Lord, sitting | up- | on | a | throne:  
high and | lift- | ed | up.

|| And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, | Al- | le- | lu- | ia:  
for the Lord God Omnipotent | reign- | eth.

Psalm. || Make a joyful noise unto the | LORD, | all | ye | lands:  
serve the LORD | with | glad- | ness.

GLO- RY || be to the Father | and | to | the | Son:  
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be:  
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

#### Collect.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle:** Romans 12:1–5

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41–52

**Additional reading:** Isaiah 61:1–3

#### Gradual.

|| Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only do- | eth | wond- | rous  
| things:

and blessed be His glorious | Name | for- | ever.

|| The mountains shall bring peace | to | Thy | peo- | ple:  
and the hills | righ- | teous- | ness.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Make a joyful noise unto the | LORD, | all | ye | lands:  
serve the LORD with gladness. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

1st Sunday after Epiphany

10. Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

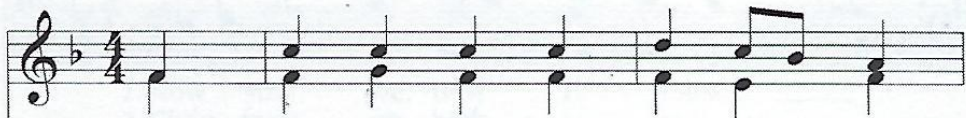
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Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich

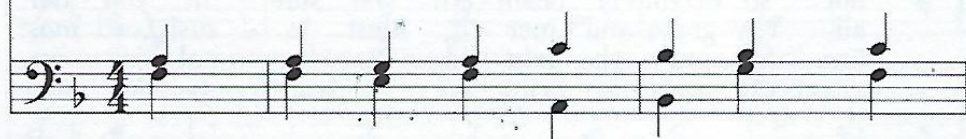
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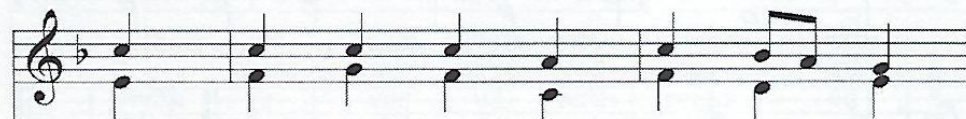
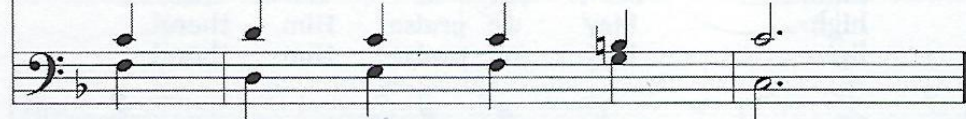
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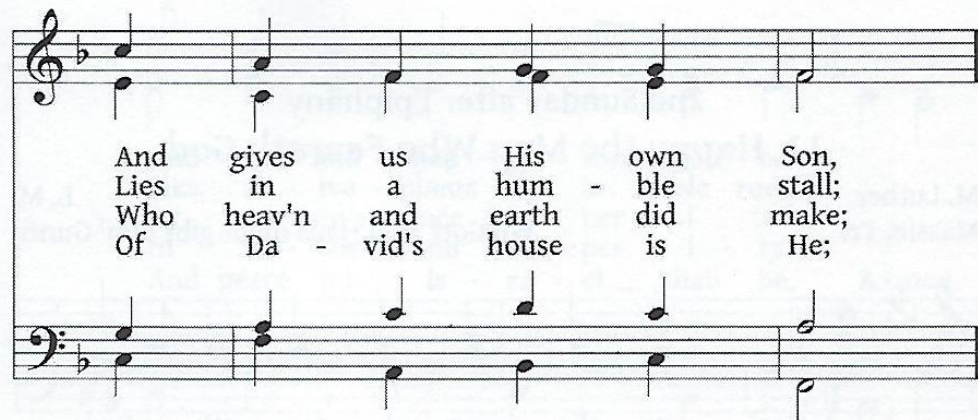
1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,  
 2. He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne,  
 3. He lays a - side His pow'r di - vine,  
 4. He nes - tles at His moth - er's breast,



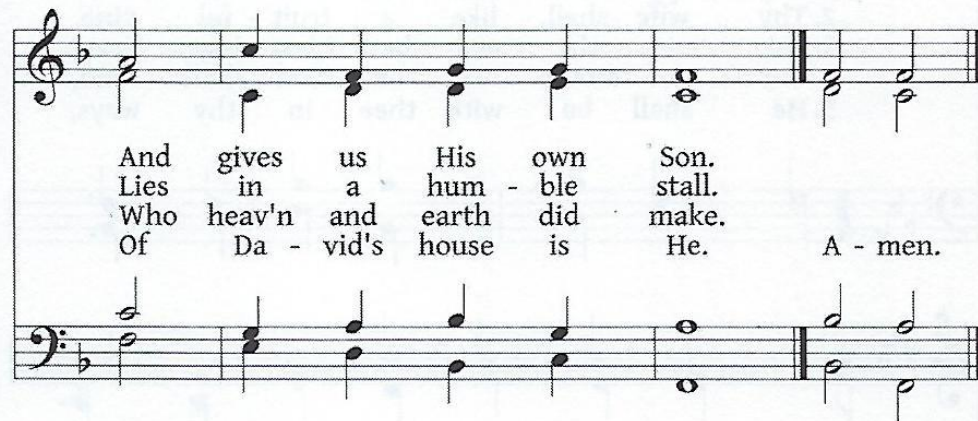
Be - fore His high - est throne,  
 Is born an in - fant small,  
 A ser - vant's form doth take,  
 Her milk His food must be,



To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain,  
 And in a man - ger poor and lone  
 In want and low - ness He doth pine  
 Whom saints and an - gels call the Blest,



And gives us His own Son,  
 Lies in a hum - ble stall;  
 Who heav'n and earth did make;  
 Of Da - vid's house is He;



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 Of Da - vid's house is He. A - men.

5. 'Tis He who in these latter days  
 From Judah's tribe should come,  
 By whom the Lord again would raise  
 His Church, His Christendom.

6. A wondrous change which He doth make  
 He takes our flesh and blood,  
 And lays aside for sinners' sake,  
 His majesty of God.

7. He serves, that I a lord may be;  
 A great exchange, indeed!  
 Could Jesus' love do more for me,  
 To help me in my need?

8. He opens us again the door  
 Of Paradise today;  
 The cherub guards the gate no more.  
 To God our thanks we pay.

## Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- Elderly:** Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- Pregnant:** Susan Plock-Apr
- Students:** Tom Weber, Kara Martin, Jonathan Henson, Sarah Miller, Sadie Henson, and Alexis Darnstaedt
- Various Needs:** Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), Christina Borchert (cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charolette Harroun (health concerns), Denise Livingston (friend of Mary Brieschke), Melanie Lentz (friend of Donna Lowrance), Hal and Carolynn Schmidt (Walter Brieschke's sister and husband)
- Baptism:** Louisa Ruth Henson at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Peoria, IL)
- Recovery from Surgery:** **Patti Baker (Dec 26), Anita Prochaska (Dec. 29).**

## Assistants

Elder – Stephen Philips (303-0769)  
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne  
Altar Guild – Kim Miller & Claire Stretch

Church Cleaning – Jan 7/14 Michael Henson, 21/28 David Henson

## Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult & 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**

SATURDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 8-8:30 PM

NEXT -*THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

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## Trinity News

**Second Congregational Planning Meeting.**— Monday, February 12, from 6 to 8 PM. With prayer for guidance and wise planning, it's time to unite around a new common goal and blaze a path forward.

**LMS.**—The Ladies Missionary Society will meet on Thursday January 25 at 6 PM at Karin Henson's home.

**Game Nights.**—Friday, January 26

**Council Meeting.**—will be Sunday, January 28.

## 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.



**The Luther Bible 1534:** Revelation 1:12-20 – The Son of Man and the Lampstands, #949.

**In the Sacristy 9.**

CLEANSE me, O Lord, and purify my heart, that washed in the blood of the Lamb, I may attain everlasting joys; through the Same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.131).