

**Welcome
to Trinity**

#10 The real Clergy Prove His Gospel, Baptism and Sacrament

Such kindness must prompt us in all our troubles to come unto Him for help, and to place our entire confidence in Him.

But more than this: it ought to prompt us to exercise similar kindness and love towards our fellow-men, with the sole intention to do the will of God and to promote the welfare of our neighbor. Christ seeks neither honor nor reward in rendering assistance; He has but this in view, that man may be relieved from woe and suffering, that the glory of God may be enhanced and His will accomplished.

We do not serve God if we are kind to others merely because we expect a similar return from them. Such a spirit would be selfish. If we wish to serve God and our brother aright, we must not look to our own interest, but only to the existing want. We must bear in mind that it is God’s will and command to assist our fellow-man in his time of need, though we are aware that we gain not even a farthing by it, or perhaps naught but ingratitude; as Christ Himself experienced when He cleansed ten lepers, nine of whom forgot to thank Him, and only one returned with a grateful heart. Christ foresaw this base ingratitude, and yet He helps them when they ask, committing the rest to God in heaven. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Volume 1, p. 185-186)

For Choirs 2.

O GOD, to Whom the Cherubim and Seraphim adoringly sing, Holy, Holy, Holy: Grant that as our voices are uplifted in this service to Thy praise, so we may continually sing and make melody in our hearts unto Thee; through 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.133).

Divine Service

Hymn **LW #89**

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
- + Confession/Absolution p.8-9
- + Introit..... (insert)
- [Pastor, then congregation]*
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis p.10-13
- + Salutation..... p.13
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)
- Old Testament Reading
- Epistle
- + Gradual..... (insert)
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ASBH #15 “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

- Sermon
- + Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
- The Offerings are gathered.*
- + General Prayer..... p.19-20
- Hymn..... **#243**
- + Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
- Communion Psalm (by cantor)
- Distribution & Hymns**
- #277, #83, #366**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
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- + Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154-155
- “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” **HS#819**
- Announcements*

Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Transfiguration

15. O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair

Anon., Latin, 15th Century

L. M.
German, 1543

1. O won - drous type, O vi - sion fair
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3. The law and pro - phets there have place,
 4. With shi - ning face and bright ar - ray,
 5. And Chris - tian hearts are raised on high
 6. O Fa - ther, with th'e - ter - nal Son

Of glo - ry that the Church shall share,
 How with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 The cho - sen wit - ness es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day,
 By that great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er One,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 Where Mo - ses and E - li - as meet,
 The Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 What glo - ry shall to faith be giv'n
 For which in thank - ful strains we raise
 Vouch - safe to bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 Pro - claims His on - ly Son a - loud.
 When we en - joy our God in heav'n.
 On this glad day the voice of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face. A - men.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult & Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
 -Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

MONDAY -Elders' Meeting, 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY -Divine Service-St. Timothy, 10:30 AM

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY -Divine Service-Conversion of St. Paul, 10:30 AM

-Ladies Missionary Society, 6 PM

FRIDAY -Divine Service-St. Titus, 10:30 AM

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

NEXT -SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

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

-Council Meeting #1, following service

Alleluia

The word, "alleluia" is not sung in the church after Transfiguration until Easter. As this is the last opportunity for quite a while, we sing a "farewell to alleluia." "Alleluia, Song of Sweetness" dates from the 11th century. An attractive banner bearing the word, "Alleluia" was carried through the church as the hymn was sung and then solemnly rolled up and laid away until Easter. On Easter morning it was unfurled and carried once again in triumph. In some places this "Alleluia" was actually placed into a casket and buried, not to be unearthed again until Easter.

General Prayer p.18-19

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:** Larry & Deb Vancil (released in August, friends of Melvins), Christina Borchert (tumor reduction 30%, cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charolette Harroun (declining health), Denise Livingston (getting by, friend of Mary Brieschke), Melanie Lentz (improvement, friend of Donna Lowrance), Hal and Carolynn Schmidt (he-back pain, she-gall bladder surgery), Arthur Skinner (Patti Baker's father)
 - Recovery:** Anita Prochaska
 - Thanksgiving:** Kevin Krolak and Levi Gonzalez (Doing better, nephews of Patti Baker)
- O God, our loving Creator, all human life is sacred from the moment of conception until death. Bless all those who defend the right to life for the preborn, the newborn, the handicapped, the aged, and the terminally ill. Protect and defend all to whom you give life until that day when you take their life from them again. Lead our nation to reject the evil path of abortion. Provide the comfort of full forgiveness for the repentant who still grieve for their lost children.
- (Now that the federal case of Roe v. Wade was overturned on June 24, 2022, the battle wages at the state level and in other areas— See “Pro-Life” to the right.)

Trinity News

LMS.—The Ladies Missionary Society will meet on Thursday January 25 at 6 PM at Karin Henson's home.
Game Nights.—Friday, February 16 & March 15.
“Building Committee” Meeting.—or Council meets

on Sunday, Jan. 28, following Service.

Second Congregational Planning Meeting.—Monday, February 26, 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.

Assistants

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

Church Cleaning – Jan 29 Byrne, Feb 5/12 Brieschke

Pro-Life

On Dec 12, 2023, U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston and the Illinois State Attorney have agreed to an order permanently prohibiting the state of Illinois from enforcing Senate Bill 1909, entitled “Deceptive Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers Act”—signed into law July 27, 2023. This law targeted pregnancy help ministries by labeling their constitutionally protected speech—but not abortion facilities' speech—as so-called “deceptive business practices,” on account of their pro-life viewpoint. It was a blatant attempt to stamp out access to vital women's pregnancy resources across the state, simply because pregnancy help centers do not provide abortions or “emergency contraception.” The US courts found SB 1909 violated first amendment issue.

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 6:3-6 – The Third and Fourth Seals with the Four Horses, #954.