

### Special Prayers for Today

Gracious Father, You kept Your first promise to us by sending Your Son, Jesus, to crush the head of the serpent, Satan. We implore You to keep abiding with us as You continue to keep Your promises for us through Christ as He delivers forgiveness, life, and salvation through the Holy Word and Sacraments. Be also with the sick, the mourning, and all who are in need, especially: Colleen Armitage, Pat Baker, Jo Barrington, Eugene Beccue (brother of Evie Meyer), Dee Boehm, Mila Beck, Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgeman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Hannah Garvue (daughter of Kimberly Garvue), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Ed and Patricia Hunter (parents of Stephanie Poorman), Jim Klug (father of Zack and Jake Klug), Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Kevin Moore (brother of Pam Sausaman), Evie Meyer, Barry Nass, Paul Ogan (father of Brian Ogan), Sheavie Reagan, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), Aaron Shipman, Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Joyce Thome, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; prayers for those suffering in Taylorville from the tornado damage; Amen.

### Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Paul Hartman in gratitude to God for His blessings and in memory of Sandy's December 31<sup>st</sup> birthday.

### At Worship Last Week

**Saturday:** 95 **Sunday:** 150, 130  
**Christmas Eve 7pm:** 362 **Christmas Eve 11pm:** 243 **Christmas Day:** 149 ..... 1,129  
Adult Studies: 100 Sunday School: 46..... 146  
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work: .....\$18,631.25  
December 2018 Automatic Contributions .....\$7,820.0

<b>Sunday Bible Study</b>	<b>9:30am-10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
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Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the Trinity School Parish Center.  
**Grades Pre-K-Grade 8:** Today in Sunday School we studied "An Angel Visits Joseph." Just as the angel proclaimed to Joseph that Mary would bear an infant who is the Son of God, the Savior, so God proclaimed to us in His Word that this same Jesus is our Savior from sin and death. Parents could ask, "What important message did the angel give Joseph? What important message do we hear in God's Word?"

**Sunday Morning High School Bible Class:** *What's YOUR Worldview*, taught by Cindy Good in the church library.

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes:

- Lutheranism 101: *The Lord's Supper*, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: *Think on These*, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room.
- *Burning Questions*, taught by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

*\*Childcare is available for Adult Bible Study.*

## "God Keeps His Promises"

Rev. Jonathan Holmes

Luke 2:22-40

(Lines are for any notes you would like to take.)

- People – this includes you – are unreliable at best when you or they make promises.

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- God made a promise after the fall of man into sin – and kept it.

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- Christ came to deliver you – that is sinful people – from your sin, death, and the Devil.

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- This is the good news of great joy to be shared with all people: YOU ARE FORGIVEN!

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### Worship Services:

#### Sermon

"God Keeps His Promises"  
Rev. Jonathan Holmes

#### Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center  
Liturgy 203  
Hymns: 358 (st. 1-4), 374,389

#### Sunday Services

8:00am-Church  
Liturgy 203  
Hymns: 358 (st. 1-4), 374,389  
Solo: "The Wexford Carol"

10:30am-Church  
Liturgy 203  
Hymns: 358 (st. 1-4), 374,389  
Solo: "The Wexford Carol"

### Scriptures for Today

1st Reading: Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15 (p. 55)  
Psalm: Psalm 111 (p. 509)  
Epistle: Col. 3:12-17 (p. 984)  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 (p. 857)

## Those Serving This Week

### Communion Assistants

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Non-Communion Service

### Ushers

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday 8am

Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday,

Bill Miller, Barry Nass

Sunday 10:30am

Paul Hartman, Bryan Knoles,

Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger,

Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

### Musicians

Saturday

Sue Rohe

Sunday

Laura Fliege

### Altar Committee

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Non-Communion Service



## A Warm Welcome to our Visitors and Members!

- We would like to know who our visitors are, so either before or after the service, please sign the Visitor Register in the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary.
- Personal Assistive Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties, too. God bless you!



## Our Practice in Participating in the Lord's Supper

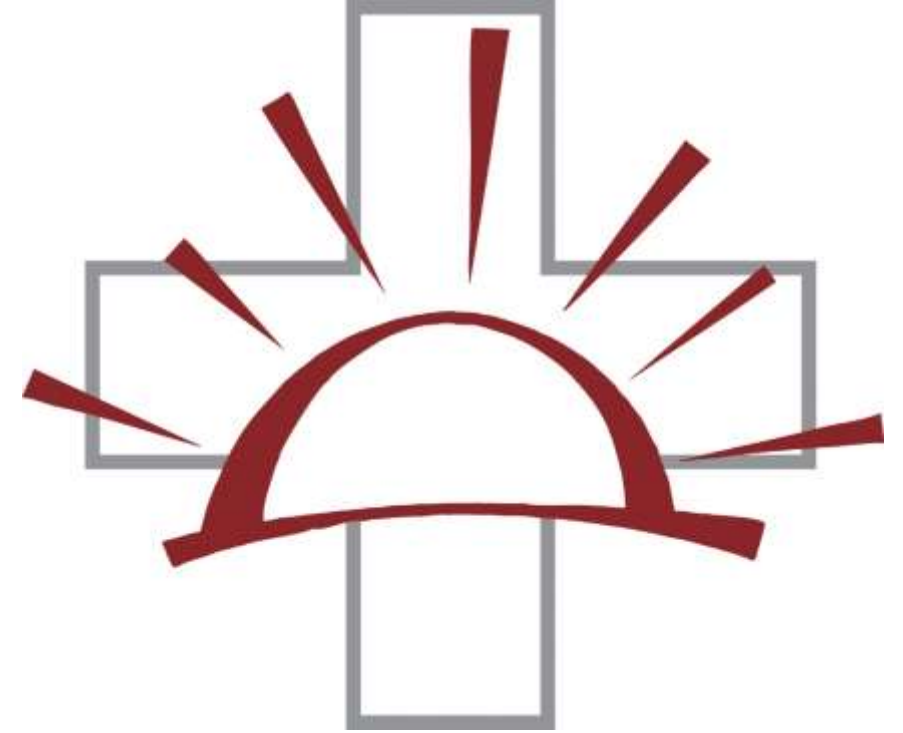
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through this blessing, we are also strengthened to live in faithfulness to Christ, lead more Godly lives and have a deeper love for one another. Those communing are publicly professing that they believe these things to be true and are also giving witness that they are in agreement with the teaching of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. Paul tells us that those who take Communion without proper instruction take it to their great harm (I Corinthians 11:29). We don't want that for anyone; therefore, we ask that anyone holding a different Christian confession or belief about the Lord's Supper refrain from Communion. If you are not Communing with us today, we encourage you to come forward with those in your aisle to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your presence by crossing your hands on the rail (or in front of your body for Saturday night worshippers). If you have questions about our Communion policy or our beliefs please feel free to speak to one of the pastors after the service or indicate on an attendance card that you would like to be contacted. May God bless us all as we worship Him in His house today!

\*Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion wafer. Please ask an usher for assistance.

*Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.  
The Truth is...Jesus humbled Himself and took on the form of a servant.  
We, too, are to serve.*

## Fifth Sunday after Christmas Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30



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