

Special Prayers for Today

Dear Gracious Father, we give You thanks that You sent Your Son, Jesus, for us and all people. Therefore, forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. As well as be with those who suffer and struggle with this life, 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, 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), Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; Amen.

Flowers for the Altar

Flowers for the altar are given today by Ladies Aid in thankfulness for God’s many blessings.

At Worship Last Wee

Saturday: 95 Sunday: 128, 175 New Year’s Eve: 85 483
Adult Studies: 101 Sunday School: 40 141
Offerings for the Lord’s Kingdom Work: \$68,757.66
December 2018 Automatic Contributions \$7,820.00

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am-10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the Trinity School Parish Center.

Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: “The Birth of Jesus” as recorded in Luke 2 is today’s Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family discuss the details of Christ’s birth. Ask, “How does our sin cause us to fear God like the shepherds did? Focus on the fact that God’s son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

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.*

“You Came For Those Wise Guys?!?”

Rev. Jonathan Holmes

Matthew 2:1-12

- Christ came first for the Jews, God’s chosen people.

- However, Christ came also for the Gentiles – He came for you!
 - Epiphany: a revealing
 - In the case of *The Epiphany of Our Lord* – which is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on January 6th (today) of each year – Christ is also revealed to be the savior for Gentiles (non-Jewish people).

- There is no shortage of those who wish to see Jesus dead, therefore, killing the message of Christ Crucified.
 - The message of the Gospel is by its very nature offensive to the world.

- Yet, Christ lives to this day for you, forgiving you, and carrying you through your life.



Worship Services:

Sermon

“You Came For Those Wise Guys?!?”

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Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center
Liturgy 203
Hymns: 397, 399, 400

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church
Liturgy 203
Holy Communion
Hymns: 397, 399, 395, 400
Solo by Miriam Garvue
Three Wise Kings

10:30am-Church
Liturgy 203
Hymns: 397, 399, 400
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Three Wise Kings

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading:	Is. 60:1-6	(p. 619)
Psalm:	Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)	(p. 485)
Epistle:	Eph. 3:1-12	(p. 977)
Gospel:	Matt. 2:1-12	(p. 807)



Those Serving This Week

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

Carol Radtke

Sunday

Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Kathy Koopman, Cindy Ushman



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

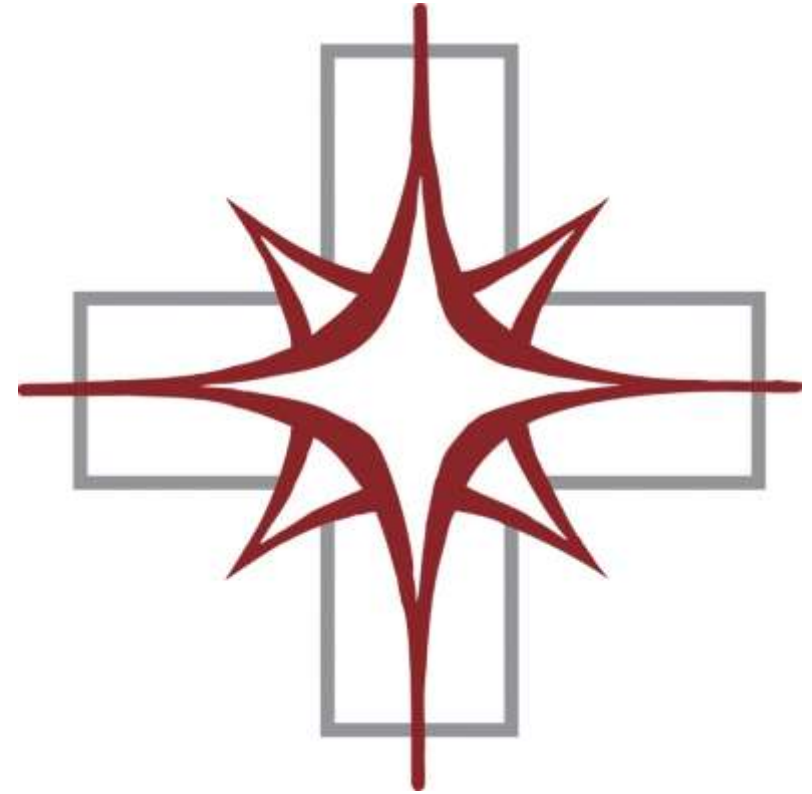
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through 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...the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.
It is first His love, then our response.*

The Epiphany of Our Lord Saturday, January 5 and Sunday, January 6



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