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# Presentation



of our

# Lord in the Temple

For Unto Us



A Child is Born

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2015

### **AS WE GATHER: "The Long Arm of the Law, the Longer Arm of Grace"**

Our lives are filled with demands and obligations. Students face deadlines of assignments or preparations for examinations. Parents juggle the responsibilities of their jobs and their families. There are bills and taxes to pay and time to manage and invest in church and other volunteer activities and service. Sometimes even our relationship with God can seem to be a matter only of following a few rules and obligations of membership. That's how the fallen nature of man views religion, as a matter of rules and law. Our Lord came to this earth to disarm the Law of God of its power to condemn us. He did that by fulfilling the Law even from the very beginning, as when His parents faithfully "performed everything according to the Law of the Lord" (*Luke 2:39*) in the temple. He was "born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (*Galatians 4:4-5*). The arm of God's grace is longer and greater than the law. Because of grace, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD" (*Isaiah 61:10*).

**OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:** *Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number. When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.*



**Please turn off your cell phone.**

**If you desire a bulletin in large print or a hearing assistance unit please ask an usher.**

**May the Holy Spirit bless our worship!**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Lighting of the candles**

*THANK YOU to Pastor Ken Schamens for sharing the message from God's Word with us today; and to his wife, Jane Schamens for sharing her gift of music.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this first Sunday after Christmas, may we remain joyous and share that joy with everyone around us.

[Please stand]

### OPENING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (LSB 367)



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

**People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

Pastor: God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts

**People: crying, "Abba! Father!"**

Pastor: My eyes have seen Your salvation

**People: that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As our Christmas celebration continues, we contemplate the humility in which our Lord came into the world. We consider our unworthiness for such a great gift and confess before God and one another our great need of forgiveness and salvation. Together as His people, let us look to Christ who fulfilled the Law for us and takes away its condemnation by His blood. Let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, kneeling by His side saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

**People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace." (*Luke 2: 29*) Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 98**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**

Pastor: Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

**People: with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

[Please be seated]

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (LSB 803)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** We pray together:

**All:** **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## WORD

### **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 61:10---62:3

**Reader:** The Old Testament Reading for the first Sunday after Christmas is from Isaiah 61 and 62

*(God's plan comes to fruition.)*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE** Galatians 4:4-7

**Reader:** The Epistle is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Galatians

*(The freedom of sonship)*

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Reader: This is Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand]

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(Two bear witness to the Messianic Child.)*

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.



When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[Please be seated]

**SERMON** “Wrinkled Wrappings”

[Please stand]

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

[Please be seated]

**THE COLLECTION OF GIFTS**

**OFFERING HYMN “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”** (LSB 359)



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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**PRAYERS**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see Your righteousness, and all the kings Your glory. *Isaiah 62: 1c-2a*

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for Your one, holy Church throughout the world. Watch over it and guide it. Grant it peace and unity throughout the whole world. Grant that all pastors and leaders in Your Church may be steadfast in Your Word and faithfully teach the apostolic faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guide, rule and govern the nations of the earth and all their leaders into the ways of justice and peace. Protect our brave service members placed in harm's way in service to this Christian country. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Remember in Your mercy all who cry to You in their time of need, including those whom we have lifted up previously in prayer \_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts. Grant them healing, comfort and peace in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant to all who commune this day faith to welcome the Savior with joy and trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Intercessory Prayers*



December 27 – Larry Darnell, Adele Laerz, John Minnick, Shirley Ruckl

December 28 – Larry Arndt

December 29 – Charles Church, Jo Huehns, Linda Pflug, Lisa Ross, Shirley Stando

December 30 – Jean Dialoiso, Mildred Lidke, Bill Musial

December 31 – Martha Anderson, Geri Arndt, Hank Coennen

Carolyn Hoffman, Sara Valentine

January 1 – Shirley Davis, Gerald Winter

January 2 – Marilyn Lembke, Bill Roudebush



December 27-Milo & Linda Arneson (47)

December 28 – John & Lois Conner (30)

December 29 – Louis & Marlene Bontly (59)

January 1 – Rob & Diane Krieghoff (25)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

[Please stand]



## SACRAMENT

The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a means of receiving God's grace. We believe that in the holy supper, the true body and blood of the Savior, along with the bread and wine, comes to us. We are encouraged by Jesus to commune frequently and God tells us through St. Paul that we must examine ourselves in preparation for a worthy reception of the sacrament. This includes a confession of our sins, a proclamation of our faith, and a determination to lead a more godly life in the future. If you also acknowledge your sinfulness and your need for a Savior, and recognize Christ's physical presence in the bread and wine, we invite you to join us at the Lord's table.

**NOTE:** *If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed in the center of each communion tray for you. For those with a gluten allergy we now provide gluten-free wafers. Please help yourself to the gluten-free wafers located in the center of the tray.*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**


## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING


Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the  new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

[Please be seated]

## AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

*Dear Savior, I come to your table at your gracious invitation to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of your holy name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### “Away in a Manger”

(LSB 364)



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

(LSB 379)



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God\_\_\_ In\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



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“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

(LSB 361)



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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**SILENT PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I thank and praise you that you have again refreshed me with the gift of your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless my participation that I may go out into the world with peace and joy in the knowledge that I am reconciled to God. I ask this in your name. Amen.*

### THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: For the Son of God in whom we receive adoption as sons,

**People: glory to You, O Lord!**


Pastor: For enlightening our hearts with faith in Your salvation,

**People: glory to You, O Lord!**

Pastor: For sending us forth in peace,

**People: glory to You, O Lord! Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the  Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World"

(LSB 387)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
0 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
joy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

**OUR MISSION:** *The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ by serving the spiritual, family and personal needs of the community. We believe that the primary reason for our existence is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ by providing worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship to foster spiritual growth.*

## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Director of Music, Gail Despres

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Al Koch, Chuck Matthias	Chuck Wilt, Paul Stieber, Al Koch
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Swanee Preston, Lon Hertel David Bailey, Ralph Munden Bruce Larks	Bob Anderson, Lon Hertel Chuck Titus, Bill Dammes
<b>Lector</b>	Swanee Preston	Bob Anderson
<b>Greeters</b>	Richard & Donna Brown Homer & Cathy Keifer	Don & Margaret Heller Chuck & Sue Lehota
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay Paxton, Jim Ahner Kurt Crispin, Gil Dahnke Phil Gay, Art Loesel, Bill Mercier Bob Schultz, Mike Sindlinger Milton Volosyn, Frank Wick Roy Egeland	Urban Jones, Dave Despres Lane Ellington, Rita Luciano Gary Martens, Jud & Joyce Moote Patricia Pacillo, Charles Schenk Judith Terraciano
<b>Audio</b>	Dave Despres	Dave Despres
<b>Video</b>	Kristen Liner	Kristen Liner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Sat am</b> Bob & Bonnie Ashley <b>Sun am</b> John & Trudy Spyker	<b>Sun am</b> Ingrid Derlis Charles & Sharon Schenk
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	Elaine Helgeland	
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Barbara Larks	Joy Gottfried Kathy Barr
<b>Volunteer Responder</b>	Elaine Loesel Don Krause	Martha Mitchell



Copies of today's service are available on CD at the Welcome Center.  
Typed copies of the sermon are also available.



**WiFi:** For those wishing to use the WiFi in the sanctuary, you must now enter the password **guest**. No password is needed in the Fellowship Hall building.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the honor and glory of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by: **Dorothy Frenz**, in loving memory of her husband, Vic Frenz; and by **Jack & Barbara Csont**, in loving memory of their daughter, Jacquelyn Dewey.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Charles Vorpapel, Tom Edenhofer, Evelyn Weible (mother of Lynette Krauskopf, Fred Atchison (neighbor of Walt & Darlene Baney), Michael Collins (son of Harold & Janice Collins), Ruth Newburg, Bill Early, Nancy Dupee, Karin Heinrich (sister of Helga Weaver), Sam Barela (friend of Fred & Charlotte Leidner), Joanne Jurczynszyn, John Pascoe (nephew of Sheryl Behrens), Judy Myers, Joanie Grande, Bob Hanselman, Betsy Ziegler, Larry Matney, Matthew Mayer, Janice Collins, Roger Dowler, Stuart Reitz, Alan Litz, John and Pam Bremer, Sadie Hackett, George Knisely, Don Kowske, Wes Haas, Tom Burrirt, David Maeder, Pam Gettling, Dick Brillhart, Mildred Lidke, Harlan Moore, Walter Erskine, Carl Carlan, Richard Yoder, Richard Schluckbier, Ellen Smith, Marlene Moore, Bob Hall, Bill Roudebush, Irene Eggert, Diane Lindstrom, Dorothy Scarlett, Florence Edgar, Doris Krabbe, Pat Miller, Midge Dickerson, Marilyn Tomsik, Bob Ashley, Maryann Yeargin, Doug Sander, Larry Wigner, Nancy Brown, Ken Scheibe, Donna Martens, Jack Smith, Carol Scott, Phil Gay, Joe Cucchi.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS – LONG TERM ILLNESS:** Jim & Pat Harris, Carol Tison, Ron Grubb, Dawn Coleman, Dorothy Trayner, Jeannette Theiss, John Okerlin, Ron Hulke, Ted Nulle, Grace Newell, Lavonne Lewis, Sal Vanacore, Sandy Burrirt, Jim Losey, Gloria Stanton, Jud Moote, Marlene Losey, Ted Hall, Wayne Page, Ken Herro, Marion Mashman, Ed Westover, Julia Lightner, Richard Liddle, Traci Wise-Maupin.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS – SHUT-INS:** Wally Myers, Norine Muffoletto, Bill & Lucille Weisbarth, John & Miriam Federspiel, Jackie Bodiou, Nancy Ruth.



**MITE BOX COLLECTION:** The next Mite Box collection will be next Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mites are used to spread the Good News of Jesus' love throughout the world. Your contribution can help make this happen. Always remember that **A LITTLE CAN HELP SO MANY!**



**URGENT NEED FOR USHERS** for the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for the period **January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. This would be a great opportunity for SNOWBIRDS to get involved and help out! If interested, please contact Dave Despres at 750-9439.



**WE EXTEND OUR APOLOGIES:** to the following people whose names were missed in the original Poinsettia List on December 20<sup>th</sup>:

- **Sandy Walker** - in memory of her husband, Ronnie Walker, and her grandson, Dalton Mason.
- **Clyde & Carolyn Hoppe** - for loved ones.



**POINSETTIAS MAY BE PICKED UP:** today, December 27<sup>th</sup>.



**COFFEE MINISTRY:** January - April the Coffee Ministry will also offer coffee and snacks to the Bible study participants in the Fellowship Hall where the Adult Bible Class meets. –Patti Paxton



**“THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW” SERIES THIS WEEK:** Join us for a just-released new series from Ray Vander Laan entitled “Israel’s Mission” led by Pastor Dan. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** have been sorted alphabetically, and are available for pick up in the rear of the church.



**THE BOARD OF WOMEN’S MINISTRY:** invites all Women of Trinity to a fun Fellowship Event. Please bring a friend or neighbor too! **Thursday, January 21, noon – 2 pm.** We will begin with a “build your own salad bar”, followed by a light dessert. Sara Kallioinen will be entertaining us with her amazing musical talents. A signup sheet is in the Narthex by the water fountain. Please sign up by January 10. We look forward to welcoming you!



**WOMEN'S AM BIBLE STUDY:** will meet today in Classroom 5 at 9:15 a.m.. Our new unit of study from the Serendipity Bible (NIV) is entitled What Do I Believe - A study of the Apostles' Creed. Our topic for today is "God's Gift of Grace". Join us for Bible study, discussion, fellowship and prayer as you make new friends. There are always extra Bibles for you to use if you forgot yours. Coffee and "goodies" are allowed in our classroom. Kay Jacobson will be glad to answer questions. Contact Kay at [352-430-1577](tel:352-430-1577) or [kayalene@comcast.net](mailto:kayalene@comcast.net).



**PRISCILLA BIBLE CLASS:** will NOT meet again until **January 14, 2016**.



**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP:** will meet tomorrow, December 28<sup>th</sup> in Classroom 1 at 9:30 a.m. Any questions, call Wanda David at [219-508-5847](tel:219-508-5847), or Darlene Baney at [419-367-0373](tel:419-367-0373).



**CRAFT CLASS:** will not meet December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>. Class will resume on January 12, 2016.

♥ **TEN MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!** Do you have high cholesterol? Do you smoke? Do you have a family history of stroke? If so, YOU may want to consider being screened for stroke risk. Life Line Screening screens carotid arteries as up to 75% of all strokes are linked to plaque build up in the Carotid arteries. **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS is hosting a screening on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.** Call [1-800-324-1851](tel:1-800-324-1851) for more information or to pre-register. Stroke Vascular disease, and Heart Rhythm package. ALL SCREENINGS FOR \$149.00 A SAVINGS OF \$181.00.  
-Walter Baney



**THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Wonderful Christian books are available at the Welcome Center for only \$3.00 each. These books are free to New Members and are provided by the Board of Education.



**This Week's Readings for Our Two-Year Study of The Bible:**

Monday:	Revelation 14:1-20	Thursday:	Revelation 17:1-18:8
Tuesday:	Revelation 15:1-8	Friday:	Revelation 18:9-24
Wednesday:	Revelation 16:1-21	Saturday:	Revelation 19:1-21

*Sunday: See you in church!*



**MONDAY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** meets twice a month, typically on the first and third Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 5. Please note that the next meeting will be held January 11<sup>th</sup>. I continue to be available to those needing support. If you need someone to talk to during this difficult time of loss, feel free to call **Rita Luciano at (352) 245-3975**. This group is open to anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. **Please note that the January dates will vary from the usual schedule as follows: January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The regular 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday schedule will resume in February.**



**WELCOME CENTER UPDATE: Volunteers urgently needed!** If you are able to help staff the Welcome Center, please sign the sheet for January or February. Due to the change to three worship services from January through April, we are trying a new format beginning in January. If you sign up for the 8:00 a.m. service, please remain at the Welcome Center until 9:30 a.m. to welcome the 9:30 a.m. service visitors. If you are attending the 9:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. service, please be in the Welcome Center by 10:30 a.m. to welcome the 11:00 a.m. visitors and to answer questions. If you attend the 11:00 a.m. service, please stay after the service for 15 minutes to answer questions. If you attended the 9:30 a.m. service, please notify one of the ushers so that someone can cover the desk for you at Noon.



**LCEF:** You help ministries grow when you become a dedicated LCEF investor. As your investments grow, so do the resources & services that are used to equip ministries as they embrace God's plan and share His love. Be a part of LCEF, where individuals & ministries come together. Invest in the new 35 month Term Note, with a 3.5% fixed rate. The low of \$500. minimum (new money only) makes it easy for you to invest in building ministries. This attractive rate is available for a limited time only!!! Call your LCEF rep, Joyce Moote at 753-9950 call [800-843-5233](tel:800-843-5233) or go to [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) for an application.





**TRINITY SPONSORS THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** The program airs every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on radio station WOCA Ocala (1370 AM and 96.3 FM). As part of the agreement Trinity will have an exclusive by-line at the end of each broadcast. *“Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church”.*



**HOUSE OF ESTHER FOOD PANTRY: Catsup, mayonnaise and mustard are requested this week.** Your continued generosity makes it possible to fill the shelves in order to feed many of the hungry. Please call Bob & Marilyn Tomsik at 352-347-1469 if you are unable to deliver food at the time you volunteered for and we will arrange to have someone take your place. ***“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35a***




**ADDITIONAL SERVICE BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016:** The Board of Elders has decided to go from 2 to 3 Services effective the first Sunday in January, 2016 and ending the last Sunday in April, 2016. The Service times will be **8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.** Bible Classes will continue to be held at 9:30 a.m. The Elders feel that because Trinity is a welcoming and friendly congregation **this change will be a positive way to expand the love of Christ and the Gospel to more people.**



**MEN'S CLUB:** How about making a New Year's resolution to become involved with Trinity's Men's Club in 2016? Start by attending the **January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, 8:00 a.m.,** in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, devotions, and Christian fellowship with other Trinity men. Learn about projects the Men's Club carries out to benefit people locally, nationally, and around the world. The only expense is a free will offering for breakfast.



**DON KOCHER GOLF MEMORIAL:** The December weather was gorgeous and the playing competitive as 32 guys teed it up! The two teams that tied were: 1) Jim Keenan, Ted Kempf, Ken Lewis, and Loren Thompson; and 2) Dan Kowitz, Paul Stieber, Dale Stoner, and Milt Volosyn. A donation in your names will be made to Lutheran Hour Ministries by Juice Plus (Stu Vogt). Next month (next year!), on January 4<sup>th</sup>, we will tee it up again at Eagle Ridge - same time. Be sure to sign up early! **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!**

 **SCRAPPY QUILTERS:** The end of 2015 and the beginning of another year of planning, making and distributing the wonderful items made by the hands of the Scrappies. God has blessed this small group with productivity, friendship and the love of giving. Our motto has always been “Love Begins at Home”, and if you know of a project that we might consider, please let us know. Our outreach ministry currently provides items to H.O.M.E., ALPHA, Shepherd’s Lighthouse, Senior Home Companions, Homebound Ministry, SoZo Kids, Sumter County Sheriff’s Department, Veterans Hospital of Gainesville, children of the Ocala Forest, “Give Kids the World” and our own members and friends of Trinity. We also provide doggie and cat pillows to the local veterinarians and animal shelters. Won’t you join us? Our tables always have room for one more. If you have any questions, please call Sue Lehota – [330-414-8406](tel:330-414-8406).

### TRINITY WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>12/27 Sun</b>		<b>Blood Pressure Checks</b>
	8:00 am	Communion Service
	9:15 am	Women’s AM Bible Study/Room 5
	10:30 am	Communion Service
<b>12/28 Mon</b>	9:00 am	Cleaning of the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Group/Room 1
	2:00 pm	Heart-to-Heart (member’s home)
<b>12/29 Tues</b>	8:30 am	Organist Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/Room 1
	1:00 pm	Veteran’s Center Group/Room 5
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/Room 1
<b>12/30 Wed</b>	8:30 am	Organist Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1
<b>12/31 Thurs</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>01/01 Fri</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED – NEW YEAR’S DAY!</b>
<b>01/03 Sun</b>		<b>Mite Box Collection</b>
	8:00 am	Communion Service
	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Room 1
	9:30 am	Women’s AM Bible Study/Room 5
	9:30 am	Communion Service
	11:00 am	Communion Service

## KING'S BUSINESS

Attendance					Offerings
<b>12/16/15</b>	5:00 pm	176			\$1,735.00
<b>12/20/15</b>	8:00 am	326	10:30 am	351	\$17,587.73



**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, Room #3. This is a non-denominational group and all cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and friends are welcome. For additional information please call Dr. Hector Morales at 430-2120, Michele Brady at 566-7160, Ray Glaz at 750-3825 or Betty Anderson at 753-4068.



**DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016:** Franklin Graham is going to every state capital in our country in 2016 to challenge Christians to live out their faith at home, in public, and at the ballot box. He will be sharing the gospel on the steps of the Florida State Capitol building at 400 South Monroe St, Tallahassee, on **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.** There currently is no organized transportation for this event. Should that change, we will let you know. Either way, we hope those of you who can, will consider participating individually. Additional information can be found at the website: [DecisionAmericaTour.com](http://DecisionAmericaTour.com) - Board of Outreach



**DINE OUT AT FRANCESCO'S** Sunday – Thursday. Simply bring in this announcement and Francesco's will donate 20% back to Trinity. This donation will be put toward our Electronic Sign and future new Associate Pastor relocation expenses.



**FOR A CHUCKLE:** A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!' His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, 'I do know!' 'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean!' That's easy, Daddy, the young boy replied excitedly, 'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in both worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastor would like to be of service to you in any way he can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Dan directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have personal needs of a spiritual nature.